



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

16 March 2014

Lent 2

### The Transfiguration

Christ, upon the mountain peak  
Stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
With the saints and angels praise him-  
Alleluya!

Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the Law  
Shout through them their joyful greeting.-  
Alleluya!

Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as his Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder!-  
Alleluya!

This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets fade before him;  
First and last, and only One,  
Let Creation now adore him:  
Alleluya!

*Brian Wren  
Hymn 177, New English Hymnal*

### 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:

234 Christ whose glory fills the skies  
177 Christ, upon the mountaintop  
440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
176 O vision blest of heavenly light  
337 As pants the heart

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 12: 1-4a](#)

[2 Timothy 1: 8b-10](#)

[Matthew 17: 1-9](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Exodus 17: 3-7](#)

[Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8](#)

[John 4: 5-42](#)

### Parish News

**The Christian Formation Group** The Christian Formation Group meets on Monday night with a 7 pm Eucharist in the Church, and then adjourns to the Vicarage to study the New Testament Mass readings for the following Sunday, followed by a period of silent prayer which leads off from those readings, and then concludes with intercessory prayer for the parish. This is our Lenten study group, and is commended to parishioners as a Lenten extra.

**New Flag Pole** Grateful thanks to Bruce and Elizabeth Moore for generously paying for our new flagpole, and for

its installation. The new flagpole is made of aluminium, and can be expected to last for many years. Adams flags has also provided us with a new lanyard, and repaired our flags for free.

**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 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. Nominations for these parish offices need to be lodged in writing on the forms provided for this purpose. They can be lodged in the box provided up to the beginning of the meeting, at which time nominations close, with no nominations being accepted from the floor.

**Feast of the Annunciation** In just over a week's time the feast of the annunciation will be celebrated on Tuesday 25 March. This will be marked with a 7 pm celebration of the Eucharist.

**Thursday Eucharist** The Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

**The Rock** The deadline for this month's edition of the Rock is Sunday 23 March.

**Caversham lectures** Full details of the lecture programme can be found on the noticeboard in the Link.

**Archbishop of York** Archbishop John Sentamu and Archbishop Philip Richardson will be in conversation over issues concerning the church locally and internationally at All Saints, Dunedin tomorrow at 4.30 pm. All welcome.

**Another Ukrainian dilemma** The current war of nerves in the Crimea, which may well culminate in Russia annexing this home to its Black sea fleet, has religious aspects to it, as Russia looks to other eastern areas of the Ukraine with significant Russian populations. The Russian Orthodox Church has always been closely controlled by the government, be it the Tsar, or Soviet dictators, and both Stalin and Putin used and use it to further Russian interests in its near abroad. In Stalin's time the state assisted Russian Orthodoxy to seize Churches, Monasteries, and Church property belonging to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, as just one aspect of its campaign to discourage Ukrainian national aspirations. The process went into reverse when the Soviet Union collapsed, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church demanded its properties back, and reasserted its role and rights in the life of the newly more or less independent state. Now the Ukrainian Orthodox Church will be concerned lest a revanchist Russia, and its ecclesial allies, marginalise it again. Russia has only a 10 year window of opportunity to recover its near abroad, and create large buffers of defensible space on its periphery, because its catastrophically declining population, due to alcoholism, poor health statistics, and low birth rate, mean that soon its armed forces will drastically shrink in size. For Russia it is now or never.

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

**Pray for those who have died recently and those whose memorial occurs at this time:** Shirley Hall, Arthur Goodwillie, Ellen Brown, William Hodgson, James Clements, Ruth Mumford, Fr. Ilyan Eades, Ben Holden, Frederick Buxton and Doreen Price.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hugh Bowron – 455- 3961

**Vicar's Warden:** Tubby Hopkins – 454-2399

**People's Warden:** Kate Paterson – 455-5384

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