



St. Peter's Caversham

17 April

# The Pebble

Easter 4

## The Bright Field

I have seen the sun break through  
to illuminate a small field  
for a while, and gone my way  
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl  
of great price, the one field that had  
the treasure in it. I realize now  
that I must give all that I have  
to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after  
an imagined past. It is the turning  
aside like Moses to the miracle  
of the lit bush, to a brightness  
that seemed as transitory as your youth  
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

*R.S. Thomas*

## 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:

437 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him

119 The strife is o'er, the battle done

457 The King of love my shepherd is

459 The Lord's my shepherd

416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

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

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

The response to [Psalm 100](#) is:

**We are God's people, the sheep of his flock**

[John 10: 27-30](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 14: 21-27](#)

[Revelation 21: 1-5](#)

[John 13: 31-35](#)

### Parish News

**Paradise and Calvary** Our special Easter season Service takes place this evening at 5 pm in which we will reflect on four of John Donne's poems about death and resurrection. Jo Steele, Gwen Hudson, Brian Kilkelly and Fr Carl Somers-Edgar will be offering personal reflections on Easter themes.

**Requiem for Margery Palmer** We will remember Margery Palmer with a Requiem Eucharist next Saturday 23 April at 10 am. Please let the Vicar know if you would like to speak at this Service.

**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 call in for a time of private prayer. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day to assist and focus our prayers. The day concludes with Evensong and Benediction at 4 pm, followed by drinks and nibbles in the lounge as is our custom after Evensong and Benediction of the first Sunday of the month. 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.

**Working bee** Please can you help with our working bee next Saturday which begins at 10.30 am directly after Margery Palmer's Requiem. It would be a great help if you could bring with you some gardening tools, such as trowels, small garden forks, a spade, a kneeler, a lopper and secateurs.

**Fellowship group** The Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday 26 April at 1.45 pm to head down to the Bay Café in Macandrew Bay for afternoon tea. Contact Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613.

**Christian World Service Christmas appeal** CWS have let us know that we raised \$190 towards the Christmas appeal last year.

**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.

**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.

**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** Alice Isaac, Grace McAllan, and Gwendlyn Hiscock

**Organist celebrity concert** The Cathedral organist George Chittenden will be our celebrity organist this year. The concert will be on Saturday afternoon 29 October at 2 pm.

**St George's day** Next Saturday's day of intercession and 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, which would amount to \$86.25? Given our new flag pole arrangements it would be safe from any future theft attempts.

**The paternity of Justin Welby** The Archbishop of Canterbury has won widespread praise for the equanimity and generosity of spirit with which he has received the news that a DNA test proves that his biological father is Sir Anthony Montague Browne and not Gavin Welby who married his mother nine months before his birth. Justin has spoken often of his hard childhood raised by alcoholic and separated parents who were often not there for him. That he has emerged as balanced and high functioning as he is says a great deal about his intestinal fortitude and the depth of his faith. He declares that when he turned to Christ at the age of 19 he received a new identity in Christ and that is the one that matters. Jane Portal his mother and Anthony Montague Browne were part of the support staff around the ageing Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the 1950's.

### **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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