



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

19 January 2014 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lamb

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild;
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.

Little Lamb, God bless thee!
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William Blake

The key text in today's gospel reading is "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world."

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:

457 The King of love my Shepherd is
40 What child is this
104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
294 Just as I am
365 God moves in a mysterious way

READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6](#)

[1 Corinthians 1: 1-3](#)

[John 1: 29-34](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 9: 1-4](#)

[1 Corinthians 1: 10-13](#)

[Matthew 4: 12-23](#)

Parish News

New prayers for animals and the Queen The parish is keen on including prayers for animals and the Queen during the prayers of intercession at the

10.30 am Service. Accordingly the Vicar has accessed new prayers on these subjects in the past week so that our intercessors can exercise some variety when addressing these themes.

Thursday Eucharists continue as usual at 10 am in the Lady Chapel throughout January.

Caversham lectures This year's Caversham lectures will run through May and early June on the theme of "Great Anglo-Catholics of the 20th Century." Personalities and themes to be covered include Percy Dearmer and the creation of the English Hymnal, Austin Farrer, theologian, philosopher and preacher, wordsmith extraordinaire, Sir Ninian Comper, architect, creator of beautiful Churches and Church interiors, Dom Gregory-Dix and his block buster book on the Liturgy, and Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Looking ahead The Parish AGM will be on Sunday 30 March. Easter occurs later than the last two years with Easter Sunday falling on 20 April. Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 4 May. Synod will be early this year over the weekend of 12-13 September, and it will be in Oamaru.

About incense The incense we use at the 10.30 am Service comes from several sources now, and is of a higher quality than that we were able to source a year or two ago. Parishioners holidaying in the northern hemisphere, or in contact with good sources in Britain, have been able to gain access to the really good brands such as *Mystica Rosa* or *Glastonbury*. Do let David Hoskins or the Vicar know if you plan to be holidaying in Britain so we can continue to access the best of incense.

The Pilling report The task group led by Lord Pilling has reported back to the C of E's bench of Bishops

with recommendations about how to proceed in the matter of possible revisions of the Church's marriage canons. It's proposed solution is very English, and is fiendishly clever in its very pragmatic compromising possible way forward. The Church of England would not change its marriage canons, nor authorise the creation of same sex blessings orders of Service. However, those priests and parishes who felt moved to make pastoral accommodation for same sex couples could acknowledge their desire to form/affirm a relationship of faithful, committed, covenanted love within the context of public worship. In other words the Church wouldn't change its official teaching about marriage or its liturgical formularies, but it would allow a discrete change in its practice and discipline, presumably through the medium of write your own blessing ceremonies. Predictably this has come under fire from those who deplore the disjunction between teaching and practice, and those for whom it does not go nearly far enough. But perhaps it might appeal to the Bishops, desperate for a way out of an intractable dilemma.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm especially Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Coral Paris, Shirley Buxton, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Christine Robinson and May Graveson

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