



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

28 February 2021

2nd Sunday in Lent

In the minds of most, talk of death surely implied defeat and failure of mission. What is needed is a convincing and dramatic indication that Jesus continues to be God's agent of redemption. The transfiguration serves this purpose. It is intended to reassure Mark's readers that the necessity of Jesus' death does not result from a withdrawal of God's favour. Jesus' mission and purpose have not been compromised. God is just as much with Jesus after the announcement of his passion as he was after his baptism, and he still claims Jesus as his unique Son. Whereas the heavenly voice at the baptism might have been heard by Jesus alone, the voice at the transfiguration was heard by the disciples, who are enjoined: "Hear him!" Only Jesus can fulfil his Father's mission on earth.

Craig Evans
Word Biblical Commentary
Mark 8: 27 - 16: 20

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

HYMNS FOR TODAY

507 Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us

177 Christ upon the mountain peak

337 As pants the hart for cooling streams

249 Round me falls the night

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

The response to [Psalm 116](#) is:

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living**

[Romans 8: 31-34](#)

[Mark 9: 2-10](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Exodus 20: 1-7](#)

[1 Corinthians 1: 22-25](#)

[John 2: 13-25](#)

PARISH NEWS

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

Today's organist This morning we welcome Margaret Murphy as our organist.

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.

Rock The first edition for the year of our parish magazine the Rock is available at the back of the church.

Donations for Easter flowers Donations for Easter flowers to decorate the church will be warmly welcomed and can be placed in the yellow plastic box at the back of the church.

Vestry news A hand rail is to be installed along the path running from the sacristy to the terrace outside the parish lounge. It is expected that this will be done in 4 or 5 weeks' time. A laptop is to be purchased so that the Pebble and parish publications can be run off the printer in the parish office during the interregnum. Cameron roofing is to carry out the annual replacing and repositioning of roof slates on the church roof. It was decided to retain reinstatement insurance on all our church buildings as going down to functional replacement on the Vicarage would not save much in insurance premiums.

Frances Hodgkins Service The Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am.

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 Tavern. A booking notice for lunch has gone up on the Link noticeboard.

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 John Hansen, William Fowler, June Paterson, Frederick White, Margery Scott and Kaye Fowler.

Other clergy retirements The Revd Sue McCafferty retired at the end of January as interim priest-in-charge at St Luke's, Taieri. Revd Peter Ross, who has been looking after St Matthew's, Dunedin on an interim basis, will leave at Easter to retire to Nelson. Revd Penny Sinnamon retires as Vicar of the Dunstan parish on 11 April. Revd Graham Silkstone will be finishing as Vicar of Waitaki, North Oamaru at the beginning of May.

Autumn working bee Please mark in your diary Saturday 13 March when we will have a clean-up of the church grounds beginning at 9 am. This is a happy 2 or 3 hours of collective endeavour concluding with a very good morning tea.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning at 10.30 am on Holy Saturday, 3 April. All helpers welcome.

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 previous 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.

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.

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