



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

21 February 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

### Two quotes from today's sermon

We need another and wiser and perhaps more mystical concept of animals... They are not brethren, they are not underlings, they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendour and travail of the earth.

*Henry Beston*

Christ the incarnate one took flesh... He took matter into himself, so matter is not alien to him now. His body is a material body – transformed of course, but transformed matter. Thus he shares his being with the whole created order: animals and birds, snakes and worms, flowers and seeds. All parts of creation are now reconciled to Christ. And the created order is to be set free and to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. Sun and moon, planets and stars, pulsars and black holes – as well as planet earth – are to participate in the final consummation of the redemption.

*Metropolitan Gregorios*

## Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on-line. The Pebble assists those who are participants in our Services and also shares news and views of interest to parishioners.

### THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

**We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading**

285 For the beauty of the earth

67 Forty days and forty nights

468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Genesis 9: 8-15](#)

The response to [Psalm 25](#) is:

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.**

[1 Peter 3: 18-22](#)

[Mark 1: 12-15](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13](#)

[Romans 8: 31-34](#)

[Mark 9: 2-10](#)

## PARISH NEWS

**Omit the Gloria** A reminder that during the penitential season of Lent we do not say or sing the Gloria.

**Friday Fish and Chip Eucharists** Our Lenten extra is under way on successive Fridays with 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.

**Fellowship group** The St Peter's fellowship Group will meet at 12.15 pm for lunch in Equinox on Tuesday 23 February. Please phone Raylene on 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613 if you intend attending.

**Curry evening** Our first curry evening for the year will be on Thursday 25 February. A booking notice for this has gone up on the Link noticeboard.

**Outing to St Andrew's Maheno** There will be a parish outing on St Patrick's Day 17 March for an 11 am celebration of the Eucharist. Lunch will follow in the Maheno pub. A booking notice will go up soon.

**Second church outing of the year** The next church outing after Maheno will be to Holy Trinity Anglican church in Port Chalmers. This church Service has yet to be timetabled.

**Bless this house, O Lord we pray** Last Monday Fr Hugh was called upon by a real estate agent to bless a house where a death had recently occurred so that the new rental tenant could feel at ease when moving in. Our 1989 Prayer book provides a liturgy for just this purpose.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine, Lorraine Mitchell, Greta Barton, Eileen Pratt and Joy Henderson.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Stanley Hopkins, Merle Forrest, Daniel Gillies, Mary Robbins, Cyril Tourelle and Rosemary Simons.

## **Insurance issues to be considered at the next Vestry meeting**

Insurance premiums have risen off the back of new property valuations so that we will now have to pay just around \$8,300 pa as opposed to around \$5,000 previously. Our buildings are insured for reinstatement value which means that they would be replaced with modern building equivalents as opposed to exactly what we had before. However, under our previous insurance regime the Vicarage was insured for functional replacement at a lesser cost since we would not require a new house on the same grand scale as at present but rather a modern 3 bed roomed bungalow or ranch house. There are two ways of going about securing this more modest coverage with uncertain results as the extent to which this would significantly reduce our premiums.

**Parish AGM deferred until late April** The parish has received permission to defer the AGM until late April. We usually try to avoid the late March deadline as it adds unnecessary stress so close to Holy Week. It is also the case that because of the Covid lockdown we had our last AGM very late last year. This will also give the nominators an opportunity to report on how the search for a new Vicar is going.

**Vicarage drains** Plumbers have been toiling away these last few weeks to flush out blocked downpipes and drains around the Vicarage caused by the volume of rotten leaves in the guttering's and tree root infestation in the drains. All our storm water is now getting away into the drainage system.

## **Parish Contacts.**

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