



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

20 April 2014

Easter Sunday

### Seven Stanzas for Easter

Make no mistake: if He rose at all  
it was as His body;  
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules  
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,  
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,  
each soft Spring recurrent;  
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled  
eyes of the eleven apostles;  
it was as his flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,  
the same valved heart  
that – pierced – died, withered, paused and then  
regathered out of enduring Might  
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,  
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;  
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the  
faded credulity of earlier ages:  
let us walk through the door...

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,  
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,  
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are  
embarrassed by the miracle,  
and crushed by remonstrance.

*John Updike*

**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:**

338 At the name of Jesus

112 Jesus lives thy terrors now

104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Motet: *This joyful Eastertide* Soloist: Tom Woodman

110 Jesus Christ is risen today

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Acts 10: 34, 37-43](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

[John 20: 1-9](#)

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

[Acts 2: 42-47](#)

[1 Peter 1: 3-9](#)

[John 20: 19-31](#)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Victory* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

### **Parish News**

**Renewal of baptismal promises** The 10.30 am Sung Mass today will begin with the renewal of our baptismal promises, which the Vicar will lead from the font. The response to each of the questions is, "I do."

This will be followed by a procession around the interior of the Church, which the able bodied are invited to join. Because the renewal of baptismal promises includes an assent to the essentials of the Nicene Creed we will not recite the creed in its usual place, but will instead proceed directly from the sermon to the prayers of the people.

**Thank you** to the dedicated team of David Hoskins, Sacred Ministers, readers, flower arrangers, brass cleaners and other helpers who made the Holy Week Services possible, and that they would be performed to their usual high standard.

**Frances Hodgkin's Services** The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist at Frances Hodgkin's retirement complex this Thursday at 11 am, a departure from the usual first Thursday commitment due to a swap at the request from one of the local clergy. This means that he will also celebrate the Eucharist the following Thursday 1 May as the normal sequence of Services resume.

**Harvest Festival** Please note that Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 4 May.

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

**Son of God** A new film about Jesus is about to be released in New Zealand cinemas on 14 May. Some critics have nicknamed the film "Hot Jesus" because of the handsome good looks of Portuguese actor Diogo Morgado, while others within the Church community have declared it the best Jesus film for quite some time. If parishioners google <http://sonofgod> they can watch the trailer, and make up their own mind.

**Wardens meeting** The Vicar will meet with the Vicars Warden on Tuesday. Kate is away at present. Please mention to Tubby any matters you want raised at that meeting. The Vestry meets on Wednesday, a week later than usual because of Holy Week.

**Bank account details** In response to the point made at the AGM about the desirability and helpfulness of parishioner giving by automatic payment a parishioner request was made for the parish's bank account details. We bank with the King Edward St branch of the ANZ, account number 06 0911 0008804 00. The editor apologises for giving out an incorrect account number last week – this is the correct one.

### **Solomon Islanders need help now**

Christian World Service is appealing for funds for the 52,000 people affected by the massive flooding. Donations can be made: On line and by direct deposit, by phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72, by post to: CWS, P O Box 22652, Christchurch 8140

**Rock deadline** Today is the deadline for copy for this month's edition of the Rock.

**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:** Gwendolyn Hiscock, Ian McAllan, Alexander Brown, John Johnson, and Mavis Monteith

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