



# THE PEBBLE

**The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**May 8, 2011.**

## **WELCOME!**

A warm welcome to our Celebrant and Preacher, the Rev'd. Dr. John Franklin and everyone in Church today as we meet together to worship God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.



**Hymns. Entrance: 375 Gradual: 400 (T. 167) Offertory: 103  
Communion: 279 Postcommunion: 114 (T. 443)**

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

***Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.***

## READINGS FOR TODAY.



### **1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

### **2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your

exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it

just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **Collect:**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 for ever. **AMEN**

### **Readings for Next Sunday – 4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:8-12/1 John 3: 1-7/John 10:11-18.

## Parish Prayers



**WE PRAY** for the people of Christchurch and surrounding districts devastated by earthquake and loss of life and heritage. We pray especially for Bishop Victoria, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Christchurch as they proclaim God's care for the city and its people.

**WE PRAY** for the people of Japan as they rebuild after earthquake and flood and nuclear danger. We pray for the recovery response and uphold all affected at this time of tragedy and especially for Bishop John Kato and his devastated Anglican diocese of Tohoku.

**WE PRAY** for people throughout North Africa and the Middle East at this time of revolution and conflict.

**WE PRAY** for the sick and infirm, and especially for Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Gary Pearson, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Petersen, Hannah Scott, Beryl Barclay, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Ian Gordon and Fr Bill Schroeder.

**WE PRAY** for the Departed, for those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Alfred Chetwin, Glenda Margaret Thomas, Emily Idour, John Beatty, Eileen McLeod and John Joseph McGlynn.

## **This Week in the Parish.**



**The Holy Eucharist** is celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursday at 10 am.

**Observances:** (8) Julian of Norwich (9) Gregory Nazianzen.

**A Display** featuring material from the Parish Consultation is presently situated in the Link. It makes interesting reading!

**Pot-Luck Lunch today** after the 10.30am Solemn Eucharist. **All Welcome.**

**St Peter's Friendship Group** meets in the Hall on Tuesday at 2pm.

**AAW.** The Diocesan AAW AGM will be held on Saturday May 14, at 10 am. St Nicholas Church, Waverley. Bring your own lunch. Speaker: Julie Anderson, Principal of Queens High School. Donation to grocery raffle would be appreciated.

**Material for the next edition of the Rock** is due today. Magazine collation: Friday May 13, 2pm in the Parish Lounge.

**Monday Club** meets in the Hall from 10 am. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome!

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