



St Peter's Caversham  
**The Pebble**

19 August, 2012      Coronation of the Virgin

***Oratio Patris Condren: O Jesu vivens in  
Maria***

Jesu that dost in Mary dwell,  
Be in thy servants' hearts as well,  
In the spirit of thy holiness,  
In the fullness of thy force and stress,  
In the very ways that thy life goes  
And virtues that thy pattern shows,  
In the sharing of thy mysteries;  
And every power in us that is  
Against thy power put under feet  
In the Holy Ghost the Paraclete  
    To the glory of the Father. Amen

*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)

**HYMNS:**

183 O glorious maid

117 The Day of Resurrection!

297 Lord Jesus Christ

184 Shall we not love thee, Mother dear

186 Tell out my soul

**READINGS FOR TODAY:**

Revelation 11: 19a; 21: 1-6a, 10ab

1 Corinthians 15: 20-27

Luke 1: 39-56

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5: 21-32

John 6: 60-69

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** *Air (from the Water Music)* George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Cantique* Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

**Parish News**

**Today's sermon** From the time of the Council of Ephesus on in the 5<sup>th</sup> century the cult of the Blessed Virgin Mary began to grow in the Church, particularly amongst lay people. This proved to be an enduring phenomenon, whose increasing fervour and devotional accretions caused a major backlash at the reformation. But the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission agreements have found common ground on thorny subjects, such as the doctrine of her immaculate conception and her assumption into heaven, which the western church

celebrates at this time. Both churches are agreed that they wish to see devotion to Mary purged of medieval excesses, and in no way contradicting the unique mediatorial role of her Son Jesus Christ in the economy of salvation. Today's sermon considers Mary's useful role as a pointer to what resurrection will mean for us.

**Praying for the Diocese** The Bishop has asked that each parish set time aside over the weekend of 31 August to 2 September to pray in intercession for the Diocese, asking that God's will be known to us in what we should do in the years ahead to meet our present challenging situation. Accordingly on Saturday 1 September a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit will be celebrated at 10 am, and the Church will be open for prayer throughout the day for parishioners to come and do just that, concluding at 4 pm with Evening Prayer. A roster, divided into half hour slots, is on the foyer noticeboard for us to enter in our prayer time. A note book has been provided in which parishioners can write in suggestions that have arisen from their prayer time as to helpful new courses of action the diocese could take in future years to reform and renew its life.

**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. Vestry members are reminded that we meet on Wednesday evening, a week later than usual.

**Jennifer Fraser RIP** Last Wednesday the parish bade farewell to a regular member of our 8 am congregation, Jennifer Fraser, who was also a devoted flower arranger and beautifier of our church.

**The big 60** The Vicar turns 60 on 5 September. There will be a 5.30 celebration of the Eucharist using the Liturgy of St Basil, followed by a party in the Vicarage. No presents please, nor is it necessary to bring anything with you, but any offerings of finger food or beverages would be most welcome.

**The Fellowship Group** will have a pot luck tea this Tuesday, 21 August at 6.30 pm. Barbara Turnbull a former Red Cross nurse in Afghanistan will be our speaker.

**Anticipating Synod** Fr James Harding, our guest preacher at the Patronal Festival, will be sponsoring a motion at the diocesan synod on the subject of conflict of interest in diocesan affairs. This is a timely motion for in such a small diocese there is a temptation and a tendency for links of affinity and tight knit family groups to garner to themselves a number of diocesan roles that can complicate and confuse good decision making in crucial matters.

**The Caversham lectures** After the Holy Week start with the Vicars lecture on Hans Urs Von Balthasar's theology of Holy Saturday, the Caversham lectures resume in October with a presentation on "Karl Rahner and the concept of the anonymous Christian, Can Atheists, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims be implicit Christians?" This will be on Monday 15 October, with the paper being given at 2 pm for those who don't like travel at night, and will be repeated at 7.30 that evening, with the parish hall being the venue. Then in the month of Rowan Williams retirement as Archbishop of Canterbury, a paper will be given entitled, "The strange, wonderful and bleak theological world of Rowan Williams." This will be on Tuesday 14 December at 2 pm and 7.30 pm. For further details see the web site and the noticeboard

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm:** Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall, Frances Jenson, Dorice Preston and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those who have died recently,** especially Jennifer Fraser.

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