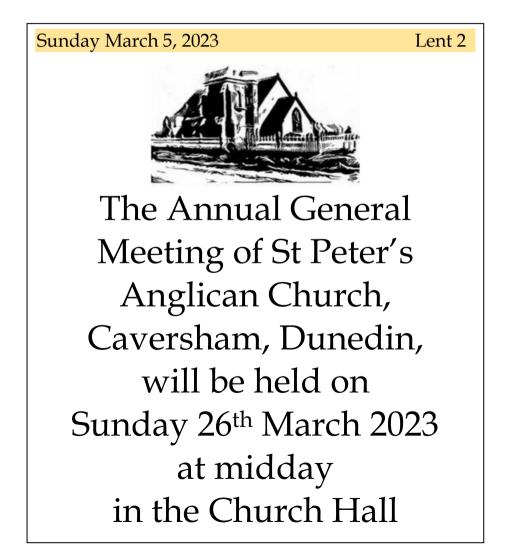


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# The Pebble



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

<u>The Liturgy for Today.</u> 8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662) 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist 5.00pm Evensong and Benediction

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections; give us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## HYMNS FOR TODAY

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# **READINGS FOR TODAY**

<u>Genesis 12:1-4</u> <u>Psalm 33</u> *Response:* Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. <u>2 Timothy 1: 8-10</u>

Matthew 17: 1-9

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Exodus 17: 3-7 Psalm 95 *R*: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts

<u>Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8</u> John 4: 5-42

## Parish News

<u>Healing Ministry</u> Prayer for Healing is offered to all in the Lady Chapel during communion at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist.

#### **SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday 9 am : Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel.
Thursday 10 am The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel.
Friday 5.30pm Holy Eucharist (see note below)

<u>Fridays in Lent</u> The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel each Friday at 5.30pm throughout the Lenten season. It will include a meditation on aspects of our Lenten journey, followed by a Fish and Chip supper in the Parish Lounge. All welcome.

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

#### Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time

George Hopkins, Denise Walker, John Hamer, Thomas Robbins, Claude Morris, Philip Hitchcox and John McNae.

#### 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

I had a great conversation with a friend today about Lent and 'going without' They have given up red wine, and I asked why? Gradually they explained that ultimately it wasn't the wine but the habit, of pouring a glass and sitting in front of the TV and finally getting to bed too late. We find it easy to fall into habits that don't benefit us. Indulging in comforts that diminish our health, fitness, mental agility and social engagement. It is easy to say "I don't have the time" but when we measure the little time we really have (usually less than 34,000 days) we need to consider what our Creator wants for us and His kingdom. Some other friends are choosing to set aside time to study the Bible, in various ways, and they discovering how amazing the Word of God can be. This week our Lenten study is looking at selfdenial. What habits have we fallen into that need to be reassessed? Could we be more engaged in growing and sharing our faith?

May the God of all grace, who called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish and strengthen us. To the one true God be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen

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