



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

23 March 2014

Lent 3

Loss of Memory

The holy words: why did we let them go?
Whose are our children, who no longer know
“Our Father who art in heaven”?
For words create that heaven, and that Father,
Hallow the holy Name,
Unspoken in a time that has forgotten
The language that peoples unseen heaven
And visible earth with all her creatures,
Tells the thousand stories of our one human story.
What but the word has made kings royal, women
beautiful
Made Mary the Mother of God? God has no mother
now,
Nor Eve the far hope of her lost garden.
Disinherited from ancestral wisdom
Whose realm protected once, for us
The soundless voice of memory speaks no more
That used to tell, over and over,
The healing words: “Let not your heart be troubled,”
Of green pastures and still waters
And the twelve signs of love that never fails.

Kathleen Raine

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:

334 All people that on earth do dwell
342 Breathe on me breath of God
353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
285 For the beauty of the earth
392 Lead, kindly light

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Exodus 17: 3-7](#)

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

[John 4: 5-42](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13](#)

[Ephesians 5: 8-14](#)

[John 9: 1-41](#)

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 at 2 pm with 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.

Replacement insurance valuations After patient research and investigation it has become possible to obtain valuations on the pulpit, altar and reredos so that these unique items could be rebuilt and replaced in the event of fire or earthquake, with the pulpit being valued at \$76,000, and the altar and reredos being valued at \$16,000.

Feast of the Annunciation The feast of the annunciation will be celebrated on Tuesday with a 7 pm celebration of the Eucharist.

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

Vestry news The Vestry heard a presentation from Graham McDougall, an earthquake-strengthening engineer, whose firm produced last year's initial engineering assessment of the Church. The Vestry plans to commission a second more detailed report next year as bequest funds become available, which will map out the steps required to make the Church safe, while at the same time assessing the soil on which the Church stands. The weekend of Michaelmas 2015 was selected as the date for the 150th anniversary celebrations, since this was the date of the dedication of the second Church (the present one), and would permit sufficient preparation time. The Vicar reported on the outcome of last year's stewardship programme. A theme that emerged from the report was how helpful it is when parishioners give by direct debit transfers from their bank accounts. A report was received from the first meeting of the recently created financial advisory group, which had prepared the draft budget for the next 12 months for presentation at next week's parish AGM. There was a preview of the report that the Vicar will give at the AGM, which will have a particular focus on attendances at the Sunday 10.30 am Service. There was also an explanation of how the St Peter's renovation fund works as a unitised trust in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Norma Moorhead, and Alexander Wood.

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

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