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The Pebble

5 March 2017

Lent 1

The Glance

When first thy sweet and gracious eye
Vouchsafed even in the midst of youth and night
To look upon me, who before did lie
 Weltering in sin;
I felt a sugared strange delight,
Passing all cordials made by any art,
Bedew, embalm, and overrun my heart,
 And take it in.

Since that time many a bitter storm
My soul hath felt, even able to destroy,
Had the malicious and ill-meaning harm
 His swing and sway:
But still thy sweet original joy,
Sprung from thine eye, did work within my soul,
And surging griefs, when they grew bold, control,
 And got the day.

If thy first glance so powerful be,
A mirth but opened and sealed up again;
What wonders shall we feel, when we shall see
 Thy full-eyed love!

When thou shalt look us out of pain,
And one aspect of thine spend in delight
More than a thousand suns disburse in light,
 In heaven above.

George Herbert

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 after the Solemn Sung Eucharist

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS:

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

67 Forty days and forty nights

333 All my hope on God is founded

445 Rock of Ages

74 O for a heart to praise my God (T. 64)

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 51](#) is:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

[Romans 5: 12-19](#)

[Matthew 4: 1-11](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Genesis 12: 1-40](#)

[2 Timothy 1: 8-10](#)

[Matthew 17: 1-9](#)

PARISH NEWS

Fish and Chip Friday Eucharists As is our custom our Lenten extra will be 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.

Thursday Eucharists continue as usual 10 am Thursday.

Frances Hodgkins The Frances Hodgkins house group will meet on Monday at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

Evensong and Benediction This evening at 5 pm with a social gathering in the lounge afterwards.

Rock The first edition of the Rock for the year is available at the back of the Church and in the Link.

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

10.30 rosters If you assist the 10.30 liturgy in any capacity you should have received a copy of the new roster for the year ahead. Please let the Vicar know if you do not have one.

Today's poem John Drury writes, "The subject of "The Glance" is eye contact, as important as it is unspoken in the everyday communication of person with person. The first verse shows Herbert's ability to recapture past feeling, the overpowering delight of adolescent religious emotion, in all its original reality. It is followed in the second verse by recollection of sadder times when its power was reduced to that of memory. In the third verse the singular "I" is superseded by the plural "we" as the poet becomes maturely social and projects his theme into future, ultimate and steady bliss. Only at the end is the full content and possibility of the theme, the kindly eye, realised. The captivating image "when thou shalt look us out of pain" has a homely suggestion of a comforting mother cheering up her hurt child with sympathetically coaxing smiles. The reference to a "thousand suns" in the last lines is a reference to the final vision in the book of Revelation where "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" in the heavenly city, where "they shall need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light."

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Jonathan Gillies, Katie Bowron, Bruce Moore and Denise Walker

Please pray for Jordan West and James Smith who are to be married at St Peter's on Saturday 18 March.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time June Paterson, Frederick White, Margery Scott, Kaye Fowler, George Hopkins, John Hamer, Thomas Robbins, Claude Morris and Philip Hitchcox.

Ministers association meeting reflections Last Wednesday the Vicar attended the local Ministers Association meeting to meet Nick Orbell, the new DCC community development worker for the area. This had been billed as an opportunity to hear the DCC's plans to regenerate South D. Yet as the meeting went on no such plan was unveiled. Instead we heard of the community development worker's assignment being to develop "resilience" within the different local communities so as to be able to cope with future challenging incidents. Questions were asked about the slowness of the DCC to create a "Hub" for the area and we were told that one of the challenges was the number of quality businesses taking up premises in King Edward St thus making it harder to find a suitable site for the "Hub." Apparently a local newsletter had been launched entitled "The Lowdown" but its initial circulation had been limited. The Vicar gave his e mail contact details so as to be able to access it in the future. Some discussion centred around the DCC's struggles to overcome its past reputation for incompetence and dysfunction. Fr Gerard Aynsley spoke of a perceived disconnect between what local elected representatives promised and what officials and departments were actually prepared to do. Elected representatives had expressed strong support for the St Patricks Basilica redevelopment, especially of a proposed accompanying community green space, yet when it came to approaching the relevant DCC department all requests for assistance had been stonewalled.

Key dates leading up to the Electoral Synod

March 20 Nominations open. April 17 Nominations close.

May 26-28 Electoral College to be held at Holy Cross, Mosgiel.

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