



St. Peter's Caversham  
**The Pebble**

**27 March**

**Easter Sunday**

**Exsultet**

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the song of all God's people!

Accept this Easter candle,  
a flame divided but undimmed,  
a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God.

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning  
Christ, that morning Star, who came back from the dead,  
and shed his peaceful light on all mankind,  
your Son who lives and reigns for ever.  
Amen.

## 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, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Procession.

#### HYMNS:

338 At the name of Jesus

112 Jesus lives

104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

113 Love's redeeming work is done

110 Jesus Christ is risen today

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 10: 3-4, 36-43](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

The response to [Psalm 118](#) is:

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad**

[John 20: 1-18](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 5: 12-16](#)

[Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19](#)

[John 20: 19-31](#)

### Parish News

**Renewal of baptismal promises** The 10.30 am Sung Mass today will begin with the renewal of our baptismal promises, which the Vicar will lead from the font. The response to each of the questions is, "I do." This will be followed by a procession around the interior of the Church, which the able bodied are invited to join. Because the renewal of baptismal promises includes an assent to the essentials of the Nicene Creed we will not recite the creed in its

usual place, but will instead proceed directly from the sermon to the prayers of the people.

**Thank you** to the dedicated team of David Hoskins, Sacred Ministers, readers, flower arrangers, brass cleaners and other helpers who made the Holy Week Services possible, and who ensured that they would be performed to their usual high standard.

**Cathedral Choir to visit** Last year we hosted the Christchurch Cathedral choir. This year we will host the Dunedin Cathedral choir and their organist and choir director George Chittenden. This will be for Evensong and Benediction on Sunday 6 November at 5 pm. On that occasion we will celebrate the Feast of the Dedication. A social gathering will follow afterwards so that we can mix and mingle with the choristers.

**Raffle** A raffle is currently under way for church funds with tickets on sale after the 10.30 am Service. The raffle will be drawn this morning.

**Way Forward gathering** The Bishop is holding a series of meetings throughout the diocese ahead of the May meeting of the General Synod to discuss and confer with Otago Southland Anglicans about the Motion 30 Same Sex blessings proposal contained in the report of the Way Forward task group. The Dunedin gathering will be at the Diocesan Office in Green Island on Tuesday 12 April at 7 pm.

**Marjorie Palmer RIP** The funeral for our beloved Marjorie Palmer will be on Wednesday at 1.30 pm here at St Peters.

**Electoral deadlock for next Tikanga Maori Bishop for the South Island** The electoral college to select the successor to Bishop John Gray which met last week in Christchurch found itself unable to come to a clear decision after 8 ballots. The bench of Bishops will now choose another date for the Electoral College to reconvene and attempt to elect a new Bishop.

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

**Pray for those who have died** Marjorie Palmer, Evelyn Edmundson.

**The reputation of Bishop Bell** Until recently Bishop George Bell of Chichester was one of the heroes of 20<sup>th</sup> century Anglicanism. His early warnings against Hitler and assisting the escape of refugees from Nazi Germany, his connections with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the plotters against Hitler, his opposition to the carpet bombing of German cities, and his early endorsement of the ecumenical movement made him much admired. Recently a woman has come forward who has claimed that he sexually interfered with her when she was a child. After investigation the diocese of Chichester has formally apologised to her and paid her compensation of 15,000 pounds. The follow on publicity has led to a number of schools and institutions named after him hastily renaming themselves. A group of academics, politicians, lawyers and church figures, including historian and Bell's biographer Andrew Chandler, have come forward to claim that the "valuable reputation of a great man has been carelessly destroyed, on the basis of slender evidence sloppily investigated." They point out that the investigation did not consult Bell's papers or diaries, and that a surviving member of Bell's staff found the survivor's claim "incredible." Like a number of major British institutions the C of E has found itself on the back foot for its failure to deal thoroughly and effectively with historic sex abuse cases. In its desire to enable the voices of survivors to be heard it has lowered the burden of proof required and is prepared to take complainants at their word without corroborating evidence. This has sharpened up its ability to deal with such cases but brings with it a follow on dilemma, how to act in accord with the principles of natural justice when the proceedings are heard behind closed doors with no-one to represent or defend the dead.

**Easter Meditation gathering** Friday 1 April 5.30-6pm St Peter Chanel, 242 Main South Rd, Green Island. Organised by local Christian Meditation groups. All welcome.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hugh Bowron – 455- 3961

**Vicar's Warden:** Tubby Hopkins – 454-2399

**People's Warden:** Kate Paterson – 455-5384

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