

St. Peter's Caversham The Pebble

7 April 2013

Easter Two

The Servant Girl at Emmaus (A Painting by Velazquez)

She listens, listens, holding her breath. Surely that voice is his – the one who had looked at her, once across the crowd, as no one ever had looked? Had seen her? Had spoken as if to her?

Surely those hands were his, taking the platter of bread from hers just now? Hands he'd laid on the dying and made them well?

Surely that face -?

The man they'd crucified for sedition and blasphemy. The man whose body had disappeared from the tomb. The man it was rumoured now some women had seen this morning, alive?

Those who had brought this stranger home to their table don't recognise yet with whom they sit. But she in the kitchen, absently touching The winejug she's about to take in, A young Black servant intently listening,

swings around and sees the light around him and is sure

Denise Levertov

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.

HYMNS:

114 The day draws on with golden light (T. Dunedin)124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem103 Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven305 Soul of my Saviour120 Thine be the glory

READINGS FOR TODAY

Acts 5: 12-16 Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19 John 20: 19-31

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19

Organ Postlude: At Eastertide Charles Villiers Stanford. (1852-1924)

Parish News

Welcome Fr. Roger The celebrant and preacher at this Sunday's Services is Fr Roger Barker, as the Vicar is taking a brief post-Easter break in Nelson.

Saying the Gloria We will say the Gloria and sing the refrain response at the 10.30 am Service as a cantor is not available to sing this canticle of praise.

<u>**Thursday Eucharist**</u> now resumes its normal day and time of 10 am with the Vicar back this week.

<u>The First Caversham lecture</u> is on Tuesday 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." Bill lived and studied in Lebanon for some years, married a Lebanese woman, and has recently published an authoritative history of the Lebanon.

The Second Caversham lecture will be on Tuesday 16 April. The Vicar will begin his series on framers of Anglican identity by talking about Richard Hooker and Lancelot Andrewes the 16th century Divines, who have been described as "avant Garde conformists," who set out to translate Queen Elizabeth's sense of what the Church of England should be like into reality. The lecture will be given at 2 pm in the hall for those who do not like to travel at night, and will be repeated at 7.30 pm.

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. Nomination forms for Vestry are on a small table at the back of the Church.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Thursday evening. Please mention to Joy or Tubby any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Christian formation group A parish house group will begin soon as a permanent feature of parish life, which will be called the Christian formation group. It will include bible study of the forthcoming Sunday readings, shared silent prayer, and intercessory prayer for the needs of the parish. Instruction in Christian doctrine will also take place as required.

Pot Luck Lunch next Sunday after the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist. Everyone welcome.

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.

May concert Please mark in your diaries Saturday 11 May when Arnold Bachop will lead another of his popular concerts. This 2pm concert will feature renowned singer and teacher, Judy Bellingham and internationally recognised cornet virtuoso, John Lewis among a remarkably fine line up of guest artists. It is anticipated that this event will complete our fundraising to pay for the interior painting and redecorating of the hall.

<u>Red Cross choir visit</u> 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.

<u>The Rock</u> 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, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Robert Walker, Basil Dickie and for David Palmer who died recently.

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