



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

Easter 6

1 May

The Presence

I pray and incur
silence. Some take that silence
for refusal.

I feel the power
that, invisible, catches me
by the sleeve, nudging
towards the long shelf
that has the book on it I will take down
and read and find the antidote
to an ailment.

I know its ways with me;
how it enters my life,
is present rather
before I perceive it, sunlight quivering
on a bare wall.

Is it consciousness trying
to get through?
Am I under
regard?

It takes me seconds
to focus, by which time
it has shifted its gaze,
looking a little to one
side, as though I were not here.

It has the universe
to be abroad in.
There is nothing I can do
but fill myself with my own
silence, hoping it will approach
like a wild creature to drink
there, or perhaps like Narcissus
to linger a moment over its transparent face.

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:

475 Ye holy angels bright

431 O Thou who camest from above

351 Come ye faithful raise the anthem

298 May the grace of Christ our Saviour

342 Breathe on me breath of God

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29](#)

The response to [Psalm 67](#) is:

O God, let all the nations praise you

[Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23](#)

[John 14: 23-29](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 1: 1-11](#)

[Hebrews 9: 24-28, 19-23](#)

[Luke 24: 46-53](#)

Parish News

Evensong and Benediction this evening at 5 pm followed by refreshments in the parish lounge.

Funeral of Bernard Whitley Bernard, who has been a regular at our 10.30 am Service since last year, unexpectedly died last Wednesday having helped out at our working bee and been to Church the weekend before. His funeral will be at St Peter's on Tuesday at 10 am.

Stewardship programme Parishioners on the parish roll should have received by now a financial facts pamphlet relating to the parish's financial situation, a brochure on the

subject of Christian stewardship, and a bequests pamphlet. This will be followed up in many cases by a visit.

New to St Peter's? Please consider joining our envelope scheme if you have recently become a regular worshipper at St Peter's. This entitles you to receive back a third of what you give from IRD. Contact Averil Hopkins (see back page contact details) for further information.

St Barnabas 60th St Barnabas rest home will celebrate its 60th anniversary of founding on Wednesday with a Service in the Chapel at 2.30 pm presided over by the Bishop, assisted by the Vicar.

Frances Hodgkins The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am. The Frances Hodgkins house group will meet on Monday 9 May in the Garden Lounge. The film "Churches: How to Read Them" will be shown.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday 11 May. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Next Sunday We will celebrate the feast of the Ascension.

Readers requested for Pentecost Vigil The feast of Pentecost falls on Sunday 15 May. St Peters makes much of this key point in the Christian year by celebrating a candlelit Vigil of Readings incorporated within the Eucharistic rite of the Liturgy of St Basil on Saturday evening 14 May at 6 pm, followed by a shared meal. Can you help with this Service by reading one of the lessons? Sign up details on the noticeboard in the Link.

General Synod Please remember in your prayers the General Synod of our Church that will meet in Napier from 6-13 May. Amongst other important items of business it must decide whether to accept and act on "The Way Forward" report in the matter of same sex blessings.

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

Pray for those who have died Bernard Whitley

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Alan Paris, Muriel Jones, and Nellie Bremner

Change of Thursday Morning Service location The Thursday morning 10 am Eucharist will be celebrated in the parish lounge until further notice.

Rock The new edition of the Rock is available in the Link and at the back of the Church.

St George's flag A parishioner has generously come forward to fund the purchase of a new flag of St George, which has now been purchased.

Speaking of Life and Death The University of Otago Bioethics centre and St Pauls Cathedral are offering a series of specialist presentations on the subject of Euthanasia. The aim of the lectures is to encourage a good and informed debate. In this spirit each participant speaks only for themselves and from their experience and it is anticipated that there will be differences of opinion and perspective. The presenters are 4 May Dr Chris Jackson Oncologist, 11 May Associate professor Colin Gavaghan Faculty of Law, 18 May Professor David Tombs Faculty of Theology, 25 May Plenary Panel with Professor Grant Gillet, Bioethics Centre. All sessions are at the Cathedral on successive Wednesdays at 5.30 pm.

Vestry news The Vestry approved the budget for the 12 months ahead and presented to the AGM. A quote was accepted from Delta to cut down the twin stem elm tree on Baker Street. Quotes were being sought for a new lawn mowing contract. Planning is under way for a parish outing to Teschemakers. The implications for the parish of the new health and safety legislation were considered. David Hoskins was appointed the parish health and safety officer.

Parish Directory

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