



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

Sunday, February 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent



Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made and
forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins and
acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive
from you, the God of all mercy, perfect
remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The Church of England)

WELCOME

to everyone 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 and Morning Tea

HYMNS FOR TODAY

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

67 Forty days and forty nights

445 Rock of ages cleft for me

83 Glory be to Jesus

READINGS FOR TODAY

Genesis 2: 7-9, 16-18, 3: 1-7

Psalm 51 Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we
have sinned

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 12: 1-4

Psalm 33 Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Matthew 17: 1-9

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 NEWS

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

Morning Tea is enjoyed in the Parish Lounge after the 10.30 am service. Everyone welcome.

Morning Prayer, Wednesdays, 9 am

Holy Eucharist, Thursdays, 10 am

Lenten Eucharist and Bible Study every Friday in Lent 5.30 pm in the Lady Chapel. A fish and chip supper follows *except* on March 20. All Welcome.

Women's Fellowship is having their first meeting for 2026. This will be at Mitre 10, 2PM Tuesday 24th. All are welcome to attend and help plan the year ahead. Please let Raylene know if you will be there.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Kevin O'Hara, Jesse, Harry and Isabella, Sharyn and Shaun McGlynn and Jill Hodges.

Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time Cyril Tourelle, Rosemay Simons, Storm Revill, Majorie Booker, Douglas Gordon, and Christian Hansen.

Notice of AGM

Parish Annual General Meeting, Sunday March 8, follows the 10.30 am service. Reports will be received, elections for Vestry, Synod and Wardens. Nominations for elected positions close 5pm, Friday March 6. Nominations can be placed in the box at the back of church.

Carrying Lent Beyond Easter

At our Ash Wednesday service, I shared how a few years ago I decided to give up snacking between meals for Lent. Over the six weeks, I noticed a moderate but encouraging amount of weight loss. What I didn't mention at the time was that, in the months that followed, those kilos gradually returned— helped along by the reappearance of the odd biscuit or slice of cheese.

Reflecting on this recently got me thinking about Lent itself, and especially about what comes after it. One of the real challenges of Lent isn't simply taking up a new habit or letting go of an old one for forty days. If a practice genuinely draws us closer to God, why should it end the moment Easter Day arrives?

Perhaps the deeper invitation of Lent is not a temporary discipline, but a sustained journey. Could we carry our extra reading, our deepened prayer life, or even our healthier eating—not only through to Pentecost, but maybe further still?

Lent may begin with forty days, but its impact can continue far longer, shaping us into the people God is calling us to become.

Nga mihi nui

Rev Joel

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