

## THE PEBBLE

#### The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

**Easter Day** 

April 24, 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.



The Solemn Eucharist of the Resurrection begins with the traditional Easter Greeting:

*Priest*: The Lord is risen! *People*: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymns: Entrance: 110 Gradual: 113 Offertory: 103 Communion: 331

Postcommunion: 112

Reader: Fr. Geoff Hughes Intercesssions: David Hoskins Oblations: Joce Malcolmson

**Sidespersons:** Stephen Burgess and Marjorie Finnie.

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

Everyone is warmly invited to the Festive Easter Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

#### READINGS FOR TODAY.



## 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

## 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the

festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## **Gospel: John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means

Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

#### Collect:

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

# Readings for Next Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2/:42-47/1 Peter 1: 3-9/John 20: 19-21.

## **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 recover from 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.

**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 Gwendolyn Hiscock, Ian McAllan, Alexander Brown, John Johnston, Mavis Elaine Monteith, Eunice Teal, Stacy Nelson Carruthers, Arthur Pywell (priest of this parish) and Alexander Holmes.

#### This Week in the Parish.



**The Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursday at 10 am.

A Special Thank you to Gay Webb and her band of helpers who made Palm Crosses and polished brass so enthusiastically in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Thank you, also, to Gwen Hudson, Marjorie Finnie and May Condie for the beautiful flowers in Church for Easter Day and everyone who helped to make this a joyous and happy celebration.

Observances: (25) MARK.

Combined Dunedin Churches meet for a Resurrection Celebration Service at the Dunedin Town Hall, 7pm Sunday May 1. It is 'all age' and all are welcome.

**Organ Recital:** Sunday May 1, St. Paul's Cathedral, 2.30 pm. The soloist will be Paul Rosoman, President of the NZ Organist's Association. Adults: \$15/ Concessions: \$10/ Children: Free. A donation will be made to NZ Red Cross from the proceeds of the concert.

**A Display** featuring material from the Parish Consultation is presently situated in the Link. It makes interesting reading!

**The new edition of the** *Rock* is now available in church and the Link. Don't forget your copy.

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