

St Peter's Caversham



# The Pebble

March 4, 2012

Lent 2

## Pied Beauty

Glory be to God for dappled things –  
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout  
that swim;

Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow,  
and plough;  
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him.

*Gerald Manley Hopkins*

## 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)

## **HYMNS:**

507 The Lent Litany

234 Christ whose glory fills the skies

433 O worship the King

389 Jesus, these eyes have never seen

439 Praise to the holiest in the height

**Organ Prelude:** *Meditation* - Charles Callahan (1951-)

**Organ Postlude:** *Verset* – Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

## **READINGS FOR TODAY:**

Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10.

## **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Exodus 20:1-3,7-3,7-8,12-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-22

## PARISH NOTICES.

**Today's sermon** At the Transfiguration Jesus gave his inner circle a glimpse into the future, both of the renovated and transformed world of God's fulfilled purposes, and of his destiny of suffering in Jerusalem by which this would be accomplished. Those of us who are drawn to the mystical, supernatural side of religion long to know more of this first glimpse of the Kingdom that is offered in the Transfiguration and would be glad like Peter, James and John to linger long in the glory and joy that is offered here, but do we have the courage, endurance and faithfulness to become cross bearers in our particular situation, and so find the gateway to the glorious Kingdom.

**Monday Nights in Lent** The Eucharist will be celebrated in the Church on Monday night at 7 pm, followed by a Bible Study in the Vicarage which will consider the New Testament readings for the following Sunday. The evening will conclude with a time of silent meditative prayer. This will be the rhythm of our Lenten observance from now on.

**Descent into Hell:** On the Monday night of Holy Week, 2 April, the 7pm Mass will be followed by a lecture in the Church given by the Vicar entitled "The Descent into Hell." This will be an introduction to the 20<sup>th</sup> century Swiss Catholic theologian Hans Urs Von Balthasar, and his unique theology of Holy Saturday

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

**Observances:** (7)Perpetua and Companions (8)Edward King  
**Pray for the Sick and Infirm:** Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those who have Died:** June Paterson, Frederick White, Margery Scott and John Hamer.

**A Lent Book** Sometimes a brief, accessible book on theology or spirituality can be a great help to deepening our walk with Christ in the Advent watch. As the last Vicar of this parish was fond of saying, "God so loved the world that he sent the paperback." If you are having difficulty in finding something suitable to read please mention this to the present Vicar who may be able to lend you something appropriate and useful. Blessed are they who are reliable at returning books.

**The Rock:** Material for next edition due Sunday, March 11.

### **The Parish AGM**

**Notice is given of the Parish Annual General Meeting to be held in the Parish Lounge following the 10.30am Solemn Eucharist, next Sunday March 11. Nomination forms for People's Warden, Synod Representatives and Vestry are available at the back of church. They are to be placed in the box next to the forms. The usual potluck luncheon will follow the meeting.**

**Confession** Lent is a good time to make your confession, particularly as we draw near to Holy Week. Often known now as "reconciliation of a penitent," this sacrament is a great comfort to the convinced Christian, and in many ways is one of the best kept secrets of Anglo-Catholicism. To learn more about it take a look at page 750 of the 1989 New Zealand Prayer book. Please contact the Vicar to make a time if you would like to make your confession.

**Paradise** On Thursday at 5.15 pm Nick Wyatt, who is Emeritus Professor of Old Testament at New College Edinburgh will give an open lecture on *A Garden for the Living: Cultic and Ideological Aspects of Paradise*. This will be at Archway 3 lecture theatre. All welcome.

**Preparing Palm Crosses** The Palm Sunday Palm Cross assemblers and creators will gather in the hall on Saturday 31 March at 10.30 am to carry out this important pre Holy Week preparation work.

**Reports for the AGM** Parish groups are asked to provide Joy Henderson (People's Warden) with reports as soon as possible so that they can be typed and placed in the Report Book for the AGM.

**Southern Coastal Deanery Appeal** Jesse Bessant is Fr Neville Selwood's great-grandson. Jesse has been diagnosed with a rare brain stem tumour. The family needs to raise \$20,000 for special treatment in Texas. The Southern Coastal Deanery is selling Hot Cross Buns to help raise money. Details and order forms are at the back of church and in the Link. There has been a good response so far. **The orders have to be in by March 16 so don't delay.**

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