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# The Pebble

# 12 May 2019 Easter 4

What Christ does and suffers affects all things, all areas of human experience and so all aspects of human relation, including relation with what is not human. Around him the whole universe reorganises itself, just as human history reorganises itself around this new centre which is at the same time the ancient unchangeable centre of God's glory. Once again, the Jesus who lived and died as a particular human being "opens out" upon the glory of God. And that glory is here visually brought down into the middle of the realm of death so that death may be swallowed up. As his hand grasps the hands of Adam and Eve, Jesus goes back to embrace the first imaginable moment of rebellion and false direction in human life – as in the icons and liturgy of the transfiguration we are reminded that he goes fully into the depths of human agony. He reaches back to and beyond where human memory begins: "Adam and Eve" stand for wherever in the human story that fear and refusal of God began – not a moment we can date in human history, any more than we can date in the history of each one of us where we began to forget God. But we are always dealing with the after-effects of that moment, both as a human race and as particular persons. The icon declares that wherever the lost moment is and was, Christ has been there, to implant the possibility, never destroyed, of another turning, another future; in his resurrection, he brings all these possibilities to reality. Praying with Icons - Rowan Williams

# 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

#### **HYMNS FOR TODAY**

443 Rejoice the Lord is KingWe sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading457 The King of love my shepherd is282 Faithful Shepherd feed me119 The strife is o'er, the battle done (T.107)

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

Acts 13: 14, 43-52
The response to Psalm 100 is:
We are God's people, the sheep of his flock
Revelation 7: 9, 14-17
John 10: 27-30

## **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Acts 14: 21-27 Revelation 21: 1-5 John 13: 1, 31-33, 34-35

Organ postlude Prelude on "Vulpius" - Healy Willan (1880-1968)

## **PARISH NEWS**

<u>This morning</u> Fr Hugh is the preacher at this morning's Services. The potluck lunch follows today's 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

Fellowship group St Peter's Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday 28 May at the Home of St Barnabas at 2 pm. Please bring your favourite recipe. \$8 for afternoon tea – please phone Raylene 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613 if you intend coming.

New church roster The present roster of liturgical duties for the 10.30 Service comes to an end at the end of May and a new one will shortly be compiled. Please advise Di Bunker of any major holiday plans you have for the rest of the year to assist in the bringing together of the new roster.

Revision of parish roll The parish is carrying out a revision of its parish roll. Being on the parish roll gives you speaking and voting rights at parish special general and annual meetings. More importantly it enables the clergy to visit you to offer pastoral support if requested or required. Getting on the roll requires filling out an application form that can be requested from the Vicar. The contact information garnered from this form will not be made available to the diocese and will only be available to the clergy, the Wardens and the Vestry.

<u>Church open</u> We want St Peter's to be open to the public for much of Saturday. We are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to give an hour of their time for the Saturday afternoon watch. A brief period of training would be given to assist with showing visitors the main features of the church and to be able to give something of its history. If you would be available to volunteer for this please put your name on the notice on the Link noticeboard.

**Rock deadline** The deadline for copy for the next edition of the Rock is Sunday 19 May.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Stewart and Gillian Gordon and Fr Craig Moody.

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time</u> Alfred Chetwin, Glenda Thomas, Emily Idour, John Beatty, Eileen McLeod, John McGlyn and Louise Lewis.

<u>First Maori woman elected bishop</u> The Venerable Waitohiariki Quayle has been elected Bishop of Upoko o Te Ika, to serve as

shepherd to the Maori Anglican bishopric of the lower North Island. Bishop-elect Waitohiariki Quayle (b. 1950) has ties to Ngati Kahungunu and Whakatohea. She was ordained deacon (2013) and priest (2014) by Bishop Muru Walters at the Church of Te Hepara Pai at Masterton. Since 2015 Wai has served as Archdeacon of the Maori Pastorate at Wairarapa, alongside her role as Maori community health services manager for Whaiora Maori Health based in Masterton. Today, Bishop-elect Wai believes the two most pressing issues for whanau in her region are the "out of control" housing situation, and distressing rates of youth suicide. Bishop-elect Wai will take up her new role from her current ministry base in Carterton. She has been a widow since her husband Colin Quayle died in 1990. She has three children and five mokopuna.

<u>Date set for Nelson Episcopal ordination</u> The Revd Steve Maina will be ordained Bishop of Nelson on Saturday 31 August at Nelson Cathedral. Fr Hugh will be attending this Service.

This year's Caversham lectures The programme for this year's Caversham lectures is rapidly coming together. Dates and topics so far are "New Zealand Dairying: Blessing or Curse" Richard Kyte 5 November, "Aftermath: the political landscape left by the winding down of the wars in Syria and Iraq" Dr Bill Harris 12 November, "Crossing the Red Sea – Encounter on the Mountain" Fr James Harding examines the historicity or otherwise of the escape of the children of Israel from Pharaoh's Egypt and the meeting between Moses and God on Mount Sinai 19 November. These are all Tuesday evening events.

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