



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

22 FEBRUARY, 2015

LENT 1

TO KEEP A TRUE LENT

Is this a fast-to keep
The larder lean
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragged to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?

No: 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate,
And hate;
To circumcise thy life;

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin
And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick 1588-1674

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:

507 Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us
64 Be thou my guardian and my guide
333 All my hope on God is founded
298 May the grace of Christ our Saviour
83 Glory be to Jesus

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 9: 8-15](#)
[1 Peter 3: 18-22](#)
[Mark 1: 12-15](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#)
[Romans 8: 1-34](#)
[Mark 9: 2-10](#)

Parish News

Four Fridays in March This year's Lenten extra consists of a Eucharist celebrated in the lounge at 5.30 pm on each of the Fridays in March, during which there will be teaching session on four themes in Mark's gospel, with an opportunity for questions and dialogue at that point. The Service will be followed immediately by a fish and chip tea, together with offerings of salads or any other extras which parishioners may care to bring. Our start date is Friday 6 March.

Garage sale A garage sale will be held in the hall on Saturday 21 March between 10 am and 2 pm in order to assist with paying the insurance bill

of \$6,309, which always inconveniently falls in February of each year. Donations of sale goods are sought from parishioners. Please could these be of a standard likely to attract a sale. It would be much appreciated if parishioners could uplift those donated goods that do not sell.

Frances Hodgkins in March The Frances Hodgkins housegroup will meet next on 9 March in the Garden Lounge at 2 pm. The Vicar will celebrate his usual first Thursday of the month Eucharist there on 5 March at 11 am.

Catlins expedition The Vicar will be away in the Catlins with his daughter Katherine until Wednesday afternoon. Any emergencies should be referred to one of the Wardens.

Guest preacher at Patronal Festival Our guest preacher at the Patronal Festival on Sunday 28 June will be the Revd Aaron Douglas who is assistant priest at Gladstone parish church Invercargill, and travelling secretary for Scripture Union for Otago and Southland. Aaron was ordained in the diocese of Auckland and came south because he married a local girl.

Vestry news It was resolved to put \$5,000 of the soon to be received Darcy Christopher money aside as an operational budget for the 150th anniversary celebrations. The remainder would be invested in the St Peters renovation fund as the bequest stipulates that the money should be used for the Church building. A quote from Strawberry Sound was accepted for the upgrade of the Church sound system. It was decided to remove a small portion of the Church hedge between the Hillside road entrance and the line of trees adjacent to the cottage. A top up grant of \$290 was authorised to enable Tubby and Averil to proceed with the purchase of new shrubs and bark for the Eastbourne St garden. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will in future be in the 10.30 morning slot on the Sunday before Christmas, with communion concluding the Service. The director of the Anglican Family Centre will be invited to the March Vestry meeting to discuss concerns the Vestry has about the management and direction of AFC. The Vestry supported the Vicar's proposal that he write the parish history as a doctoral thesis for the Otago history department. It was decided to have an organist recital/concert as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, George, Nonie and Rachel Connor, Kaye Fowler and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Rosemary Simons, Marjorie Booker, Douglas Gordon, Christian Hansen

In the news The New Zealand Anglican Church has scored some spectacular own goals in print media this last fortnight. Dunedin residents were startled to learn in last Saturday's ODT that you don't need to believe in God to be a Churchwarden at All Saints, for as local barrister Anne Stevens explained, "Anglicans are just sophisticated humanists." A fortnight ago the Sunday Star Times gave front page coverage to Bishop John Gray giving offence to both Jews and Muslims at a Christchurch interfaith gathering. The Archbishops of the three Tikanga hastily dissociated themselves from his statements, and apologised to the Jewish and Muslim communities. A little later it was announced that Bishop Gray had been demoted as Vicar General of Tikanga Maori, to be replaced by rising star of that Tikanga, Kitohi Pikaahu, Bishop of the north. An angry and unrepentant John Gray said that he stood by his comments. "The Holocaust should be a lesson to them (Jews)," about the way they treat the Palestinians. He declared that Anglican leaders were trying to "crucify" him, and that the three Archbishops should apologise to him for their apology.

Search committee Would you be interested/prepared to help with a committee to seek out and contact former St Peters parishioners in their various locales so that they can be invited to our 150th anniversary celebrations? Please contact the Vicar or one of the Wardens if you can help in this way.

Fellowship group The St Peter's Fellowship Group will meet on Tuesday at 2 pm at Raylene's home - 172a Oxford St cnr of Hall St for a get together, coffee, and a look at the year ahead.

AGM The St Peters AGM will be held on Sunday 26 April after the 10.30 am Service.

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