



The Pebble

May 6, 2012

Easter 5

Hurrahing in Harvest

Summer ends now; now, barbarous in beauty, the stooks
rise
Around; up above, what wind-walks! What lovely behaviour
Of silk-sack clouds! Has wilder, wilful-wavier
Meal-drift moulded ever and melted across skies?

I walk, I lift up, I lift up, I lift up heart, eyes,
Down all that glory in the heavens to glean our Saviour;
And, eyes, heart, what looks, what lips yet gave you a
Rapturous love's greeting of realer, of rounder replies?

And the azurous hung hills are his world-wielding shoulder
Majestic - as a stallion stalwart, very-violet-sweet!-
These things, these things were here and but the beholder
Wanting; which two when they once meet,
The heart rears wings bold and bolder
And hurls for him, O half hurls earth for him off under his
feet.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship this morning.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the
Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone is warmly
invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the
Solemn Eucharist.

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist (The Taize Mass setting)

HYMNS:

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| 262 | We plough the fields and scatter |
| 397 | Let us with a gladsome mind |
| 285 | For the beauty of the earth |
| 261 | To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise. |
| 374 | How sweet the name of Jesus sounds |

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Acts 9: 26-31

1 John 3: 18-24

John 15: 1-8

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4: 7-10

John 15: 9-17

Parish News

Harvest Festival Harvest Festival will be celebrated this morning at the 10.30 am Service.

Parish forum There will be a parish forum today after the 10.30 am Service. The new arrangements for provision of the parish's financial services will be discussed, together with topics arising from the Vicar's Rock article on the rise of New Zealand's retirement population. If time permits there will also be comments on recent developments in the Anglican Communion.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and Wardens will meet on Tuesday evening. Please mention to Joy or Tubby any matters you want raised at that meeting.

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

A series of films Beginning on Monday night a series of films will be shown in the Vicarage over four successive weeks as part of our keeping of the Easter season of rejoicing. These will be preceded by a celebration of the Eucharist in the Church at 7 pm. The films are 7 May John Betjeman's "A Passion for Churches," 14 May "Victorian Architects and Architecture," by John Betjeman, this will include All Saints Margaret St where Fr Carl was a curate, and the work of Sir Ninian Comper, in the Vicar's view the greatest Anglo Catholic Church architect, 21 May Richard Taylor's "Churches: How To read them" the medieval period, and 28 May "The modern period" in the same series.

Pentecost Vigil Service On Saturday evening 26 May, the eve of Pentecost Sunday, there will be a celebration of the Eucharist at 5.30 pm according to the rite of St Basil, incorporating a Vigil of readings similar to the Easter Vigil. This will be followed by a potluck meal in the hall. Pentecost is one of the most important feasts in the Church's year – the Eastern Orthodox would argue that it is on a par with Easter, a conviction the Vicar shares – and this Vigil Service provides an opportunity for deep Scriptural reflection and further teaching on the significance of this high point in the liturgical year. Please let the Vicar know if you would be available to read a lesson at this Service.

Wellington surprise The Wellington electoral Synod has made a perplexing and perilous choice in Justin Duckworth as its next Bishop. Apart from a brief curacy at the very charismatic parish of Waikanae he has no experience of parish ministry, yet most of his leadership interactions will be with parish clergy. The fact that he does not appear in the clerical directory says much about his attitude to the visible church. His past ministry to the urban dispossessed is admirable, yet they are a small and unrepresentative slice of the diocesan family, and the diocese of Wellington has a large rural and provincial

hinterland suspicious enough already of the strange goings on in the capital city, and the elite circles in the corridors of power will find it hard to take seriously a barefoot Bishop in shorts and dreadlocks. Away from the liturgical highlights, a Bishop's ministry consists of much unglamorous hard grind around the committee room table about money, property and administration, something Justin has had very little experience of. As for presiding with dignity and gravitas at major liturgical occasions this will be an undiscovered country for him, and one where the learning curve will need to be steep given the need to lead worship often in one of the major Cathedrals of the country. In part the choice reflects a clutching at straws to turn the Church's situation around, but at a deeper level it is about chickens coming home to roost given Bishop Tom Brown's ordaining of scores of completely untrained clergy each year over many years who have little idea how the Church actually works, particularly at its upper levels. Now they have chosen one of their number.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm: Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall, Coral Paris, Heather Robertson and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have Died: Alfred Chetwin, Glenda Thomas, Emily Idour, John Beatty, Eileen McLeod, John McGlynn, Louise Lewis, Barbara Rodgers and Arthur Bath.

Hall heaters time switch Concerned at the number of times the heaters have been left on by hall users the Vestry resolved to fit time switches that need to be pressed each hour to keep the heat on. These have now been fitted. To operate depress the switch at the top, then press the button beneath until a blue light comes on.

ROCK Deadline. Material for the next edition of the Rock is Next Sunday, May 13.

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