



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

6th Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2011.

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our Celebrant and Preacher, Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson 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.

The Liturgy Today:

8.00am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30am Solemn Eucharist (1989)

**Hymns - Entrance: 456 Gradual: 126 Offertory: 285 Communion: 307
Postcommunion: 235**

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.

Collect.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR TODAY.



1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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 persons, 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.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 1:12-14/1Peter 4:13-16/John 17:1-11.

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 people throughout North Africa and the Middle East at this time of revolution and conflict.

WE PRAY for St George's Theological College and its world-wide outreach, and for the schools in Haifa, Nazareth and Jerusalem.

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, Susan Dunngham, 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 Kenneth Edwin Prail, Rhona Dorothy Welsh, Wilfried Ebbinghaus and Betty Wyatt.

Parish News.



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

Observances: (June 3) Charles Lwanga and companions

The New Edition of the Rock is now available. Make sure you get your copy!

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

The Lenten Mission Boxes can be handed to Rita-May Brown. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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