



**St Peter's Caversham**

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## The Pebble

**11 March 2018**

**Lent 4, Mothering Sunday**

### A Song of St Anselm

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
You are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride,  
Tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,  
In sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus by your dying, we are born to a new life;  
by your anguish and labour we bring forth joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
In your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
For the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

### Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.  
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered  
at the communion rail during communion.

Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea after  
the Solemn Sung Eucharist

### THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

**8.00 am** Holy Eucharist (1662)

**10.30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist

### HYMNS

**507** The Lent litany

**369** Happy are they that love God

**Communion Motet:** 'Just as I am' John Maunder 1858-1920

Soloist: Arold Bachop

**285** For the beauty of the earth

**77** The God of love my shepherd is

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[2 Chronicles 36: 14-17, 19-23](#)

The response to [Psalm 137](#) is:

**Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you**

[Ephesians 2: 4-10](#)

[John 3: 14-21](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Jeremiah 31: 31-34](#)

[Hebrews 5: 7-9](#)

[John 12: 20-33](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Mothering Sunday** In keeping with our honouring of Mothering Sunday sprigs of rosemary will be blessed and distributed at the end of the morning Services. Our preacher this morning is our own Brian Kilkelly.

**Potluck lunch** As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month a potluck lunch will follow morning refreshments after the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

**Merbecke in Lent** Throughout the Sundays of Lent, we will be singing the Merbecke settings of the congregational responses at the 10.30 am Service. A new Service booklet has been provided for this purpose.

**Wardens' meeting** The Vicar and Wardens will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday. Please let Tubby Hopkins or Kate Paterson know of any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**Our Friday Lenten extra** Throughout Lent we are celebrating the Eucharist at 5.30 pm each Friday together with teaching appropriate to the season followed by a fish and chip supper. Contributions of salads are always welcome.

**St Peter's car yard** Recently Gillions persuaded the DCC to put parking restriction signs on the strip of Hillside Rd adjacent to Bathgate Park and their premises that was being used as an informal car sale yard with vehicles being left there for weeks on end as their owners hoped for an informal sale. This made it much easier for funeral attendees using the Gillions Chapel to park. Now the hopeful car sellers have moved their vehicles to outside our Church with attendant parking limitations for hall users and Church worshippers.

**Brass cleaning** There will be brass cleaning on Holy Saturday 31 March at 10.30 am. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Christian World Service Tonga appeal** Christian World service has launched an appeal to support those affected by Cyclone Gita in Tonga. Donations can be mailed to CWS at P O Box 22652, Christchurch Central 8140 or by going to their website and clicking on "Donate Now."

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia Napier, Paul Hill and John Steele.

**Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time** Thomas Robbins, Claude Morris, Philip Hitchcox, Cecil Steel, Shirley Hall, Frederick Allen, Arthur Goodwillie, Ellen Brown and William Hodgeson.

**Trimming of the Church hedges** Grateful thanks to Warwick Harris for trimming the Church hedges around Hillside Rd and Baker St, a big job that needs doing twice a year. Warwick's care and attention to our gardens is a valued and appreciated way of presenting our Church grounds in the most attractive light to the local community. A working bee will be required in the post Easter period.

**New Pihopa** After a considerable delay of 6 months in confirming the appointment it has been announced that Bishop Don Tamihere of Te Tairawhiti (the area around Gisborne and the east coast of the North Island) is to be next Pihopa O Aotearoa. At 45 he will be the youngest Archbishop in the Anglican Communion.

**Christchurch Diocesan Synod affirms Motion 29** Last weekend a one day session of the Christchurch Diocesan Synod affirmed Motion 29 ahead of the General Synod debate on same sex blessings in May. Their 2017 Synod was dominated by the Cathedral rebuild issue and they felt it important to give due care and attention in debating time to what could be one of the most momentous changes in the history of New Zealand Anglican Church. Given how rushed and dominated by other business Dunedin's 2017 Synod was we should, in my humble opinion, do likewise. Given that Motion 29 does not involve any proposed change to the formularies, the legislation covering forms of Service, there may well be no opportunity for further debate on the issue at the September Synod.

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