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# The Pebble

# 15 March 2020

Lent 3

Worship is an encounter with events. The gospel is about unique events through which the human situation has been changed. These events are not dead but alive. Christian worship has a unique character which operates on the principle of the incarnation. It is sacramental. In it the events of Christ's life, death and rising become truly present. Christ is not simply a human person present in our worship, he is the particular person of those events, and he is not simply present in our heads or in our feelings, but is sacramentally present.

George Guiver CR Pursuing the Mystery

#### 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 Eucharist5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

#### **HYMNS FOR TODAY**

379 In the cross of Christ I glory

376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

60 O Kind Creator (T. 244)

453 Stand up! Stand up for Jesus

### **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: 1-2, 5-8

John 4: 5-42

# **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

# **PARISH NEWS**

<u>Friday Fish and Chip Eucharists</u> Our Lenten extra on successive Fridays is a celebration of the Eucharist in the lounge at 5.30 pm followed by a shared fish and chip supper. Contributions of salads are warmly welcomed. Do join us.

Next church visit venue Our next church visit will be to the Polish Catholic church in Broad Bay on Saturday 21 March. A list has gone up on the Link noticeboard that seeks to match participants to drivers. Please bring a cut lunch with you. We will gather in the St Michaels, Andersons Bay, Harding Lounge afterwards for lunch. This will give those who have not seen this beautiful church before an opportunity to do so.

External sacristy light For some time some parishioners have been concerned that the night light outside the sacristy that lights up when people walk past lacked sufficient light capacity to make the footpath safe at night. A new higher lux LED bulb has been fitted and this appears to have resolved the issue.

Return of the Darcy Christopher trustees Every five years 2 Motueka accountants visit Dunedin to ensure that the beneficiaries of the Darcy Christopher estate will be using their disbursement wisely, well and in accordance with the terms of the bequest. Fr Hugh will be meeting with them on 1 April. 5 years ago St Peter's received \$25,000 from this source. This is a timely grant as the parish prepares to address earthquake strengthening issues to do with the church.

<u>Nomination Forms.</u> Forms for nominating office bearers at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on Sunday 29 March are at the back of church.

<u>Parish AGM</u> Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of parishioners of St Peter's, Caversham will be held on Sunday 29 March 2020 in the 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 year past and the parish budget for the year ahead, electing the parish officers and discussing any general business.

<u>Foodbank Donations</u> are gratefully accepted in the basket at the back of church. Canned and packaged goods welcomed.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Anne Bowker, Jane Hill, Lorraine Mitchell and James Bunker.

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time</u> Fredrick Allen, Arthur Goodwillie, Ellen Brown, William Hodgeson, James Clements, Ruth Mumford, Archpriest Fr Ilyan Eades, Ben Holden and Denise Walker.

<u>Please don't intinct</u> It is the advice of the bishop that intinction is not an acceptable practice for public worship when there is

concern about the spread of a contagious disease such as the Coronavirus pandemic. A combination of current literature and expert medical advice (and the bishop is a doctor) concludes that sipping from the common cup and sharing a handshake represents minimal risk of transmission of contagion and fall within the parameters of the normal risk of daily living. On the other hand, the practice of intinction is a higher risk activity; fingertips come in contact with the bread which is then dipped in the wine or fingertips coming in direct contact with the wine may contaminate the shared wine with pathogens other than those found in saliva. The choice for a communicant, then, is to share the common cup or to receive in only one kind i.e. just take the bread. Bishop Steven writes, "I appreciate that for some of you this may be a change in practice, but it is based upon the very best information and research. While the Reformation restored the common cup to the laity, Anglican sacramental theology has always held that the benefits of the sacrament do not require the reception in both kinds. One option would be for you to hold the cup or acknowledge the cup when it is passed to you, and then give it back without drinking from it."

<u>South Dunedin Future Project team visit</u> The South Dunedin Project Team, which is a consultation task team of the DCC, will meet with the Vestry in late March to talk about climate change, climate risks, local groundwater issues and flood risks affecting our suburb. This is part of a widespread community consultation process on a vital local issue.

# Parish Contacts.

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