



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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Easter Day

If there are devout and God-loving people here,
let them enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival.
If there are prudent servants,
enter joyously into the Lord's joy.
Whoever may be spent from fasting,
Enjoy now your reward.
No one need grieve over sins;
forgiveness has dawned from the tomb.
No one need fear death;
the Saviour's death has freed us from it.
While it's captive he stifled it.
He despoiled Hades as he descended into it...
It received a body and encountered God.
It took earth and came face-to-face with heaven.
It took what it saw and fell by what it could not see.
Death, where is your sting?
Hades, where is your victory?
Christ is risen and you are overthrown.
Christ is risen and demons have fallen.
Christ is risen and angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life rules.
Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead.

Easter sermon of St John Chrysostom

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

338 At the name of Jesus

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel

104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

121 This joyful Eastertide

112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Acts 10: 34, 37-43](#)

The response to [Psalm 118](#) is:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

[John 20: 1-9](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 4: 32-35](#)

[1 John 5: 1-6](#)

[John 20: 19-31](#)

PARISH NEWS

Renewal of baptismal vows Our 10.30 Service begins with the renewal of baptismal vows, which the Vicar will lead from the font. A procession around the church will follow. Do feel free to join in.

Filmed Service The Evensong and Benediction Service this evening, Fr Hugh's last Service, will be filmed as Fr Hugh will give an overview of all the earthquake and building repair

issues facing the church. This will provide a useful record for future reference when the time comes for restoration work to begin on the church.

Aftermath Although today is Fr Hugh's last day of ministry at St Peter's he will continue to live at the Vicarage for a further fortnight as he clears the Vicarage of all surplus possessions prior to the relocation firm uplifting his remaining household goods.

Episcopal visit The Bishop will be the celebrant and preacher at next Sunday's Services. Thereafter the interregnum priest Fr David Tannock will be preaching and presiding through April and May.

Palm crosses Did you receive a Palm Cross last Sunday? If you missed out on this opportunity you can find one at the back of the church.

Vestry news The Vestry met last Tuesday. A laptop has been purchased to facilitate the printing off of the Pebble in future. Plans were made for lay people to take over responsibility for rest home and home communions from June on. The date for the parish AGM has been set down for Sunday 2 May after the 10.30 am Mass. The Vicar farewell social events programme was discussed together with preparations for the Paschal Tridium.

Phyllis Wheeler RIP Members of the 10.30 am congregation may recall Phyllis Wheeler, the lady with the white stick, who would often accompany Jo Steele to church from Frances Hodgkins. Recently transferred to Radius Fulton she died there last week just short of her 100th birthday. Her funeral will be at St Mary's, Oamaru on the 7th of April at 2 pm.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Lorraine Mitchell, Greta Barton and Joy Henderson.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Robert Rae, Robert Walker and Basil Dickie.

Showdown in Palmerston North The Anglican parish of All Saints, Palmerston North is engaged in a legal fight to the finish with the local Council and its heritage advisers about what is permissible in its rebuild and earthquake strengthening measures in a case that has possible landmark significance in our parish's difficulties with local heritage advisers. All Saints has been unused since 2013 because it is earthquake prone and has raised millions to put the building right but it also wants consent to remove the baptistery wall, which is the most public face of the church, and add a new glazed porch and meeting area to provide a welcoming entrance to the historic building. The heritage advisers oppose this and want the church to retain its present frontage and have perhaps have an inconspicuous side entrance instead. The parish regard raising and spending the estimated \$12 million to put the building right as a waste of money if it results in a building that did not suit the church's mission. Noting that the Council has given them an ultimatum of seven and a half years to earthquake strengthen the church the parish says it would rather demolish the building than comply with the Council's requirements. Our local Catholic parish used a similar threat, although in a more *sotto voce* manner, to gain permission to reroof the basilica with colour steel rather than slates, something St Peter's would also like to do. It will be fascinating and informative to see which party prevails in this landmark case.

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