



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

18 August 2013

Mary Mother of God

Annunciation

She had been a child who played, ate, slept
Like any other child – but unlike others,
Wept only for pity, laughed
In joy not triumph.
Compassion and intelligence
Fused in her, indivisible.

Called to a destiny more momentous
Than any in all of Time,
She did not quail,

Only asked

A simple, “How can it be?”
And gravely, courteously,
Took to heart the angel’s reply,
Perceiving instantly
the astounding ministry she was offered:

to bear in her womb
Infinite weight and lightness, to carry
In hidden, finite inwardness,
Nine months of Eternity; to contain
In slender vase of being,
The sum of light –
Then bring to birth,
Push out into air, a Man-child
Needing, like any other,
Milk and love –

But who was God.

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.
Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in
the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Sung
Eucharist this morning**

The Liturgy for Today:

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

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

- 188 Ye who own the faith of Jesus
187 Virgin born, we bow before thee
104 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
161 For Mary, Mother of the Lord.
186 Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Revelation 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10](#)

[1 Corinthians 15: 20-26](#)

[Luke 1: 39-56](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 66: 18-21](#)

[Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13](#)

[Luke 13: 22-30](#)

Organ Postlude: *Magnificat* Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

Parish News

Today’s sermon is entitled “Mother of God.” This was the beloved title for Mary in the 4th century Church, and one which provoked a major theological

controversy because it had considerable implications for the way in which the union of Divine and human natures in her Son Jesus was to be understood. This in turn has much to teach us about the way in which our salvation is to be understood.

Procession Our 10.30 Service will begin with a procession around the interior of the Church in honour of today's major feast. You are invited to join the procession.

Spring blossom bus tour Following on from the success of the parish bus tour to Maheno, Oamaru earlier this year another expedition has been organised for Saturday 5 October to catch the spring blossom season by following a route through Middlemarch, Naseby, the Clyde dam lookout, Alexandra, Roxburgh, and Milton. Tickets are on sale now at \$30 and can be obtained from Kate Paterson or the Vicar. It is essential to obtain a ticket before the day of the trip.

Fellowship group members of the Fellowship group intending to see the film "The Audience" will meet at St Peter's at 2 pm on Tuesday 27 August. The film will commence at 3.10 pm at the Metro. Cost \$20. St Peter's congregation members are most welcome to join this outing. Please phone Gay Webb at 476 1613.

The Rock The deadline for copy for the August edition of the Rock is Sunday 25 August.

Link noticeboard Please run any notices you want placed on the Link noticeboard past the Vicar as this is a parish noticeboard rather than a community bulletin board.

Book of Remembrance If you would like to add names to the Book of Remembrance please contact David Hoskins 455-7537.

Bishop's Lent road trip Bishop Kelvin has announced that, beginning on March 13, he will travel from one end of the diocese, starting at Stewart Island, and travel by foot (mostly), boat, train and bicycle to Kurow and the Waitaki river at the other end, arriving on Saturday April 13. He will do this as part of the bicentenary events planned to mark Samuel Marsden's first proclamation of the gospel in New Zealand. At each local daily stopping event Bishop Kelvin anticipates holding some small local event at which the good news of Jesus will be shared. Once a week, at various strategic points along the way he intends to host larger, regional gatherings where members of the diocese will join together as witnesses of the gospel. The proposed route covers more than 700 km, of which about 550 will be walked, with the rest being covered by train (the Kingston Flyer and the Taieri Gorge railway) bicycle (The Otago Central Rail Trail) and boat (the ferry from Stewart Island and the leg from Kingston to Queenstown). Several people have indicated their willingness to walk the entire route with the Bishop.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Margery Palmer, Joc Malcolmson and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died and those whose memorial occurs at this time especially Molly Scrivener and Esther Chetwin.

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