



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

**2 March 2014**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**The Confirmation Prayer**

*The Bishop prays:*

God of mercy and love,  
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,  
a gift none can take away;  
grant that your servant may grow  
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.  
Fill her with the joy of your presence.  
Increase in her the fruit of your Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,  
the spirit of wonder and true holiness

Creator Spirit,  
strengthen Helen  
with your gifts of grace, to love and serve  
as a disciple of Christ.

Guide, protect,  
uphold her  
that she may continue  
yours for ever.

**A Warm Welcome**

**to all who are sharing with us in today's worship.  
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 and Confirmation

**HYMNS:**

437 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him  
138 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
483 The Church of God a kingdom is  
318 My God, accept my heart this day  
431 O Thou who camest from above

**MOTET:** 'The Call' from *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph  
Vaughan Williams [1872-1958] Soloist: Arnold Bachop

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Isaiah 49: 14-15](#)

[1 Corinthians 4: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 6: 24-34](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

[Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7](#)

[Romans 5: 12-19](#)

[Matthew 4: 1-11](#)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Prelude in Classical Style* Gordon  
Young (1919-1998)

**Parish News**

**Confirmation** This morning we welcome our Bishop as  
celebrant and preacher at the 10.30 am Service as he  
comes to confirm Helen Clements.

**Ash Wednesday** Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday.  
The Eucharist with imposition of ashes will be celebrated  
at 10.am and 7 pm. This inauguration of the penitential  
season of Lent is a day of obligation.

**The Christian Formation Group** As Lent begins the Christian Formation Group will begin its life, meeting on Monday nights (first meeting 10 March) 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.

**Fellowship social group** 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.

**Garage sale** We will be holding a garage sale for parish funds in the hall on a Saturday 29 March. Please set aside items that would be useful for sale. David Hoskins would be glad to hear from parishioners ready, willing and able to assist with this important fund raising event.

**Parish AGM** Notice is hereby given that the parish AGM will be on Sunday 30 March 2014 following the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of receiving reports and electing the People's Warden, the Vestry, and this year we elect the lay representatives to the Diocesan Synod. Nomination forms can be found on the table at the back of the Church.

**Wardens meeting** The Vicar and Wardens will meet next on Tuesday 11 March. Please mention any matters you want raised at that meeting to Tubby or Kate.

**Caversham lectures** The dates for the Caversham lectures have now been confirmed as Tuesdays 6 May Percy Dearmer and the formation of the English Hymnal, 13 May Sir Ninian Comper and the most beautiful Churches of C20<sup>th</sup> Britain, 20 May Dom Gregory Dix and "The Shape of the Liturgy," the book that radically changed thinking about liturgy, 27 May Austin Farrer great preacher and teacher of the 1950's and 1960's, 6 June Michael Ramsey Archbishop of Canterbury and exemplar of holiness, at 2 pm then repeated at 7.30 pm.

### **New development in Christchurch Cathedral saga**

Recently the Historic Places Trust went public with an offer to broker negotiations between the Church Property Trustees and those seeking to retain the original Cathedral with a view to retaining something of the original structure as a heritage memorial. This past week Bishop Victoria Matthews has declined to enter negotiations on such a partial retention, saying that it would take time to consider any request because of the Church's workload and pressing issues, including continuing legal action with the greater Christchurch building trust. Since 2012 the Trustees had been open about their concerns with any retention plan. She said that going public with such an offer appeared to be an attempt to pressure the Church into a particular course of action, and as such was counter-productive. HPT is perhaps attempting to get itself out of a hard place since the Cathedral restorers have been trying to draw it in on its side by persuading them to refuse to issue a permit for demolition, and will be aware that it faces a determined Bishop, and a diocese unenthused about restoring a building that was not one of Gilbert Scott's most inspired creations, and which always had considerable practical limitations in its liturgical and social meeting uses.

**Midweek Eucharist** The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel each Thursday at 10am.

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

**Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time:** William Fowler, June Paterson, Frederick White, Margery Scott and George Hopkins

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