



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday February 12, 2023

Ordinary Sunday 6

### *Collect.*

Living God,  
you called your people out of  
Egypt  
and gave them the covenant:  
prepare our hearts to hear your  
call,  
so that we may receive with joy  
the gospel of your Son  
and be faithful people,  
now and forever.

AMEN

*(A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

## WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and  
those who read the Pebble on-line.

### The Liturgy for Today.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

372 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

*We sing a 3-fold Alleluia at the Gospel*

390 Jesus, where'er thy people meet (t. 344)

305 Soul of my Saviour

342 Breathe on me, breath of God

### READINGS FOR TODAY

Sirach 15: 15-20

Psalm 119 *Response:* Happy are they who follow the law of  
the Lord!

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Psalm 103 *Response:* The Lord is kind and merciful

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Matthew 5: 38-48

## *Parish News*



### **SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

**Wednesday 9 am :** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel.

**Thursday 10 am** The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge.

**St Peter's Fellowship Group** meets at 2pm on Tuesday February 28 at Gwen Hudson's home, 1 Wycolla Ave., St Clair for afternoon tea and to discuss the year ahead.

**Ash Wednesday Service** Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, February 22 at 7pm.

**Vestry** meets on Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Lounge.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Jim Menzies, Michael Forrest, Steven Lighton, David Horne, Fr. Carl and Harry Brown.

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time** Robina Woodham, Leonard Base, Frederick Garrod, Roy Tokona, Margaret Carruthers, Ellen Allen, Rita Stedman, Stanley Hopkins, Merle Forrest, Daniel Gillies and Mary Robbins.

### **Food Basket**

Please remember the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, which we support, when you are shopping. Why not buy an extra grocery item to place in the basket at the back of church. The need is very real.

## *From the Vicar*

Finding a home has always had its challenges and it seems to be getting more difficult over the last few years. Dan and I moved 15 times in 14 years because of the nature of our jobs but also because we had a few houses sold while we were renting them, 4 to be exact. We'd tidy up the yard and paint a few things and then the owners would decide to make a profit on our labour. The Israelites had a similar problem. Egypt was not their home and they were being used to make the Egyptians rich. God heard their prayers and so guided them to a promised land to call home but on the way they had to be willing to trust God. There is a saying, 'Home is where the heart is.' The Israelites' hearts were fickle and they didn't love or trust God. It took the Israelites 40 years to travel a distance that should have only taken months because they wouldn't listen to God's guidance and love. In the next few years St Peter's is going to need to listen to God so that this church remains a spiritual home for those who come and share in the joy of the gospel. I pray we continue to open our hearts to God and be prepared to travel into the future as a faithful people. Natalie.

## *Parish Directory*

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