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The Pebble

1 April 2018

Easter Day

The Easter Anthems

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed: therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven,

the leaven of corruption and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again: death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all: but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ. Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death: by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die:

so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 5: 7, 8; Romans 6: 9-11; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered at the communion rail 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 5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction HYMNS 338 At the name of Jesus We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel **104** At the Lamb's high feast we sing Communion: Were you there? (Soloist: Arnold Bachop) **110** Jesus Christ is risen today **READINGS FOR TODAY** Acts 10: 34, 36-43 The response to Psalm 118 is: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad Colossians 3: 1-4 Mark 16: 1-7 **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY** Acts 4: 32-35 I John 5: 1-6 John 20: 19-31

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.

Evensong and Benediction this evening at 5 pm followed by a social time in the lounge.

<u>Midweek Eucharist</u> Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday at 10 am.

Frances Hodgkins Mass The Vicar will celebrate the Anglican Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday morning at 11 am. **Film evening** Our autumn film season begins on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm in the Vicarage with the screening of *Farewell*. As the Soviet Union lumbered towards its eventual end it depended more and more on its deeply embedded moles to spy on western defence industries and steal their secrets as it struggled to keep up with the arms race. Colonel Grigoriev of the KGB decided to pull down the rotten edifice he lived in by revealing all to western intelligence. This French film is based on a true story and shows why truth is stranger than fiction. **Rock** The latest edition of the Rock is available.

Parish ordination in June Bishop Steven has confirmed that our own Brian Kilkelly will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday 10 June at the 10.30 am Service here at St Peter's. The parish will give Brian a cassock as its ordination present to him. Contributions towards this can be given to the Vicar.

<u>April parish bus outing to Owaka and the Catlins</u> There will be a St Peter's bus trip to Owaka and on down the highway on Saturday 14 April leaving Baker St at 9 am and returning at 5 pm. The journey itinerary includes Kaka Point, Owaka, and Pounawea, Purakaunui Falls, Florence Hills and Lake Wilkie. Lunch will be at Papatowai camping ground – please bring your own lunch. The cost is \$30. Please sign the booking form on the Link noticeboard. The bus is a 21 seater so it would pay to book in early.

<u>**Pray for the Sick and Infirm**</u> Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia Napier, Paul Hill and John Steele.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Evelyn Edmundson, Denise Walker, Alexander Nugent, Adam-Michael Paterson, Jean Allen, Robert Rae and for Nora Miller whose funeral was at St Barnabas on Maundy Thursday.

Controversy brews in Aberdeen and Orkney The Scottish Episcopal Church is small with around 30,000 members. It is also by and large liberal following the lead of the American Episcopal Church and the Canadian Anglican Church in approving gay marriage. However, there is one pocket of conservative sentiment in the diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney. When its bishop recently retired the diocese failed twice in the canonical procedures required to elect a bishop so the house of bishops stepped in and chose a candidate for them. Their choice fell on the Revd Anne Dyer, Rector of Haddington in East Lothian, a Yorkshire woman and former Principal of Cranmer Hall, an evangelical theological college in Durham. Dyer is also a strong supporter of gay marriage in church. A strong reaction followed. The Dean of the diocese and one of the Cathedral Canons resigned in protest calling the choice, "not only insensitive but also disrespectful." Half the stipendiary clergy and a number of senior lay people wrote an open letter to the bishops accusing them of, "fostering disquiet and division" by their choice. The Primus of the Episcopal Church hit back with an open letter castigating the critics and telling them to get in to line. The consecration of Dyer has proceeded and now an interesting and uneasy situation prevails. Dyer has a slight practical problem as she endeavours to get around her far flung diocese and meet her critics - she can't drive.

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