



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday February 4, 2024.

Ordinary 5



*From Bishop Steven.*

I believe that the time has come for me to step down as Bishop of Dunedin. I have tendered my resignation to the Primates, and expect to finish in May 2024. I had a very strong sense of call to this post and have been powerfully changed by my time here as Bishop particularly through the love and friendship of so many people.

The Archbishops will, in time, appoint a Commissary, and the Ven. Jan Clarke and Ven. Anne van Gend are prepared to continue as Vicar-General and Deputy Vicar-General.

I would like to offer my deepest thanks to you for being prepared to invite, welcome and love Lorraine and I as we moved here in 2017. We have felt very loved, and want you to know how much this has meant to us.

With our love and prayers.

+Steven.

## 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 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

5 pm Evensong and Benediction

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

237 Morning has broken

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

466 Thou, whose almighty word

294 Just as I am! without one plea

436 Praise my soul

### READINGS FOR TODAY

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalms 147 *Response:* Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46

Psalms 32 *Response:* You are my refuge, O Lord and the joy of my salvation.

1 Corinthians 10: 23-11:1

Mark 1: 40-45

### Collect

Almighty God, you have called us to serve you, yet without your grace we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Healing Ministry** During communion at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Kit will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

**The Holy Eucharist** is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

**Ordination.** Thank you to everyone involved in Fr. Joel's ordination last Sunday. An uplifting occasion blessed by bountiful sunshine ... (after we had moved inside due to the weather!).

**Ash Wednesday.** We mark the first day of Lent with a Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes in church, Wednesday February 14 at 7pm.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Victoria Douglas, Jimmy Sprague, Fr. Carl and Harry Brown.

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time** Peta Devine, Jun Myyagi, Charlotte Halliburton and Reg Barton.



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**

We will be entering Lent very soon. This time in the church calendar is a time of reflection and meditation on whether we are truly Christ centred, or tied to concepts and traditions that distract us from our mission of love, humility and sacrifice.

St Peter's has a rich liturgical tradition, of seasons, days, celebrations and rites, that are supposed to enrich our religious experience and bring us to a deeper understanding of Christ's role in our lives. However, no amount of tradition will bring glory to God if the church's heart is like a stone. Our challenge is to recognise possibilities and exercise grace.

Be brave this Lent and embrace the possibilities that can only be received by dying to oneself and being powerfully changed through the Creator's eternal love.

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