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A wheelchair, walker and baby changing facilities are available, please ask for them.

YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS

We want children to feel welcome here. There is a basket at the back of the church with bags for pre-schoolers 2+ years of age. It contains items for quiet activities. Feel free to help yourselves to one. We hope this will help you and your family enjoy your Sunday morning worship.



**THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH
OF ST PETER**

Sunday 1 March 2009

8.00 am Eucharist and 9.45 am Choral Eucharist

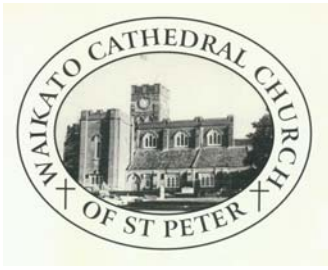
President and Preacher:

The Dean Jan Joustra

11.30 am Informal Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

Please join us for refreshments after the morning service



A message from the Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

I imagine most Christians would be familiar with the writings of C S Lewis. His children's stories *The Chronicles of Narnia* have been bedtime reading for several generations and have more recently been made into very successful movies. Other works that have challenged and encouraged many Christians over the years have been such as *Mere Christianity* and *The Screwtape Letters*. I remember feeling an almost personal affinity with him when I read his biographical reflection in *Surprised by joy* where he described how God had dragged him (a reluctant convert) into the kingdom—"Kicking, struggling, resentful and darting his eyes in every direction for a chance of escape". It was said that Lewis was such a popular lecturer at Oxford University that "one always knew when (he) was lecturing by the vast number of bicycles parked in the courtyards." However, although most of us are familiar with his books and stories, perhaps not so well known is that he was also a poet of considerable talent – his poetry often being more penetratingly powerful than his prose. Let me share with you an example of his thoughts on prayer.

Master, they say that when I seem
To be in speech with you,
Since you make no replies, it's all a dream
—One talker aping two.
They are half right, but not as they
Imagine; rather, I
Seek in myself the things I meant to say,
And lo! the wells are dry.
Then, seeing me empty, you forsake
The Listener's role, and through
My dead lips breathe and into utterance wake
The thoughts I never knew.
And thus you neither need reply
Nor can; thus, while we seem
Two talking, thou art One forever, and I
No dreamer, but thy dream.

"Prayer" by Clive Staples Lewis

THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS 2009

We hope you will sing with us this year. Rehearsals are held at 5.30 pm on each of the four Wednesdays before the service. We usually begin in the Vestry and then move into the Cathedral.

19 April 9.45 am. Rehearsals 25 March, 1, 8 and 15 April.

24 May 9.45 am. Rehearsals 29 April, 6, 13 and 20 May.

12 July 9.45 am. Rehearsals 17 and 24 June, 1 and 8 July.

4 October 9.45 am. Rehearsals 9, 16, 23 and 30 September.

13 December 9.45 am. Rehearsals 18 & 25 November, 2 and 9 December.

For further information and contact details, please refer to the notice boards.

Mislaid book—"Jesus, Then and Now by Rev'd David Watson, please return to Ann Couch, 859 3536.

CRÈCHE FOR 0-5 YEAR OLDS

Dayna Hercock and Tim and Belinda Saunders are starting a crèche for preschoolers in the board room during the 9.45 am service on a Sunday morning. We are looking forward to providing this option for parents of preschoolers during this service. If you have toys and equipment that you are able to donate or would like to be involved in a roster of caring for the children please contact:

Dayna Hercock mobile—021525547 or home—8494219 or
Tim Saunders home—8582340

SYNOD MINUTES

A full set of the 2008 Synod Minutes is now available in PDF or Word Format. If you wish to receive a copy of these please contact Jackie Tapin at the Diocese Office 857 0020 and she will arrange to forward them. Please note that all proceedings of the 2008 Synod are in the Year Book sent out last week.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

The plan is to meet at 5.30 pm to eat and socialise and then to attend the concert and consequent fireworks. Please bring food from another country, eg India, Italy, France, Scotland, England, Greece etc. This is a Junior Youth outing but seniors are welcome. Youth: Please bring a parent so that they can take you home. For further details please speak to Lynn Jamieson.

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

HAS NEW STOCK

A selection of Icons at reasonable prices. Lenten study books, Easter Icon cards, and Easter CD's.

LECTURE SERIES

The World of Jesus

Don't miss this opportunity to listen to an International specialist, Dr Joan Taylor from London, speaking about the historical and religious context within which the person of Jesus is to be understood.

Five lectures—Friday 6 March 7.00—9.00 pm and Saturday 7 March 9.00 am—2.00 pm.

See notice boards for further details and enrolment forms.

The First Sunday in Lent

We welcome you to the Cathedral Church of St Peter for this service of Holy Eucharist. The service today may be found on page 456 of the New Zealand Prayer Book. If you wish to follow the service in the prayer book, please ask the Welcomers for a copy.

Introduction: My brothers and sisters, we come to worship the Lord on this first Sunday of Lent and we will hear his words in the gospel according to Mark calling upon us to reform our lives and believe in the Good News.

Sung Litany Procession (*The congregation are asked to kneel or sit during the Litany and join in singing the responses*)

Opening Hymn: 184— Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Children's Address (*during term time*)

Introit: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake—Farrant

President: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.
Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Liturgist Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

The Choir sings the Kyries (*during which people may sit or kneel*)

Liturgist: **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings. God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

President God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.
Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

THE COLLECT: God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us, who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Jewish stories about the beginnings of the world, told in the book of Genesis, include the idea of the trustworthiness of the seasons after the great flood.

A reading from the book of Genesis (9: 8-17)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with



you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow

is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB—Reminder

March Luncheon

Friday 13 March 2009

In the Cathedral Centre commencing 12 noon

Costs: \$10.00 please pay at the door

NOTE: it is essential for catering purposes to confirm that you are attending; please reply to your invitation by Monday 9 March by phoning and leaving a message with either:

Pat Boshier 855 2373

Or Jean Redout 855 3879

(evenings only)

INFORMAL EUCHARIST: "FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING"

Thinking guitars and 70's folk mass? Think again! In fact, THINK again. Come with your insights AND your questions and share fellowship with a small group of seekers. We meet at the Anglican Cathedral of St Peter every Sunday at 11.30am. The structure is minimal. We greet each other, share a reading (usually the Gospel set down for that Sunday) and then launch into a discussion of what that might mean for us today. Then in response, we gather round the table for communion. All are welcome here at God's feast without reservation. In place of hymns we usually share one or two easy to pick up chants, predominantly from the Taizé tradition. We aim to finish by 12.30 but often adjourn to a local café to continue the discussion. Don't feel that you have to commit yourself to regular "membership": we particularly welcome casual guests. Discussions are often inspired by scholars such as Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan and groups like The Centre for Progressive Christianity and The Centre for Process Studies. So if you're interested in Inter-Faith work, issues of Social Justice, and feel that Right Action is more fruitful than Right Belief, then come and join the discussion.

Rota for this Sunday (8.00 am)

Liturgist: Wendy Tyrrell
 Readers: Wendy Tyrrell
 Peta Pepperell
 Prayer Ministry: Rosemary Blackwell

Rota for next Sunday (8.00 am)

Liturgist: Pam McAdam
 Readers: Joy McRobie
 Ross McRobie
 Prayer Ministry: Andrea Haines

Rota for this Sunday (9.45 am)

Liturgist: Nancy Burroughs
 Welcoming: Carolyn Knight
 Gay Fraundorfer
 Sidespeople: Brigit Brant
 Jean Redout
 Morning Tea: Hala Rohorua
 Tilly Campbell
 Readers: Bruce Ram
 Lu Robertson-Linch
 Gospel: Clergy
 Intercessor: Rosemary Blackwell
 Chalice: Nancy Burroughs
 Kerry Burroughs
 Anne McAloon
 Bruce Ram
 Joy McRobie
 Prayer Ministry: Paul Linch
 Lu Robertson-Linch

Rota for next Sunday (9.45 am)

Liturgist: Bryan Bang
 Welcoming: Jennifer Peart
 Alan Peart
 Sidespeople: Min Turnwald
 Warren Turnwald
 Morning Tea: Ruth Holmes
 Gavin Holmes
 Readers: Alan Simpson
 Ann Couch
 Gospel: Clergy
 Intercessor: Anne McAloon
 Chalice: Bryan Bang
 Elizabeth Bang
 Jabulani Mupandawana
 Kim Ayers
 Bruce Ram
 Prayer Ministry: Tricia McQuoid
 Ann Couch

LENTEN STUDY

Tuesday evening at 8.00 pm at the Deanery—699 River Road commencing 3 March. This years study will be based on the writings of C S Lewis. Study books are available from the Cathedral bookstore at \$22.00.

Also there will be study on Thursday after the 12.10 pm Eucharist in the Board Room.

that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.' (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 25: 1-10

- 1 To you Lord I lift up my soul, my God I have put my ' trust in ' you:
 let me not be disappointed, nor let my ' ene•mies ' triumph ' over me.
- 2 For all those who hope in you shall ' not be • a'shamed:
 but only those who ' wanton•ly ' break ' faith.
- 3 Make known to me your ' ways O ' Lord:
 and ' teach me ' your ' paths.
- 4 Lead me in the way of your ' truth and ' teach me:
 you are God my saviour, for you have I waited ' all the ' day ' long.
- 5 Call to remembrance O Lord your ' tender ' care:
 and the unfailing love which you have ' shown ' from of ' old.
- 6 Do not remember the sins and offences ' of my ' youth:
 but according to your mercy,
 remember me ' Lord ' in your ' goodness.
- 7 You O Lord are ' upright • and ' good:
 therefore you show the path to ' those who ' go a'stray.
- 8 You guide the humble to do ' what is ' right:
 and those who are ' gentle • you ' teach your ' way.
- 9 All your ways are ' loving • and ' sure:
 to those who keep your ' covenant • and ' your com'mandments.
- 10 For your name's ' sake O ' Lord:
 pardon my guilt, ' which in'deed is ' great.

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:
 and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;
 as it was in the be'ginning • is ' now:
 and shall be for ' ever.' A'men.

The first letter of Peter is probably by a disciple of his. He encourages the Christians in Asia Minor to stand firm, knowing that even the dead are held in Christ's love and care.

A reading from the first letter of Peter (3: 18-22)

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 304— Fight the good fight with all thy might!

Mark's Gospel was the first to be written. It opens, not with the story of the birth of Jesus, but with the beginning of Jesus' ministry from his baptism by John in the Jordan.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark (1: 9-15)

Praise and glory to God.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming

This week

Monday	7.30 pm LOFT (This week at the home of Ann Harlow, 24 Marama Street)
Tuesday	8.45 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Eucharist (<i>with laying on of hands and pray for healing</i>) 8.00pm Lenten Bible Study at the Dean's home 699 River Rd.
Wednesday	8.45 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Eucharist 10.00 am Music & Movement (<i>during term time</i>) 7.00 pm Bells
Thursday	8.45 am Morning Prayer 12.10 pm Benedictine Mass—followed by Lenten Bible Study 7.00 pm Choir Practice
Friday	8.45 am Morning Prayer 12.10 pm Eucharist in te reo—all welcome The Rev'd Adrian Toki
Sunday 8 March	8.00 am Eucharist President The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson 9.45 am Choral Eucharist President The Dean Preacher of the day The Rev'd Canon Jennifer Stuart Followed by the Special Parish Meeting in the Cathedral Centre. 11.30 am Informal Eucharist

Readings for next week

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38

REMINDER—any notices for the pewsheets, need to be received by Wednesday afternoon at the latest.

**Notice is hereby given of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Parishioners of the Cathedral
Parish of St Peter to be held in the
Cathedral Centre following the 9.00
am service on Sunday 29 March 2009.**

(Please note there will be only one morning service)

**Any questions please use the Wardens'
suggestion box.**

**Nomination forms are available at the rear of
the Cathedral – People's Warden, Nominators
(4), Synod Representatives (2) and Vestry up
to 8. Please hand the completed forms to
Julia or to David Bailey. Nominations close at
9.00 am Sunday 29 March 2009.**

**Please submit Annual Reports to Julia either
by e-mail or by hand by Wednesday 25 March
2009.**

the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of
God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' (NRSV)
This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

THE SERMON

*Following the sermon the people stand and affirm their faith by saying together
this passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians.*

All **Though Jesus was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please kneel/sit)*

With our God:
All things are possible.

Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE PEACE: *(please stand)*

The peace of God be with you all.
In God's justice is our peace.

E te whanau/ Brothers and sisters. Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: 92—Forty days and forty nights

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory,
and the majesty;

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has
given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of
life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we
have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It
will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation,
who is with us always,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.

In our Prayers Today:

Today as we pray for the Anglican Communion around the world we remember especially:

DIOCESE OF KUCHING: St Thomas' Cathedral, Kuching

PROVINCIAL: Co Presiding Archbishops
William Brown Turei (ABp) 7 Mihi

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO:
Bishop of Waikato: David Moxon (ABp) & Tureiti
- Awatea 1993

Bishop of Taranaki: Philip Richardson (Bp) & Belinda Holmes
- Clare 1992

Chancellor: Judge Chris Harding & Maggie

Episcopal Vicar: Reg Nicholson (P) & Joan

Kaumatuā: Tiki Raumati (P) & Wilma

COMMUNITY: Prime Minister & his Cabinet

HOUSE WARMING INVITATION

JAN AND LINDA

Invite all their friends from St Peter's Cathedral to an open
home, house warming and 25th Wedding Celebration

Sunday 22 March (Mothering Sunday)

Starting at 3.00pm
at 699 River Road, Hamilton

(Please do not bring any gifts or food)

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

There will be a Special Parish Meeting following the 9.45 am
service on Sunday 8 March to update the parish on the
progress of the new entrance porch.

3. Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,
though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew,
from an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

4. Thanks be to the Father, who made us like himself.
Thanks be to the Son, who saved us by his death.
Thanks be to the Spirit, who created the world anew,
from an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

Grace be with you.
Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

The service concludes with the organ voluntary, for which you are warmly invited to remain. If you wish to leave following the recession of clergy and choir, please do so quietly so that the voluntary may be fully appreciated.

As the voluntary is part of the act of worship, the organist does not consider applause to be appropriate.

Those for whom prayers have been requested

- **For those in need:** Len, Helen, Lesley, Matthew, Maurice, Pearl, David, Bill, Janet, Bernard, Inez.
- **Birthdays:** Andrew Malcolm, Christopher Whitley (2), Peter Francombe, Gregory Fahey, Ataahua Neha-Toki (3), Merle Murray, Shirley Harris, Malcolm Paine, Fae Branch, Debbie Heron Evelyn Gabbittas (4), Lisette McAdam (5), Jessica Brant (6), Margaret de Frias (7).
- **Wedding Anniversaries:** Pam and David McAdam (3), Heather and Alan Ridge (4).
- **In Memoriam:** Katherine Braithwaite (1), Elsie Watson (2), Selwyn Smith, John McNeill (3), Walter Crookes (Snr) (6), Neil West (7).

For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
We thank you that you make us human and remain with us
even when we turn from you to sin.

**God's love is shown to us:
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new.
In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory
and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God.
Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.
We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice
to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and *sing/say*:

Holy, holy holy: God of mercy, giver of life; earth and sea and sky and all that lives, declare your presence and your glory.

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many,
to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER—Gillard

As Christ teaches us we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

AGNUS DEI—Victoria

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

(We extend and invitation to members of other Christian denominations to come forward and receive this holy sacrament.)

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Final Hymn: Ashes

1. We rise again from ashes from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes to create ourselves anew.
If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

2. We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,
the gift not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumblings direction give our vision wider view,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.