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The Pebble

16 April 2017

Easter Day

The dead hear not thunder, nor feel they an earthquake. If the cannon batter the Church walls, in which they lie buried, it wakes not them, nor does it shake or affect them...but yet there is a voice, which the dead shall hear; the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live. It is a clamour, a vociferation, a shout. It carries a penetration and a power, a command. Since that voice at the Creation said, *Let there be a world*, was never heard such a voice as this, *Arise ye dead*.

> John Donne Sermon preached on Easter day 1622, on 1 Thessalonians 4: 17

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 and Procession <u>HYMNS:</u>
338 At the name of Jesus

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel 104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing 118 The Lord is risen indeed! 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

READINGS FOR TODAY

Acts 10: 34, 36-43 A cantor will sing Psalm 118 to which we sing the refrain Alleluia Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-18 **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY** Acts 2: 42-47 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Prelude on Victory, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

PARISH NEWS

Renewal of baptismal promises This morning's 10.30 am Mass will begin with the renewal of baptismal promises, which the Vicar will lead from the font. The response to each of the questions is, "I do." This will be followed by a procession around the interior of the Church, which the able bodies are invited to join. Because the renewal of baptismal promises includes an assent to the essentials of the Nicene Creed we will

not recite the creed in its usual place, but will instead proceed directly from the sermon to the prayers of the people.

<u>**Requiem for Jean Allen</u>** A requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of long standing St Peter's parishioner Jean Allen next Saturday at 11 am.</u>

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. Nominations for People's Warden and members of Vestry can be lodged in the box at the back of the Church on the nominations forms provided.

<u>AGM reports</u> As requested at last year's AGM some of the key reports are provided at the back of the Church for parishioners to take away and peruse ahead of next Sunday's AGM. These include the Treasurer's report, the annual accounts and the forward budget for the year ahead.

Parish working bee There will be an autumn tidy up of the Church grounds on Saturday 29 April beginning at 9.30 am. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

<u>Window installation</u> The Woodhouse window has been installed in the Link. We will 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.

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

Pray for those who have recently died especially Jean Allan. **Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time** Edward Welch, Alice Isaac, Grace McAllan and Gwendolyn Hiscock <u>Countdown to the Episcopal election</u> Nominations for the next Bishop of Dunedin close tomorrow. Information details on the potential candidates will then be sent to the Electoral College representatives. These will include a candidate information profile, a spiritual biography of each candidate and their answers to certain set questions. The candidates will be required to do a filmed interview with only 24 hours to think about the questions they will have to answer. These will be shown after their nominator and seconder have given their speeches. The Electoral College will meet on the last weekend of May. Bishop Jim White, the assistant bishop of Auckland, will preside over the Electoral College, assisted by the Chancellor of the Waikato Diocese Chris Harding as the Diocese of Dunedin is currently without a Chancellor.

A Prayer for the calling of the next Bishop of Dunedin

Gracious and loving God, call to serve among us as our bishop a true shepherd, a faithful disciple, a person of prayer, and one who will share the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Otago and Southland. Equip us, with our new bishop, to be a Church that is joyful in worship, united in witness, and courageous in service to the world, to the glory of your name.

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. 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 Contacts

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