



# THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Trinity 11

September 4, 2011

*Welcome!*

A warm welcome to everyone in Church today as we meet together to worship God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

**Today's Liturgy:**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson.



**8am Holy Eucharist (1662)**

**10.30am Solemn Eucharist.**

**Mass Setting:** The Taize Mass.

**Prelude:** *Abendlied*. Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)

**Hymns: Introit:** 503 **Gradual:** 408 **Offertory:** (Pebble) **Communion:** 335 **Post-communion:** 499

**Postlude:** *Bell Scherzo*. Edwin H. Lemare (1865-1934)

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

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

### **Collect:**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards you that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings:**



#### **First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9**

So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 13: 8 – 10**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 18: 15 - 20**

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

## **Parish Prayers.**

**WE PRAY** for the sick and infirm, and especially for Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Petersen, Hannah Scott, Beryl Barclay, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Ruth Brown, Cherry Gordon, Ian Gordon, John Steele, Fr. Geoff Hughes and Suzanne Drummond.

**WE PRAY** for the Departed, for those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Olive Hammond-Tookey, Maurice Chetwin, Dorothy White, Alfred Allen, Jessie Coxon, John Larkins, 'Ouille' Garrod and Rona Hitchcox, and those whose faith is known to Christ alone.

**WE PRAY** for our Parish Nominators: Tubby, Joy, Heather and Ian.

## **News and Notes.**

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

**Observances (8)** NATIVITY OF OUR LADY.

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

**St Peter's Woman's Group:** The AAW has transformed into a Friendship group and a warm welcome is assured. Contacts: Raylene Ralston (477-0022 (D/T) 455-9535) Dawn Bachop (455-3933) Gay Webb (476-1613) and Coral Paris (454-3735).

**The Rock:** Material for the next edition of the Rock is due NEXT SUNDAY!

**The New Parish Contact List** is available at the back of church and in the Link. Please get your copy so we can all stay in touch.

**Congratulations!** The sincerest congratulations of us all go to Ross McComish who graduated with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Theology (Christian Thought and history) Ross has plans to embark on a PhD.

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## Anglican priests evicted from their homes in Zimbabwe



Ex-communicated bishop Nolbert Kunonga has started evicting Anglican priests in the Diocese of Harare, in Zimbabwe, and taking ownership of their homes. Dr Kunonga, a supporter of President Mugabe, left the Anglican Church in 2007 with a view to establishing an alternative church in Zimbabwe – with the apparent backing of the Zimbabwe government. Earlier this month, Zimbabwe’s Chief Justice ruled that diocesan properties belonged to Dr Kunonga. Last week, Dr Kunonga served eviction papers on around 80 Anglican priests, as well serving papers to taken ownership of other Anglican properties including an orphanage and a theological college. The Rt Revd Chad Gandiya, Bishop of Harare and a former USPG Regional Manager, said: ‘[One of our priests] tried to seek police protection, but the police were not interested. ‘They went to Bishop Gaul College and served the same papers to our principal Friar Joshua. They padlocked the library before they left. I am concerned about our library – if we lose the books that will take us back many years.’ Parishes in the Diocese of Harare are trying to find alternative accommodation for their priests. Bishop Chad said: ‘This is not going to be easy at all. I have been busy getting in touch with my priests who are affected and encouraging them. We don’t know who [Kunonga] is going to put in these houses.’ Since Dr Kunonga took over church properties, Anglican congregations have been borrowing churches from other denominations or meeting in the open air or in school rooms. Meanwhile, Dr Kunonga and his priests hold services in empty churches. Bishop Chad said: ‘We’ve had to start again from nothing. ‘All along [Dr Kunonga] has been abusing church members and misusing church properties with the support of some in the Zimbabwe Republic Police. ‘We have tried to engage various responsible authorities but to no avail. We believe this is setting a very dangerous precedent in the country. This is daylight robbery with the support of the law.’ Bishop Chad added: ‘Please continue to pray for us. My main concern is the safety of my priests and their families. Pray that our efforts to engage the authorities succeed.’ **+Bishop Chad Gandiya, in Harare, Zimbabwe.**

