



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

15 MARCH, 2015

LENT 4

EXAMINING OF CONSCIENCE

If we only seek peace when it is to our advantage,
if we fail to release the down-trodden and poor,
then let the generous, caring, boundless sharing
of the God who walked this earth nourish our roots
until we fruit in the joy of the Lord

If we try to avoid inconvenient giving
or if love is destroyed by our failure to serve,
then let the wide unflinching, selfless giving
of the God who walked this earth nourish our roots
until we fruit in the joy of the Lord.

If we start to object to the path we are given
and decide to select other ways of our own
then let the full acceptance, firm obedience
of the God who walked this earth nourish our roots
until we fruit in the joy of the Lord

The story of love he came to tell us,
bound in the making of the world,
we are the pages still unwritten,
let the story be told.

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

369 Happy are they (T. 346)

383 Jesu, lover of my soul

463 Thine forever! God of love (2nd Tune)

77 The God of love my Shepherd is

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

[Ephesians 2: 4-10](#)

[John 3: 14-21](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Jeremiah 31: 31-34](#)

[Hebrews 5: 7-9](#)

[John 12: 20-33](#)

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 is 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.

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 at 10.30 am. St Peters parishioners are most welcome to attend this Service. St Peters has been left a bequest of \$1,000 by the Coxon estate, a reminder of the good parishioners can do to secure the future of the parish when they make their wills.

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

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.

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

Pray for those whose have died recently: Kay Fowler, Dorothy Clements

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Frederick Allen, Arthur Goodwillie, Ellen Brown, William Hodgson, James Clements, Ruth Mumford (Dallas) Fr Ilyan Eades, Ben Holden and Frederick Buxton.

Garage Sale

Next Saturday, March 21, 10 am and 2 pm to assist with paying the insurance bill of \$6,309. Donations of sale goods and grocery items for the raffle can be left in the Church or the Hall. Please could these be of a standard likely to attract a sale. People to help set up the hall on Friday afternoon and/or work on a stall during Saturday would be very welcome! Contact David Hoskins 455-7537 if you can help in any way.

The troubles of Lord Green Prebendary Green of St Paul's Cathedral is both a prominent former banker and a Church of England priest. For a number of crucial years he was the head of the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank, the second largest bank in the world, based in London. When he left the business world the conservative government gave him the unpaid job of Minister of State for trade and investment, and promoted him to the House of Lords as Baron Green. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, was attracted to Stephen Green's interest in the ethics of the business world, and his place on the advisory council for the banking industry, since both share a background in the upper echelons of the business world. With support from the top Lord Green released a recent report to radically change the way the C of E selects and trains its key leaders. All existing Deans and Bishops are to immediately begin mini Masters of Business Administration training, and a talent pool of 150 potentially outstanding future leaders is to be selected and hot house trained for the top slots in the Church. Those who failed to keep up with the intensive training would be culled out. Stage 1 is already being implemented without any debate on it by the General Synod, and the report has attracted criticism for its lack of emphasis on theological or pastoral training, and as an exercise in capture of the church by its professional advisers. Meanwhile HSBC's operations came under critical scrutiny, first in 2005 for money laundering on behalf of drug dealers and sponsors of state terrorism, and now this year when the *Panorama* investigative television programme broke the story of the bank's Swiss arm assisting over 100,000 wealthy clients in over 200 countries with tax evasion. Lord Green has been accused of either turning a blind eye to these operations, or being asleep at the wheel while in charge of HSBC. He has declined to answer questions on these matters, and has resigned off the advisory council on the banking industry. Justin Welby now ponders what to do as discrediting criticism mounts of the architect of a report he very much wants to see implemented. The Dunedin Diocese Trust Board has recently sold its shares in HSBC.

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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