



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday, March 23, 2025.

Lent 3



### Collect.

God of grace and goodness,  
you know that by reason of our frailty we  
cannot but fail;

keep us always under your protection  
and lead us to all things profitable to our  
salvation;

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 & Parish AGM.

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

66 Forgive our sins as we forgive

353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

276 Bread of heaven

357 Father hear the prayer we offer

### READINGS FOR TODAY

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

Psalm 103 *Response:* The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Luke 13: 1-9

### READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Joshua 5: 9, 10-12

Psalm 34 *Response:* Taste and see the goodness of  
the Lord

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

### After the Intercessions:

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)

Come and listen to me.

## Parish News

**During the Lenten season** The Gloria and Alleluia are not sung. A hymn is sung at the Gospel.

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

**Morning Tea** Everyone is invited to morning tea and coffee in the Parish Lounge after the 10.30 service.

**Morning Prayer** Wednesday's at 9 am in the Lady Chapel.

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

**The St Peter's Fellowship** meet at Glenfalloch on *Wednesday* March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1.45 pm. If you need a ride ring Raylene on 455-2389.

**Brass Cleaning,** Wednesday April 16, 1pm in the Parish Lounge. Everyone welcome.

*Parish AGM,  
today, after the 10.30 am service.*

**The Ven. Dr. Anne van Gend** will be ordained and installed as the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Dunedin at St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin next Saturday, March 29 at 1pm. A livestream of the service will be available in *St Peter's from 1pm followed by a social hour in the Parish Lounge.* Everyone is most welcome.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Shaun, Faye-Noel Brown, Olga Vela and Jill Hodges.

## Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time

Norma Moorhead, Timothy Cook, and Alexander Wood.

## From the Vicar

The apple tree in the Vicarage yard is bowed down with fruit. It has been pruned regularly and has received water and nutrients. The harvest will benefit many. The role of the church is to encourage one another to bear the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Gal. 5:22-23 To do so we need to avoid being distracted from the things that go wrong. Cruelty and disasters have existed for millennia.

Jesus' parable of the fig tree was used to draw the listener's attention to the things that can be done and not fret about the things that cannot be foreseen or changed. We are not told whether the fig tree did produce fruit, but are left with anticipation, trusting that gardener's skills and expertise.

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.

## *Parish Directory*

*Vicar:* Reverend Natalie Milliken 455-3961

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