



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

26 March 2017

Mothering Sunday

### A Song of St Anselm

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride,  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed  
us.

Jesus by your dying, we are born to a new life;  
by your anguish and labour we bring forth joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us

## 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  
434 Oft in danger, oft in woe  
285 For the beauty of the earth  
282 Faithful shepherd, feed me  
77 The God of love my shepherd is

### READINGS FOR TODAY

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

The response to [Psalm 23](#) is:

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

[Ephesians 5: 8-14](#)

[John 9: 1-41](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 37: 12-14](#)

[Romans 8: 8-11](#)

[John 11: 1-45](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Mothering Sunday** In keeping with our honouring of Mothering Sunday sprigs of rosemary will be blessed and distributed at the end of the morning Services.

**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.

**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 very soon. 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?

#### **Parish AGM**

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of parishioners of St Peter's Caversham will be held on Sunday 23 April 2017 in the parish lounge after the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of hearing and receiving the reports of the Vicar and the Wardens, receiving the parish accounts for the past year and the parish budget for the year ahead, electing the People's Warden, the Vestry and the auditor and discussing any general business.

**Rock** The latest edition of the Rock is available for collection at the back of the Church or in the Link.

**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 whose anniversary occurs at this time** Evelyn Edmundson.

**Record numbers visit St Luke's Oamaru** The Oamaru Mail reports that it is estimated that more than 40,000 people have visited St Luke's Anglican Church Oamaru since late 2002 when a volunteer group, calling itself Steeple people, was formed to open the Church to visitors. They also act as tour guides answering questions and pointing out areas of interest. The Church was temporarily closed after an act of vandalism so the volunteer group came into being to enable it to be regularly open to the public with a particular view to making it available to the many tourists who pass through the Harbour Street Victorian precinct nearby. "Recently the 4,000<sup>th</sup> visitor in the 2016-17 season, a French tourist, passed through," the visitor season running from October to April. Chinese tourists are the biggest visitor group, followed by Germans, and then New Zealanders. Japanese visitors have been moved to note a small outdoor memorial dedicated to those who died in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. Apparently tourists regularly attend the Church's regular Services. Visitor numbers have increased year by year. This initiative is a small part of Oamaru's growing reputation as the little town that could with many locals getting behind the revitalisation of the Victorian Harbour St Precinct and the development of quite a number of appropriate and interesting shops. This is a town that has found its mojo, its distinctive charisma that marks it out from other provincial centres and makes it a place where travellers want to stop and explore and spend.

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

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

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

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

**Director of Music:** David Hoskins 453-4621

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