



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

16th Sunday after Trinity

October 9, 2011

Welcome!

A warm welcome to Fr 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.

Today's Liturgy:



Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Bernard Wilkinson

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30 am** Solemn Eucharist.

Mass Setting: The Taize Mass.

Prelude: *Little Prayer* Evelyn Glennie (b.1965) **Postlude:** *Holsworthy Church Bells*
S.S.Wesley (1810-1876)

Hymns: Introit:414 Gradual:18 Offertory:478 Communion:282 Postcommunion:
457

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 and the Pot Luck Lunch in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

Collect.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings.



First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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, Irene Waters and Suzanne Drummond.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Grace Hughes, Helen Larkins, Vene Peterson and Ruth Finnigan

News and Notes.



The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday at 10 am.

Observances: (10) Thomas Traherne **(See article) (12)** Simeon the New Theologian **(16)** Teresa of Avila.

Pot Luck Lunch: Today in the Hall after the 10.30am Solemn Eucharist - Everyone Welcome.

Monday Club meets in the Hall from 10 am. A warm welcome to all!

Vestry meets **IN THE VICARAGE**, this Wednesday at 7.30 pm.

The Rock: material for the next edition of the Rock is due **TODAY**.

Parish Cleanup! Well done and thank you to all those who weeded, dug, cut, pruned and cleaned yesterday.

The Women's Friendship Group meets on Tuesday, October 11 at 2pm in the Lounge. Please bring an item or two for the proposed Sunday raffle.



Hear the stories behind the words and music!

Hear organ preludes based on hymn tunes!

Come, enjoy and sing some of the popular old favorites (and some new ones!)

*Led by Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson at St Peter's, NEXT
Sunday October 16, 2pm.*

Afternoon Tea to follow.

Thomas Traherne.



Thomas Traherne was born the son of a Hereford shoemaker, in about 1636. Thomas had a good education and entered Brasenose College at Oxford University from 1652, achieving an M.A. in arts and divinity in 1661. In the meantime, he was admitted in 1657 to the rectory of Credenhill, near Hereford and was ordained in 1660. After being a parish priest for ten years, he became, from 1667, the private chaplain to Sir Orlando Bridgeman, on his appointment as Lord Keeper of the Seals of Charles II. Evidence in parish records and the reports of churchwardens suggest that

even after this appointment Traherne spent the majority of his time in the parish: Traherne was described by his churchwarden in 1673 as being "continually resident amongst us". He was, according to his wardens, "a good and Godlie man, well Learned ...a good Preacher...a very devout liver". After seven years in this service, Traherne died in his patron's house at Teddington, near Hampton court, and was buried on October 10, 1674, in the church there. Thomas was one of the English Metaphysical poets and yet, in his lifetime, only one of his works was ever printed.

'As nothing is more easy than to think, so nothing is more difficult than to think well'.

First Century, Meditation 8

'Souls are God's jewels'. ***First Century, Meditation 1***

'The world is a mirror of Infinite Beauty, yet no man sees it. It is a Temple of Majesty, yet no man regards it. It is a region of Light and Peace, did not men disquiet it. It is the Paradise of God. It is more to man since he is fallen than it was before. It is the place of Angels and the Gate of Heaven'. ***First Century, Meditation 31***

'Your enjoyment of the World is never right till every morning you awake in Heaven; see yourself in your Father's Palace, and look upon the earth and air as celestial joys, having such reverend esteem of all, as if you were among the Angels. The bride of a monarch, in her husband's chamber, hath no such causes of delight as you'.

Thomas Traherne (c1636-1674 –Observance: October 10)

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