

THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Caversham Saint Peter

Palm Sunday

Holy Week

5th April 2009

A VERY WARM WELCOME to everybody in Church today as we meet together to worship God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

To all those who enter here: be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent. Before the Service, speak to God. During the Service, let God speak to you. After the Service, speak to others.

PALM SUNDAY is the beginning of Holy Week. At the Solemn Eucharist the procession from the Hall into the Church at the beginning of the service commemorates Christ's entry into Jerusalem before his passion and crucifixion. The *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted, there are no flowers in the Church, and crosses, images, and candlesticks are covered in white material which symbolises penitential sackcloth, while the priest wears dark red vestments and the organ is played only to support the singing.

SERVICES TODAY

8am Holy Eucharist.

10.30am Procession of Palms and Solemn Eucharist.

Hymns. Processional 509 (omit starred verses). Gradual 511. Offertory 86. Communion 93. Postcommunion 96 [414].

The Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is held in the Lady Chapel at the back of the Church during the Communion.

Readings. Coral Paris.

Intercessions. David Hoskins.

Oblations. Ann Sharp.

7pm Sung Evensong followed by a Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. *Please note that the Shrine Prayers are omitted and the Divine Praises are followed immediately by the last Hymn.*

Hymns. First 96 [414]. Second 95. Third 92.

YOU ARE warmly invited to tea or coffee in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist today.

THE ROCK for April is published today. Please remember to get your copy (or copies) from the back of the Church or from the Link.

THE LADIES' GUILD RAFFLE will be drawn in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist today.

THE FAIR could be held on 9th or 16th May. What do you think? Please let Vestry know ASAP.

THE JERUSALEM APPEAL takes place at this time. Envelopes will be available for your use today, and on Good Friday.

THE MONDAY CLUB meets from 10am in the Parish Hall.

THE LENTEN STUDY is about the Gospel of St Mark. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday in the Vicarage, at approximately **7.45pm** (immediately after the Service). It will

be followed by Supper. Please note the day and time.

NO GAMES NIGHT this week.

BRASS CLEANING on Saturday (Easter Eve, 11th April) at 10am in the Lounge. All helpers most welcome.

WE PRAY for the sick and infirm, for Rita Marlow, Jinny Cottle, Kevin Marlow, Bruce Robbins, Nell van Laar, Claire Johnson, Diana Halloran, John Petersen, Dorice Preston, Adrienne and Owie Garrod.

WE PRAY for the Departed, especially for Adam Michael Paterson, and Basil Raymond Dickie.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7pm Holy Eucharist. *Maundy Thursday:* 8pm Solemn Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Watch until Midnight. [There is also the Chrism Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral at 12.15pm.]

Good Friday: 10am Service in St Barnabas' Home Chapel; Noon to 1pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion in St Peter's Church.

Easter Eve: 8pm Paschal Vigil and Solemn Eucharist.

Easter Day: 8am Eucharist; 10.30am Solemn Eucharist; 7pm Compline by Candlelight.

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