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## The Pebble

Sunday July 2, 2023

Ordinary 13

### *The Collect*



Almighty Father,  
grant that we your children  
may never be ashamed  
to confess the faith of Christ  
crucified,  
but continue his faithful servants  
to our lives' end;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN

## WELCOME

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

### 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

232 Awake my soul

*We sing the three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel*

304 Once, only once, and once for all

276 Bread of heaven

306 Strengthen for service

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[2 Kings 4: 8-12](#)

[Psalm 89](#) *Response:* For ever I will sing the goodness of the  
Lord

[Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11](#)

[Matthew 10: 37-42](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

[Zechariah 9: 9-10](#)

[Psalm 145](#)

[Romans 8:9, 11-13](#)

[Matthew 11: 25-30](#)

## *Parish News*



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

**The Rock** Copies of the latest edition of the Parish magazine, the Rock, are available today at the back of church and the Link

**Bishop's Companions Programme** meets on Wednesday in the Lady Chapel at 10.30 am. A number of members of the programme are attending a Companions Retreat at Mosgiel over this weekend.

**Pray for those who have died recently** Jenny Stoddart. Pray for Ian and the family, and Jenny Maffey, her sister-in-law at this time.

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

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time** Beatrice Allen, Robert Walker, Arch McQuarrie, and Lesley Morris.

### **SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

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

**Thursday 10 am** Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel.

## **From the Vicar.**

The Matthew reading this week may seem rather harsh, however the concept of love and commitment is the central message of the Gospel. Jesus Christ was preparing his disciples and followers for the reality of life. The relationships in which we find ourselves will not, and cannot, provide all we need. While families are generally a gift they fall short of the relationships that God intends for us. Culturally we are expected to respect and put family members first but this isn't always possible because of free will. Personalities, opportunities and expectations influence us in many different ways and each one of us must navigate as best we can. God's call on our lives will require sacrifices and possibly cause other's feelings to be hurt. In ancient times, one needed to leave the home to go to the well and draw cold water. Christ asked that we do so, so that others may receive refreshment, but ultimately, our intentional care and generosity. Natalie

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