



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

7 March 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

Lord Jesus Christ,
You know the Father's great power. We thank you for his even greater love.
Lord, Holy Spirit,
In you the Father is present. We thank you for the nearness of his help.
Lord God, heavenly Father,
Come to us, we pray, as friend, and be our help in all our days. Give direction and purpose to those among us who are bright. Give composure and courage to those who are weak. And to the lazy give a swift kick. Encourage the weary with a living spirit. Lead the way for all who have lost hope. Guide the lonely to a loving neighbour. Bring lovers happily together.
Lord, touch also the powerful with a spirit of insight. Lead them out of the wicked struggle for power and into the wholesome struggle for justice and order, the worthy struggle for human compassion. Their labour is hard; may it serve the well-being of all peoples, above all those who are oppressed, those whose wounds cry aloud to heaven. Heal Lord for it is time.
Lord never cease to seek us, you with the Son.

*Trinitarian Prayers
Eberhard Jungel*

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

414 O for a closer walk with God
483 The church of God a kingdom is
385 Jesu, the very thought of thee
392 Lead kindly light

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Exodus 20: 1-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 19](#) is:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life

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

[John 2: 13-25](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[2 Chronicles 36: 14-17, 19-23](#)

[Ephesians 2: 4-10](#)

[John 3: 14-21](#)

PARISH NEWS

Today's organist We thank Margaret Murphy as she continues to play for us while David Hoskins is on holiday.

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.

Autumn working bee Our parish autumn working bee is this coming 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. Your help would be much appreciated.

Fellowship group The Fellowship Group will meet at 1.45 pm on Tuesday 23 March in the Zoo – at St Clair.

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.

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.

Next curry evening Our next curry evening will be on Thursday 25 March. Our last outing to our usual dining venue in Mornington was disappointing because of the inordinately long wait time for dishes to arrive. Accordingly we will be going to Sara Spice in the Musselburgh shopping centre. The menu looks rewarding.

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

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

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time George Hopkins, John Hamer, Thomas Robbins, Claude Morris and Stanley Hitchcox.

Making the church water tight Cameron roofing swung into action this past week and replaced over 30 slates on the church roof, a testament to the high winds we have had over the past year or so. St Peter's is blessed to have a church roof on such a high camber so that even when we lose slates or they shift sideways the roof does not leak. However, if left long enough water damage will surely follow. Our roof is approaching the end of its life and its replacement is a looming issue, one about which we are at loggerheads with the heritage advisors of the DCC and Heritage New Zealand. At his last speaking engagement/homily to the parish on Easter Day at Evensong and Benediction Fr Hugh will give a detailed account of the earthquake strengthening and renovation issues facing St Peter's church in the years ahead. This presentation will be filmed so it can be used to brief a future Vicar/Wardens/Vestry as they prepare to grapple with these issues.

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.

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