



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

27 April 2014

Easter Two

At a Calvary Near the Ancre

One ever hangs where shelled roads part.
In this war He too lost a limb,
But his disciples hide apart;
And now the Soldiers bear with Him.

Near Golgotha strolls many a priest,
And in their faces there is pride
That they were flesh-marked by the Beast
By whom the gentle Christ's denied.

The scribes on all, the people shove
And bawl allegiance to the state,
But they who love the greater love
Lay down their life; they do not hate.

Wilfred Owen

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:

112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

117 The day of resurrection

351 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem

118 The Lord is risen indeed!

119 The strife is o'er, the battle done

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 2: 42-47](#)

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

[John 20: 19-31](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 2: 14, 22-33](#)

[1 Peter 1: 17-21](#)

[Luke 24: 13-35](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: 'Morgenlied' from *Lent/Easter Triptych*
Aaron David Miller (1972-)

Parish News

Offering envelopes The recorder requests that we do not use last year's offering envelopes. She writes: You may in many cases have a new number. So to make sure your offering goes to the right person, please destroy any old envelopes you may still have. If anybody would like to have a set of weekly or monthly offering envelopes, ring me on 454 2399 and I will drop them off to you. I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding envelopes – Averil Hopkins.

Frances Hodgkin's Service The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist at Frances Hodgkin's retirement complex this Thursday at 11 am.

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

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

Vestry news The failure of the Church alarm system over Holy Week obliged the Vestry to consider a proposal for a new more effective technology installation, which could also be integrated with the renewal of the Vicarage alarm technology, which generates false alarms from time to time. The new system is to be installed at the earliest opportunity. The possibility of initiating a professionally written parish history was discussed. It was decided that financial constraints prevent the project proceeding at this stage, but that interviews with parishioners should proceed to gather research information and photos against the day when a parish history can be compiled. The Vicar would carry out these interviews. Also discussed was a proposal to make it possible for parish web site visitors to make donations on line. This suggestion was adopted. Tokens are to be produced for automatic payment givers to place in the offertory bags (these are on the table at the back of the Church). The Vicar reported on the Ma Whea Commission's recommendations to General Synod on the same sex blessings issue (see over the page).

First Caversham lecture The first Caversham lecture for this year will be on Tuesday 6 May. Its subject will be Percy Dearmer, Vicar of St Mary's Primrose Hill, instigator of the English Hymnal, and generator of the Sarum Use, an English take on ceremonial, ritual and liturgy, designed to lead Anglo-Catholicism away from what he saw as a slavish copying of Roman Catholic practices. The Vicar and David Hoskins share the podium for this presentation, which will be made at 2 pm and then again at 7.30 pm. Ninian Comper, Church architect, will be the subject of the 13 May lecture.

New Vicar for Balclutha After a vacancy of a year it has been announced that the Reverend Griffith Moses, at present living in Britain, is to be instituted as the Vicar of Balclutha on Sunday 18 May at 4 pm.

Ma Whea Commission The Ma Whea Commission has offered the General Synod a smorgasbord of 10 options to choose from. They are: Affirm the Traditional Understanding, Preserving the Present Circumstances, Bishops to Determine What Equals Right Relationships, Delegate to Diocesan Synods Power to Determine Right relationships, Adopt a New Understanding (accept Gay Marriage), The Anglican Church Having Two Views (Tikanga Gay Church and Tikanga Orthodox), Dual Episcopacy (like the Flying Bishops option in the C of E), Planned Dismembering (an orderly break up of the Anglican Church into two varieties of Anglicanism in New Zealand along the fault lines of this issue), Anglican Church to Add a New Rite of Blessing by Priests of Those in a Same Sex Relationship, Adopt a Two Year Period of Focussed Discussion within Church Communities With a View to making a Decision in (say) 2016.

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

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Irene Waters, Shirley Menzies, Joyce McQuarrie and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Eunice Teal, Stacy Carruthers, Arthur Pywell (Priest), and Alexander Holmes.

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