



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

31 March 2013

Easter Sunday

Suddenly

As I had always known
he would come, unannounced,
remarkable merely for the absence
of clamour. So truth must appear
of the thinker; so, at a stage
of the experiment, the answer
must quietly emerge. I looked
at him, not with the eye
only, but with the whole of my being, overflowing with
him as a chalice would
with the sea. Yet was he
no more there than before,
his area occupied
by the unhaloed presences.
You could out your hand
in him without consciousness
of his wounds. The gamblers
at the foot of the unnoticed
cross went on with
their dicing; yet the invisible
garment for which they played
was no longer at stake, but worn
by him in his risen existence.

R.S. Thomas

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
**The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered
in the Lady Chapel during Communion. Every-
one 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 Sung Eucharist and Procession

HYMNS:

338 At the name of Jesus

112 Jesus lives thy terrors now

104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

113 Loves redeeming work is done

121 This joyful Eastertide

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 10: 34, 37-43](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

[John 20: 1-9](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 5: 12-16](#)

[Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19](#)

[John 20: 19-31](#)

Organ Prelude: *Scherzo* Percy Whitlock [1903-1946]

Organ Postlude: *Alleluias* Leo Sowerby [1895-1968]

Parish News

Today's Sermon This morning's sermon is entitled,
"Take a body...add a community." Those who are
looking to the resurrection appearances of Jesus for a
definitive take on the Christian message about
eternal life are in a way looking in the wrong place.
The agenda of these appearances are more about
creating a new community of which the risen Jesus is

the head, whose joyful task is to spread the good news that God longs to gather all people into the fellowship of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Not only does the risen Jesus live within his community now, but also in the life of the world to come we shall become a part of his life within the Triune persons.

Rehearsing the Gloria As the Easter season commences we will begin using the Lourdes Gloria. There will be a brief rehearsal of this during the notices.

Renewing of baptismal promises The 10.30 am Sung Mass today will begin with the renewal of our baptismal promises, which the Vicar will lead from the font. The response to each of the questions is, "I do." This will be followed by a procession around the interior of the Church, which the able bodied are invited to join. Because the renewal of baptismal promises includes an assent to the essentials of the Nicene Creed we will not recite the creed in its usual place, but will instead proceed directly from the sermon to the prayers of the people.

A note on standing and kneeling during the liturgy Because not everyone will have had the opportunity to access this helpful handout last Sunday it is available again with your Service books. It explains in succinct form the reasons for the recent changes in posture at the 10.30am Service.

Next Sunday The celebrant and preacher at next Sunday's Services will be Fr Roger Barker as the Vicar will be taking a brief post-Easter break in Nelson.

Thursday Eucharist moves to Wednesday The Vicar's travel plans mean that Thursday Walsingham Eucharist, will move to Wednesday morning at 10 am for this week only.

Parish outing to Maheno, Oamaru, Kakanui and Moeraki Saturday, April 20.

Fr Bernard Wilkinson will be our tour guide on a parish bus tour outing to Maheno Anglican Church, St Luke's Oamaru for lunch, Kakanui, and then the Maori Church at Moeraki. Cost \$20 each, bring your own lunch. Please book in by signing the list on the noticeboard.

The First Caversham lecture is now just a week and a half away on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 pm in the hall. Professor Bill Harris of the Otago department of political studies will be speaking about "the disintegration of Syria and Lebanon, and where this leaves the Christian minority."

Parish AGM The parish AGM will be on Sunday 28 April after the 10.30am Service. Two new features of this important annual event will be the presentation of a budget for the 12 months ahead, and a detailed explanation of the structure of our bequests.

Red Cross choir visit The visit of the Red Cross choir to our 10.30am Service has been confirmed for Sunday 5 May. With 35 members we can expect a strong and beautiful sound to accompany the liturgy. The choir have visited St Peters before, and left a very positive impression.

Roster The roster of support duties for the 10.30am Service for the next three months is on the noticeboard. Please let the Vicar know if you need a copy.

The Rock The March edition of the Rock is available for collection at the back of the Church.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Heather Robertson, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Adam-Michael Paterson.

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