



# THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

April 3, 2011

## WELCOME!

A warm welcome to Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson and everyone in Church today as we meet together to worship God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

## SERVICES TODAY.

8am Holy Eucharist. (The 1662 Liturgy)

10.30am Solemn Eucharist. (The 1989 Liturgy)

Setting: The Taize Mass.

Hymns. Introit: 285 Gradual: 77 Offertory: 484 Communion: 184  
Postcommunion: 186

Reader: Arnold Bachop Intercessions: Gay Webb. Oblations: Ann Sharp.  
Sidespersons: Josephine Weipers and Jonathan Gilles.

The Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is offered in the  
Lady Chapel at the back of the Church during Communion.

Everyone is invited to Morning Tea and Coffee in the Parish Lounge  
after the Solemn Eucharist.

## READINGS FOR TODAY.

### 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, cause I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anooint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

### 2nd Reading: Eph. 5.8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

### Gospel: John 9.1,6-9,13-17,34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How

can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

**Collect for Lent 4:**

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ' sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Collect for Mothering Sunday:**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: Strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Prayer for People in Distress.**

**God of the desolate and the despairing**, your Son, Jesus Christ, bore the cross of suffering that is for us the source of life and healing. Let not the destruction here at home, in Japan, North Africa and the Middle East bring us to despair but rather to find in you a fount of life and a spring of hope that we may fearlessly uphold those who are afflicted, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**PARISH PRAYERS**

**WE PRAY** for the people of Christchurch and surrounding districts devastated by earthquake and loss of life and heritage. We pray especially for Bishop Victoria, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Christchurch as they proclaim God's care for the city and its people.

**WE PRAY** for the people of Japan as they come to terms with earthquake and flood and nuclear danger. We pray for the recovery response and uphold all affected at this time of tragedy and especially for Bishop John Kato and his devastated Anglican diocese of Tohoku.

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**WE PRAY** for people throughout North Africa and the Middle East at this time of revolution and conflict.

**WE PRAY** for the sick and infirm, and especially for Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Gary Pearson, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Petersen, Hannah Scott, Beryl Barclay, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Ian Gordon and Fr Bill Schroeder.

**WE PRAY** for the Departed, for those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Evelyn Mary Edmundson and Adam Michael Paterson.

#### **PARISH NEWS.**

The Eucharist will be celebrated at 10am on Thursday in the Lady Chapel.

Observances this week: (9th) Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

**Donations To The Christchurch Earthquake Bishop's Emergency Appeal:** Donations marked 'Christchurch Earthquake Appeal' can be placed in the offertory bag during the collection at each Sunday Eucharist. Details at the back of church and on the Link notice board.

**From the Treasurer:** Two donations have been received recently: (1) Bishops' Emergency Fund: \$50.00 and (2) IRD Refund: \$193-33. Should the person(s) who gave these amounts wish a receipt for tax purposes, please see the Treasurer.

**Palm Crosses** will be constructed in the Parish Lounge on **Saturday April 16 from 10 am**. Everyone welcome to join in the making of crosses.

**Brass Cleaning: Easter Eve, 23<sup>rd</sup> of April**, in the Parish Lounge commencing at **10.30 am**.

There is a new **blog** link on the Parish website: '**Reid and Write**' by Canon Reid of Philadelphia. It's well worth keeping up with Fr. Reid's perceptive observations of church life and issues confronting the wider Anglican Church.

Archdeacon Wilkinson has suggested a 'stroll over to the vicarage' today after morning tea for an inspection. As he notes, 'After all, it is YOUR vicarage!'

#### **PARISH CONTACTS.**

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