



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

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Welcome dear feast of Lent: who loves not thee,
He loves not Temperance, or Authority,
But is composed of passion.
The Scriptures bid us *fast*; the Church says, *now*:
Give to thy Mother, what thou wouldst allow
To every Corporation.

It's true, we cannot reach Christ's fortieth day;
Yet to go part of that religious way,
Is better than to rest:
We cannot reach our Saviours purity;
Yet are we bid, *be holy even as he*.
In both let's do our best.

Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone,
Is much more sure to meet with him, then one
That travelleth by-ways:
Perhaps my God, though he be far before,
May turn, and take me by the hand, and more
May strengthen my decays.

Yet Lord instruct us to improve our fast
By starving sin and taking such repast,
As may our faults control:
That every man may revel at his door,
Not in his parlour; banqueting the poor,
And among those his soul.

George Herbert

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
206 Christ is our corner stone
374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
307 Sweet sacrament divine
342 Breathe on me Breath of God

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Exodus 20: 1-17](#)

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

[John 2: 13-25](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[2 Chronicles 36: 14-16](#)

[Ephesians 2: 4-10](#)

[John 3: 14-21](#)

Parish News

Potluck lunch As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month a potluck lunch follows the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

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. Do join us.

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 Monday in the Garden Lounge at 2 pm.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Tuesday. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

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.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Easter Saturday 4 April at 10.30 am.

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

New technology A new photocopier from a different supplier was delivered to the Vicarage this week as part of a diocesan bulk deal that will cut our photocopying costs while giving us a brand new machine. The upgrade to the sound system will take place on Tuesday.

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: George Hopkins, John Hamer, Thomas Robbins, Claude Morris, Philip Hitchcox, Cecil Steel and Shirley Hall.

Drop in student numbers Otago university has experienced a noticeable drop in student numbers this year, with a consequent concerning spare capacity situation for several halls of residence. Four factors have brought this situation about. There was a drop in the New Zealand birth rate at about the origin date of this year's first year entrants. Last year the marking pass level for the University exam was more challenging, resulting in some who had pre-enrolled hoping that their NCEA levels would get them through being disappointed. Auckland and Wellington's universities have aggressively offered scholarships to dis-incentive the young adults of their cities going south to study. This is a bidding war that Otago does not have the financial heft to match. Many young adults now perceive Wellington to be a groovy, happening city, with funky suburbs like the Aro Valley adjacent to Victoria, being the place to be. Dunedin by contrast has suffered in its public image from well publicised disorder incidents such as couch burning. As Dunedin has stagnated as a city it has come to be heavily dependent on the university to stabilise its economic and financial position. While this year's diminished intake might be just a temporary blip nothing can be taken for granted in today's world, as witness Canterbury, now sadly diminished to just over 14,000 students, with an arts faculty in terminal decline. But Christchurch has the city size to shrug this set back off. For Dunedin such a development would be very concerning.

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.

Rock deadline The deadline for material for this month's edition of the Rock is 22 March. Please forward articles to David Scoular.

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