



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

19 March 2017

Lent 3

Atonement theories do not claim to define or explain the inner mechanics of salvation. They seek to express in limited analogical language the reality of God's decisive act on behalf of a broken world. There was some kind of victory that took place, some kind of power shift in the universe, some kind of ransom paid, some kind of healing initiated, some ultimate kind of love displayed, some kind of dramatic rescue effected. Of course, the terrible paradox of the Christian faith is that this rescue, this victory, this healing happened because of a death – a notorious execution. This is the dark mystery of the Atonement. No theory of the atonement can effectively account for that central paradox. Rather, the range of atonement theories attempt to focus our attention, illuminate the truth and point beyond themselves to God.

*Leanne Van Dyk  
Do Atonement Theories Foster Abuse?  
Dialog 35, no 1 (Winter 1996)*

## 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

#### HYMNS:

507 Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us

414 O for a closer walk with God

374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

70 Lord Jesus, think on me (2<sup>nd</sup> tune)

251 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Exodus 17: 3-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 95](#) is:

**If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts**

[Romans 5: 1-11](#)

[John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13](#)

[Ephesians 5: 8-14](#)

[John 9: 1-41](#)

### 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.

**June concert** Arnold Bachop and friends will lead a concert of British Art Songs and Arias on Sunday afternoon 11 June at 2.30 pm, \$10 a ticket. Proceeds will go towards the cost of the installation of the Woodhouse window in the Link.

**Window installation** Kevin Casey has completed the cleaning and repair of the Woodhouse window in his workshop and has

now begun the preliminary work on the installation. This should be completed in two to three weeks' time. We are hoping to have a joint Service with the Holy Cross parishioners in which we host them for a dedication of the window and a recalling of the shared history of our two parishes on Sunday 7 May. The Holy Cross parishioners will be with us for our Good Friday Service.

**Fellowship group** The Fellowship Group will meet at 12.15 pm for lunch at the Ross Home café on Tuesday 28 March followed by a walk in the Botanical Gardens – weather permitting. Please advise Raylene 455 2389 by Friday 24 March if you plan to be there.

**Paving stones for the wilderness garden** Fredericka Schmaltz, who leads an art class in our hall, has created a wilderness garden for us out of the piece of untended ground by the kitchen. It is on the road to becoming a most attractive part of our church gardens. She now recommends that we create a pathway through it to make it more accessible and useable. Do you have some paving stones or bricks you could contribute for this purpose, or would you feel able to contribute to the purchase of some paving stones?

**Vestry news** It was resolved to continue parish financial support for the Hicks family in their missionary endeavours in the Solomons. Continuing difficulties were being experienced in trying to get an insurance assessor to inspect the collapsed ceiling in the upstairs bedroom in the Vicarage. Dunedin roofing systems had fixed the leak in the Vicarage chimney but a new leak had developed in a different part of the Vicarage roof.

**Brass cleaning** There will be brass cleaning on Holy Saturday 15 April – your presence would be much appreciated.

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

**Pray for those who have died recently** Denise Walker

**Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time** Ben Holden, Frederick Buxton, Doreen Price, Norma Moorhead, and Alexander Wood.

**The hounding of Bishop Philip North** Bishop Philip North was recently chosen to be the next Bishop of Sheffield, a move away from his present role as Bishop of Burnley. A traditionalist Anglo-Catholic he is opposed to the ordination of women but is happy with female leadership in the church and has co-existed with women clergy on his patch in an amicable and co-operative way. This is the way things are supposed to be under the accord that cleared the way for women bishops in the church – traditionalist would have an honoured place in the church and would not be marginalised onto a reservation for dead-enders. Moreover North has earned a reputation as the defender of the church's mission on sink-hole estates and the bad lands of northern cities. He wants priests to avoid becoming chaplains only to the leafy suburbs and the gin and jag parishes. But he has withdrawn his acceptance of the new bishopric after a campaign of public hounding and opposition from women clergy within Sheffield diocese and from prominent liberals such as Martin Percy, the Dean of Christ Church Oxford. This is the second time he has been blocked in such a way as his proposed translation to Whitby was also frustrated by a similar though less vitriolic campaign. The Archbishop of York is dismayed and Bishop Pete Broadbent of Willesden has denounced the exclusive "inclusives" and has said that "we're all in trouble" if there was not future in the church for traditionalist Catholics. During the controversy Bishop North's candidature for Sheffield was supported by 23 women priests in his own diocese and by three woman bishops. The Church of England is now finding out what some of us have known for a long time – there is nothing more intolerant than an "inclusive" liberal in full cry.

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