



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

14 February

LENT 1

Fallow Land

“Let the land of your being lie fallow”
Called from busy-ness
Called to fallow time.

Return to the land of your soul
Stop! Listen! Be!
Release from activity.
Rest! Heal! Forgive!
Delight in what is given.
Be receptive to the elements.
BE FALLOW...

Restore your land to primal patterns
natural, wild, beautiful.
Reverence Creator's gift
BE STILL...
Journey deep into waiting.
Receive the gift of fallowness.

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)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist and Procession

HYMNS:

507 Hear us, O Lord

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

357 Father hear the prayer we offer

445 Rock of ages

368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Deuteronomy 26: 4-10](#)

[Psalm 91](#) The response to the Psalm is:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

[Romans 10: 8-13](#)

[Luke 4: 1-13](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18](#)

[Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)

[Luke 9: 28-36](#)

Parish News

Omit the Gloria A reminder that we omit the Gloria in Lent as it is a penitential season.

Pot luck lunch Our second Sunday of the month pot luck lunch resumes today. All welcome.

Wardens' meeting The Vicar meets with the Wardens tomorrow. Please mention to Tubby Hoskins or Kate Paterson any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Frances Hodgkins house group meets on Monday at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

Documentary film season On Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the Vicarage we will be watching *Red Army* about the Red Army Ice Hockey Team, world champions whose fortunes mirrored the rapid social and cultural changes in Russia. Told from the perspective of its captain, Slava Fetisov, the story portrays his transformation from national hero to political enemy. In an ironic twist he is now Minister of Sport in Vladimir Putin's government

Fish and Chip Friday Eucharists Our Lenten extra is a Eucharist celebrated at 5.30 pm each Friday in Lent in the parish lounge with a dialogue sermon followed by a shared fish and chip tea.

Parish Garage Sale Saturday 27 February 10 am to 1 pm. We need your trash and treasure for this important fund raiser. Please leave goods in the Link on Sundays – other times contact David Hoskins on 453 4621. If you can help in this way please let David know.

The St Peters Fellowship Group had its first meeting in January and have a good year planned with the February meeting on Tuesday 23 February in the Garden's Kiosk for afternoon tea followed by a stroll around the Gardens. If you need a ride please call Raylene ph 455 2389 or Gay ph 476 1613.

Rock deadline The deadline for copy for our first edition of the Rock for the year is Sunday 21 February.

Parish AGM The parish annual general meeting will be on Sunday 24 April after the 10.30 am Service. Special permission has been granted for this meeting to take place after the usual end of March deadline as this coincides with Easter this year.

Please pray for Reg Barton whose funeral will be at St Peters on Thursday, and for Richard King and Sarah Naylor who are to be married here on Saturday.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose Memorials occur at this time Roy Tokona, Margaret Carruthers, Ellen Allen, Rita Stedman, Stanley Hopkins, Merle Forrest, Daniel Gillies, and Mary Robbins.

Church opposition to assisted suicide bill Nine Anglican Bishops have made a submission to the parliamentary health select

committee on physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia. They are Philip Richardson, Bishop of Taranaki and Archbishop of Tikanga Pakeha, Ross Bay, Bishop of Auckland, Justin Duckworth, Bishop of Wellington, Richard Ellena, Bishop of Nelson, Helen-Anne Hartley, Bishop of Waikato, Andrew Hedge, Bishop of Waiapu, Muru Walters, Tikanga Maori Bishop for the greater Wellington region, and Bruce Gilberd and Richard Randerson retired Bishops. Dismayingly and disappointingly Jim White, assistant Bishop of Auckland, has put in a submission in favour. The Interchurch Bioethics Council, an ecumenical panel of scientific and ethical experts, who represent the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of New Zealand have also put in a submission opposing the bill. The texts of these submissions are available for your perusal on the table in the Link and include Bishop Kelvin's refutation of Jim White's key arguments, or can be accessed by going to the Anglican Taonga website. Some key points in the Bishops' submission: The creation of a legal option establishes medically assisted dying as an acceptable and socially approved form of ending life which could encourage its use. Instead of being restricted to intractable cases of terminal illness, categories might extend to include other forms of treatable illness, depression, loneliness, the handicapped or babies born with severe deformities. Many suffering such conditions, or their parents or guardians, might take advantage of a new way out of the situation. Official committees set up to approve applications might in time adopt a de facto "death on demand" ethos, turning down few applications. Elder abuse is a well-established reality in our society. Family members and care providers might bring subtle, or not so subtle, pressure to bear on an ageing family member to "do the decent thing" and exit this life.

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