



St. Peter's Caversham

10 April

## The Pebble

Easter 3

### Reflections on what is required to die well

Death itself does not frighten me so much as the thought of a long and feeble old age. The litany in the Prayer Book prays that we may be delivered from sudden death, but it means sudden and unprepared, and we are not meant to want to linger...More difficult is to learn to hand over to God one's willingness to be old and feeble, to enter a second childhood in which one loses all one's adult dignity, and is stripped of all one's painfully acquired knowledge, and has to begin all over again, at the mercy of other people...

My bodily life will be finished, and it will be a relief if the body is worn out, and the purpose of my life will have been achieved, and I shall be with God...I shall see him face to face. It will not be pleasant, for my sins have spoiled my taste for him. But I believe that he wills to cleanse me in the saving death of Jesus, and I know that I will to receive his cleansing love here, and there; now and then. Through his mercy I believe that I shall achieve my true end for which I was born, and towards which all my prayer and daily life have been pointing, the enjoyment of God for ever in communion with the blessed company of all faithful people.

*Fr Reginald Cant  
Canon of York Minster*

## 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

#### HYMNS:

345 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice

200 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

279 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest(T. 250)

Clear vault of heaven (See insert)

375 I danced in the morning when the world was begun

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41](#)

The response to [Psalm 30](#) is:

**I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me**

[Revelation 5: 11-14](#)

[John 21: 1-19](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 13: 14, 43-52](#)

[Revelation 7: 9, 14-17](#)

[John 10: 27-30](#)

### Parish News

**Potluck lunch** A potluck lunch follows this morning's 10.30 am Service as is our custom on the second Sunday of the month. All welcome.

**Paradise and Calvary** Preparations are well under way for our special Easter season Service on Sunday 17 April at 5 pm in which we will reflect on four of John Donne's poems about death and resurrection. Some parishioners will be offering personal reflections on Easter themes.

**Requiem for Margery Palmer** We will remember Margery Palmer with a Requiem Eucharist on Saturday 23 April at 10 am.

**Day of intercession for the parish** Margery's requiem will inaugurate the day of intercession for the parish in which the Church will be open from then on throughout the day so that parishioners can drop in for a time of private prayer, concluding with Evensong and Benediction at 4 pm. The day of intercession prepares for and undergirds the parish AGM, which follows the next day on Sunday 24 April, and the Stewardship programme that will run over the following two weeks.

**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.

**Organist celebrity concert** Striking while the iron is hot the Vicar has asked the Cathedral organist to be our celebrity organist this year, following on from the success of the Douglas Mews concert that opened our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. George has agreed with enthusiasm. The concert will be on a Saturday afternoon 29 October.

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

**Frances Hodgkins** The Frances Hodgkins house group will meet tomorrow at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge to watch two films from the World's Great Churches series, one on Chartres Cathedral and the other on Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

**St Barnabas 60<sup>th</sup>** St Barnabas rest home will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding on Wednesday 4 May with a Service in the Chapel at 2.30 pm presided over by the Bishop.

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

**Pray for those who have died** Basil Dickie and Edward Welch.

**Easter Sunday raffle results** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Bear and Chocolates Toby Paris, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Easter Bunny Rita-May Brown. The raffle raised \$96 for church funds.

**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.

**Rock** The deadline for Rock articles is Sunday 24 April.

**St George's day** The day of intercession on 23 April, which begins with Margery Palmer's Requiem and continues with the parish working bee, coincides with St George's day. Normally we would run our flag of St George up the flag pole but that was stolen during our recent flag pole troubles. Would any parishioner(s) care to cover the costs of a new St George's flag? Given our new flag pole arrangements it would be safe from any future theft attempts.

### **Parish AGM**

**The parish annual general meeting will follow the 10.30 am Service on Sunday 24 April. In addition to electing the Vestry and People's Warden we must in accord with the required two year cycle elect Synod representatives. Nominations for these positions can be lodged in the box at the back of the Church. Nominations cannot be lodged off the floor of the AGM**

### **Parish Directory**

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

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

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

**Stewardship Recorder:** Averil Hopkins - 454-2399

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