



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

1 MARCH, 2015

LENT 2

REVELATION IN TRANSFIGURATION

God of life and glory,
your Son was revealed in splendour
before he suffered death upon the cross;
grant that we, beholding his majesty,
may be strengthened to follow him
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

1989 New Zealand Prayer Book

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

177 Christ upon the mountain peak

308 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee

Motet: Love that will not let me go Soloist: Arnold Bachop

337 As pants the heart

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

[Romans 8: 31-34](#)

[Mark 9: 2-10](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Exodus 20: 1-17](#)

[1 Corinthians 1: 22-25](#)

[John 2: 13-25](#)

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 next Friday.

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 Thursday of this week at 11 am.

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 April 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 beginning next year, subject to departmental approval. 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: William Fowler, June Fowler, Frederick White, and Margery Scott.

Further development within Tikanga Maori The three Archbishops announced this last week that Bishop John Gray had been suspended from his episcopal duties pending an investigation of the recent incident in which he gave offence to Jews and Muslims at a recent interfaith gathering. In a way this incident reflects well on the Anglican Church because it shows that our church is prepared to discipline those who insult others' cherished beliefs. As the editor of the *London Review of Books* recently commented on the French almost hysterical affirmation of freedom of expression in the wake of the *Charlie Hebdo* attack, "I believe in the right not to be killed for something I say, but I don't believe I have a right to insult whomever I please." The churches are now perceived to be soft targets who can be attacked at will. If we seek decent treatment at the hands of a secular and indifferent society then we must demonstrate that we are prepared to extend to others the common courtesy we wish to receive at their hands.

Adam Coxon ashes interment The late Adam Coxon, former parishioner of St Peters, who died in Wellington last year, and whose funeral was at St James Lower Hutt, requested that there be a brief memorial Service for him at St Peters when his ashes became available, followed by the interment of his ashes in the family cemetery. This will take place at St Peters on Friday 20 March at 10.30 am. St Peters parishioners are most welcome to attend this Service.

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.

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

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