



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

25 May 2014

Easter 6

### Holy Sonnet 7

At the round Earth's imagined corners, blow  
Your trumpets, Angels, and arise, arise  
From death, you numberless infinities  
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go,  
All whom the flood did, and fire shall o'erthrow,  
All whom war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies,  
Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose  
eyes,  
Shall behold God, and never taste death's woe.  
But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space,  
For, if above all these, my sins abound,  
Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace,  
When we are there; here on this lowly ground,  
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good  
As if thou hadst sealed my pardon, with thy blood.

*John Donne*

### 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:

115 Now the green blade riseth

114 Now is eternal life

7 Hills of the north rejoice

282 Faithful shepherd feed me

248 O strength and stay upholding all creation

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17](#)

[1 Peter 3: 15-18](#)

[John 14: 15-21](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 1: 1-11](#)

[Ephesians 1: 17-23](#)

[Matthew 28: 16-20](#)

### Parish News

**This morning's gospel** reading concerns Jesus' going away arrangements. He will send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to stand by his followers, and to lead them into a deeper knowledge of God. And he goes away so that he can come back again, this time to complete and fulfil the human story.

**Diocesan Retreat** The Vicar will be away from Tuesday morning until Thursday morning at the Diocesan Retreat at Holy Cross, Mosgiel. This will be led by Fr Mark Chamberlain, the parish priest of Holy Name parish.

**Thursday Eucharist** The Thursday Eucharist in the coming week will be celebrated at the slightly later time of 10.30am

because the Vicar will be coming away from the Diocesan retreat that morning. This celebration is taking place in the Parish Lounge from now on through the Winter months.

**Fourth Caversham lecture** The fourth Caversham lecture for this year will be in a fortnight's time on Tuesday 3 June at 2 pm, and then again at 7.30 pm. This pause in the lecture programme is because the Vicar will be attending the Diocesan Retreat. The next lecture will profile Austin Farrer, Warden of Keble College, Oxford, a great preacher, philosopher and theologian. The final lecture, on Tuesday 10 June, will consider Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury and theologian.

**Read, Mark, Learn and Inwardly Digest** Copies of the full text of the decision made at General Synod about the blessing of same sex relationships are available at the back of the Church for you to take away and peruse at your leisure.

**Archdeaconry meeting to discuss Synod** The Bishop will discuss General Synod's handling of the above issue at an open meeting at St Johns Roslyn on Saturday 31 May at 10.30 am.

**Major celebrations coming up** Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, followed by Pentecost the following Sunday. As is our custom there will be a Vigil Mass of Pentecost that Saturday evening preceding Pentecost using the Liturgy of St Basil, followed by a potluck meal, in this way giving added emphasis to a feast that is as important as Easter, and which has not received its due in the Western Church.

**Patronal Festival** We are now just a month away from the celebration of our Patronal festival on Sunday 29 June. Suggestions about worthy and appropriate events for that important weekend in our life are welcome.

**Friendship group** The Friendship group will meet on Tuesday at 2 pm at Lorraine Mitchell's home at 23 Tainui Rd. Ronda Tatnell will be speaking about her recent travel experiences.

**Sustainable living** The diocesan social justice working group is holding a workshop called Sustainable Living on Saturday 7

June, at St John's Roslyn from 10am to 3.30 pm. It will be led by Maureen Howard, who runs these courses for the Dunedin City Council. Maureen is very experienced and very practical.

**Vestry news** Wednesday night's Vestry meeting deferred making a decision about upgrading the parish security systems until next month while further information is gathered. It is thought important to bring the hall, the Church, and the Vicarage into a common monitoring system so that the response to an alarm detonation does not depend on key parish personnel being on site. At present three security contractors are quoting on the work, and a fourth is to be brought into the mix. Strong support was expressed for the proposal for a Spring Flower Festival, and modest financial backing will be provided for that. Information is to be gathered regarding the possibility of a music and movement group meeting in the hall, and this possibility will be canvassed at a future parish forum. Kate Paterson, Tubby Hopkins, Heather Brooks and David Hoskins were elected as the parish nominators.

**Tax credit claim form** Are you claiming the one third return which the IRD provides for those with receipts for giving to charity? It may be that you have not done this because you are not a wage earner, or because the IRD has not automatically sent you a tax credit claim form. This simple to fill in form can be provided on request to the Vicar, and enables you to increase your giving to the Church without it costing you any more than you are present providing.

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

**Pray for those who have recently died and for those whose memorial occurs at this time:**

Brent Bachop, Annie Clements, Michael Cottle, William Monteith, Kenneth Prail, & Rhona Welsh

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

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

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