

St Peter's Caversham



The Pebble

February 5, 2012
Time

5th Sunday in Ordinary

Making

And having built it
I set about furnishing it
To my taste: first moss, then grass
Annually renewed, and animals
To divert me: faces stared in
From the wild. I found the bacteria
Sheltering in primordial
Darkness and called them forth
To the light. Quickly the earth
Teemed. Yet still an absence
Disturbed me. I slept and dreamed
Of a likeness, fashioning it,
When I woke, to a slow
Music: in love with it
For itself, giving it freedom
To love me: risking the disappointment

R. S. Thomas

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship this morning. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Chapel of Our Lady at the back of the Church during Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

10:30 am Solemn Eucharist (The Taize Mass setting)

Out of your power and compassion,
O God,
you sent your Son into our afflicted world
to proclaim the day of salvation.

Heal the broken-hearted;
bind up our wounds.
Bring us health of body and spirit
and raise us to new life in your service.

HYMNS: 52, 51, 271, 268, 376.

READINGS:

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

Parish Notices

New format This is the new format for the Pebble from now on. The new lay out is intended to give more space for news, together with an opportunity for poems or theological material on the front cover which, if possible, will support or further explicate the sermon topic of the day.

Sunday lections From now on the Sunday Scripture readings will be listed on page 2 for your further study at home, but will not be published in the Pebble. The liturgical movement revived the importance of Scripture in the liturgy, and emphasised the priority of a congregation's alert collective listening to the Sunday readings in which a new depth of meaning emerges from the combined attentiveness to the Word of God. Giving the Scripture readings out was discouraged as this invites the congregation to withdraw into a private reading experience in which they are less likely to experience Christ as the living Word present in his body gathered together for worship. There will be a fuller explanation of this change in next Sunday morning's parish forum.

Parish Forum A parish forum will follow next Sunday's 10.30 Service at which the new Vicar will talk about some of the ways in which he intends to approach ministry at St Peters.

Today's sermon Entitled "A figure of power and mystery," it considers the way in which the disciples in Mark's gospel often encountered Jesus as a mysterious and sometimes terrifying figure, whom they could never take for granted. This gives the lie to detractors of Christianity who try to write Jesus down or write him off as a gifted teacher or an inspiring individual, but certainly not the Son of God. Mark regards the healing miracles of Jesus as acts of power that point to his extraordinary agenda of directly confronting the powers of evil.

We pray for the sick and infirm: Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Petersen, Hannah Scott, Beryl Barclay, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall and Denise Walker.

We pray for the Departed: Peta Devine and Charlotte Halliburton.

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

Observances: (4) Gilbert of Sempringham (5) Paul Miki & Companions (10) Scholastica.

Vicar's day off The Vicar's day off will be Friday from now on.

Vestry meeting Vestry members are reminded that our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 February at 7.30 pm in the parish lounge.

Palm crosses Please can you locate and hand to the Vicar your Palm cross of last year so that this can be burnt up and used for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Lent starts early this year on 22 February.

House blessing Planning is under way for a house blessing ceremony of the Vicarage followed by a social gathering there as a way of acknowledging the considerable efforts made by the Vestry in recent times to renovate the Vicarage. A date for this will be announced soon.

St Peter's Friendship Group: The first meeting for 2012: Tuesday, February 14, 2pm, in the Parish lounge. Mother Keleni from the Community of the Holy Name will be our guest. The Sisters are now resident in Ashburton, relocating from Christchurch after the earthquakes. She will have cards available for sale. These were retrieved from the House after the quake. All welcome.

Anglican Communion news The next meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council will be in Auckland from 27 October to 7 November of this year. The progress of the Anglican Covenant is bound to be high on the agenda. The meeting will provide an opportunity for Archbishop Rowan Williams to meet with the Maori Bishops in which he will be seeking to come to an understanding of our unusual ecclesial polity, and to disarm their concerns and anxieties about the Covenant. The Taonga magazine has made much of Tikanga Maoris opposition to the Covenant, but Archbishop David Moxon who is very much in favour of it, does not think that this is the end of the matter. He believes that our General Synod does not need to make up its mind on the Covenant when it meets this year—it could afford to wait another two years to do this. Meanwhile Christchurch will be the final Pakeha diocese to vote on it, probably in March, and given the convictions of Bishop Victoria Matthews, is likely to vote in favour. As for our General Synod, efforts are being made from behind the scenes to persuade its standing committee to change the venue away from Fiji, given the continuing loss of political freedoms there. Your Vicar is part of this persuasion process.

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