



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

17 March 2019

Lent 2

### **Say Not the Struggle Naught Availeth**

*By Arthur Hugh Clough*

Say not the struggle naught availeth,  
The labour and the wounds are vain,  
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,  
And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;  
It may be, in yon smoke concealed,  
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,  
And but for you, possess the field.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,  
Seem here no painful inch to gain,  
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,  
Comes silent in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,  
When daylight comes, comes in the light;  
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly!  
But westward, look, the land is bright!

## 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

5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

507 The Lent Prose

453 Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus!

73 My God, I love thee; not because (T.95)

382 Jesu, grant me this I pray

369 Happy are they, they that love God

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18](#)

The response to [Psalm 27](#) is:

**The Lord is my light and my salvation**

[Philippians 3: 17-4: 1](#)

[Luke 9: 28-36](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15](#)

[1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12](#)

[Luke 13: 1-9](#)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** Choral Prelude ("Ah, holy Jesu how hast thou offended") Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

### PARISH NEWS

**Friday Fish and Chip Eucharists** Our Lenten extra is a celebration of the Eucharist in the lounge at 5.30 pm on Friday evenings followed by a shared fish and chip supper. Contributions of salads are warmly welcomed. Do join us.

**Parish AGM** Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of parishioners of St Peter's Caversham will be held today in the lounge after the 10.30 am Service. The nomination form for election for People's Warden and Vestry members is

on the Link noticeboard. Nominations close at 11.30am immediately prior to the AGM.

**English sojourn** The Vicar flies to Britain on Wednesday returning on 12 April. He will be attending a theology conference at Mirfield, the monastery where he was trained for the ministry, and will be visiting friends. He returns in time for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

**Neville Figgis CR** The reflection at this evening's Evensong and Benediction will be about Fr Neville Figgis, the Mirfield historian, social theoretician and theologian, who will be the subject of the conference at Mirfield that Fr Hugh will be attending.

**Fellowship group** The St Peter's Fellowship Group will meet at 2 pm on Tuesday 26 March at the Home of St Barnabas for a chew and chat afternoon. Afternoon tea will be provided at a cost of \$7.50. Please advise Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613 if you intend coming.

**Next Bishop of Nelson** The Revd Steve Maina, the Kenyan born head of New Zealand CMS, is to be the next Bishop of Nelson.

**Parish garage sale** There will be a parish garage sale in the hall on Saturday 6 April between 10am and 1 pm. Helpers wanted. Goods can be delivered to church.

**Brass cleaning** Holy Saturday 20 April 10.30 am. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

**Rite A** The Wardens have approved the new form of Service at 10.30 am so it now goes to the Bishop to see if he will give his permission for its regular use.

**The return of the band** The St Kilda Brass band has set a date for its return concert at St Peter's - Saturday 7 September.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Margaret Charles, Rita-May Brown and Rosemary Stott.

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

**What is really going on at St Matthew's** Since the split and departure of the Vicar of St Matthews and a portion of his congregation there have been conflicting reports as to how many have gone and how many have stayed. At a meeting at the diocesan headquarters in January of Vicars and Wardens to report on the state of the Dunedin parishes the newly appointed Bishop's Warden of St Matthew's said it had been a 50/50 split but that didn't seem right when the leave vote had been 79 to 20. Since then eye witness accounts have given a more accurate picture of the state of play. The Revd Stu Crosson and his Hope Church have around 90 at their 9 am Sunday Service. They are predominately students not a few of whom are relatively unaware of the reason for the split. They are there because they like Stu and because their friends and peer group are there. Students of course are a transitory group who move away when they have finished their degrees. The issue will be can they be replenished? Perhaps the Tertiary Student Christian Fellowship activists who are part of the Hope Church leadership team can accomplish this. The rump core back at St Matthew's number around the mid-40s on Sunday morning and are by and large at the older end of the spectrum. The Revd Peter Ross comes from Balclutha once a fortnight to celebrate the Eucharist while the St Matthew's lay leadership lead the Service and preach on the non-Eucharistic Sunday. The issue here is whether the diminished remnant can eventually afford a full time Vicar to build up the congregation again. The diocesan leadership is putting a brave face on what has happened but the reality is that the largest Anglican parish in Dunedin and possibly the diocese has been decimated.

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