



**St. Peter's Caversham**  
**The Pebble**

**16 February 2014**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**From "Little Gidding" by T. S. Eliot**

*With age comes wisdom, and an increased capacity for carrying out a searching moral inventory on ourselves. Things we previously complacently accepted as OK in our conduct are revealed for what they really are, as T S Eliot makes clear below. Today's gospel passage speaks of this heightened ethical awareness, and what to do about it.*

Let me disclose the gifts reserved for age

To set a crown upon your lifetime's effort.

First, the cold friction of expiring sense

Without enchantment, offering no promise

But bitter tastelessness of shadow fruit

As body and soul begin to fall asunder.

Second, the conscious impotence of rage

At human folly, and the laceration

Of laughter at what ceases to amuse.

And last, the rending pain of re-enactment

Of all that you have done, and been; the shame

Of motives late revealed, and the awareness

Of things ill done and done to others' harm

Which once you took for exercise of virtue.

Then fool's approval stings, and honour stains.

From wrong to wrong the exasperated spirit

Proceeds, unless restored by that refining fire

**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 Eucharist.**

**The Liturgy for Today:**

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

**10:30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist

**HYMNS:**

369 Happy are they

464 Thou art the Way: by thee alone

137 Come down, O Love divine

342 Breathe on me, breath of God

340 Beyond all mortal praise

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Sirach 15: 15-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 2: 6-10](#)

[Matthew 5: 17-37](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

[Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18](#)

[1 Corinthians 3: 16-23](#)

[Matthew 5: 38-48](#)

**Organ Postlude:** Minuetto John Ireland [1879-1962]

**Parish News**

**Today's sermon** is entitled "He heals the wellsprings of our moral action." The Matthean antitheses, "You have heard it said, but I say unto you," contain some of the most challenging moral teaching in the gospel, as they amplify and provide further commentary on the Beatitudes. Yet they also leave us wondering if we are up to the high standard they set. But as we shall be hearing

grace accompanies call and demand, by means of which God gets to work on our inner moral decision making, our desiring and deciding, to slowly and progressively make us wiser, stronger, more self controlled Christians. If being a Christian is a matter of Belonging, Believing and Behaving, today's gospel reading tells us how God attends to the behaving part of our Christian walk.

**Confirmation** The Bishop will be with us for the 10.30 am Service on Sunday 2 March to confirm an adult candidate. Are you confirmed? This is a valuable opportunity to learn more about your faith, and to affirm for yourself the promises made on your behalf at your baptism. Please talk to the Vicar if you would like to learn more about this.

**Fellowship social group** will meet on Tuesday 25 February 2 pm at Kate Paterson's home 254 Macandrew Rd ph 455 5384 for coffee and a catch up, everyone welcome. The March meeting will be at Lorraine Mitchell's home 23 Tainui Rd on Tuesday 25 March at 2 pm, afternoon tea and a sales table. Anyone wanting a ride please ring Raylene Ralston at 455 2389

**Looking for a tenant?** Carol Morris, a middle aged, non-smoking, clean and tidy woman with strong Anglican Church connections intends to move from Auckland to Dunedin, and is looking for a board/flatting situation, where the bedroom is furnished. She is happy to help out with house chores, babysitting etc if required. For further information contact the Vicar.

**St Peters Renovation Fund** The recently created St Peters renovation fund has made its first report back since its investment in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund. The \$98,969 invested represents 46,417 units in the Growth Fund, and has now grown to a value of \$104,902 by virtue of two additional gifts. The renovation fund is the bequest money the parish has set aside to deal with the eventual cost of earthquake strengthening and roof replacement. It welcomes parishioner gifts and bequests as a way of securing the future of our Church, and has already been supplemented in this way.

**The Christian Formation Group** As Lent begins in early March the Christian Formation Group will begin its life, meeting on Monday nights with a 7 pm Eucharist in the Church, and then adjourning to the Vicarage to study the New Testament Mass readings for the following Sunday, followed by a period of silent prayer which will lead off from those readings, and will conclude with intercessory prayer for the parish. Refreshments will follow.

**What we believe** In a small noticeboard at the entrance way to the Church there has been a brief statement of belief dating back to the Fr Carl era entitled, "What we believe." The Vicar has been encouraged to come up with his own version, and this he has now done entitling it instead, "Themes often addressed in the preaching here." In addition to the entranceway noticeboard it has also been posted on the parish web site. Comment and dialogue on this credo is welcome.

**The Rock** The deadline for copy for the February edition of the Rock is Sunday 23 February.

**Christian Meditation afternoon** A short talk on Thomas Merton and Contemplation followed by silent meditation will be held on Saturday 1 March, 1.30-3.30 pm at St Peter's Church lounge. For further information please contact Moira ph 477 9945 or Joan Dutton email [ruthmum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruthmum@xtra.co.nz) or ph 455 7948.

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

**Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time:** Stanley Hopkins, Merle Forrest, Daniel Gillies, Mary Robbins and Cyril Tourelle.

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