



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

11 November 2012

All Souls

Holy Sonnet Seven

At the round earths imagined corners, blow
Your trumpets, Angels, and arise, arise
From death, you numberless infinities
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go,
All whom the flood did, and fire shall overthrow,
All whom war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies,
Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose
eyes,
Shall behold God, and never taste deaths woe
But let them sleep Lord, and me mourn a space,
For, if above all these, my sins abound,
Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace,
When we are there; here on this lowly ground,
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good
As if thou hadst sealed my pardon, with thy blood.

John Donne

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea and a potluck lunch 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:

112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
117 The Day of Resurrection!
371 He wants not friends that hath thy love
Be still my soul (see inset sheet)
God and man at table are sat down (T. 'Ellers')
(see inset sheet)

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:12-26](#)

[John 6:37-40](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Daniel 12:1-3](#)

[Hebrews 10:11-14,18](#)

[Mark 13:24-32](#)

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Aria*. Charles Callahan.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *In Memoriam*. Edward Elgar arr.
Herbert Brewer.

Parish News

Today's Sermon is entitled "What really comforts at Funerals." Funeral customs have changed considerably in recent years with a growing emphasis on personalising

them, and on stressing the positive, so that they become “celebrations of the life of...” There has been a corresponding reluctance to face up to the fact that death is the last enemy, as St Paul called it, and that funerals Services are also about facing up to feelings of loss and grief. The sermon considers what are the ingredients of a good funeral, and asserts that a Christian funeral inserts the life and death of the departed person into the frame of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who provides the ultimate meaning to every life narrative.

Parish lunch A potluck lunch will follow the 10.30am Service today. All welcome.

Run it up the flagpole Parishioners may have noticed that our flag of St George has not been proudly flying from our flagpole in recent weeks. Oft repaired, it had finally come to the end of its life. However, a replacement has now been purchased, and is now on station above Hillside Rd. The Vicar is also negotiating with the flag company to see if it is possible to produce a “Compass Rose” flag, the emblem of the Anglican Communion, and a sign that the parish looks beyond being merely a local, national version of the Anglican Church to a wider sense of belonging to our world wide Communion.

One last push As Rowan Williams arrives back in Britain one last leadership challenge awaits him before he steps down as Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of December. The General Synod will meet in an extraordinary session to try and get the woman bishops legislation through. This failed at its last attempt earlier this year because a clause inserted by the Archbishops to safeguard the interests of traditionalists was felt to be conceding too much by supporters of women bishops. The clause has now been felicitously reworded, ironically by a woman priest, and a major charm offensive is underway by Church of England bishops to try and persuade the General Synod delegates to get with the programme. However, in such a polarised situation moderate, middle of the road people don't tend to get elected to General Synod.

New thurible Our thurible, which we use for burning incense at the Parish Eucharist, is becoming harder to use as its chains become unstable. A parishioner has taken the initiative in seeking out a suitable new one, and has generously offered to fund most of its purchase, with David Hoskins and the Vicar chipping in. Would other parishioners like to be associated with the purchase of this important item of worship equipment? Please speak to the Vicar if you feel moved to do this.

The Rock The November edition of the Rock is now in preparation, with a deadline of 18 November for material to go to the editor David Scoular. The front-page story will be an assessment of the Archiepiscopate of Rowan Williams, a backgrounder to the early December Caversham lecture, which will concentrate on his theology.

AAW On Saturday at 1.30 pm the AAW Executive are holding a meeting at St Peter's hall where, as has previously been agreed, our Fellowship will serve the afternoon tea. The guest speaker is the Bishop who will talk about his pilgrimage walk on the Camino de Santiago to the Cathedral of St James, Compostela. All welcome.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm: Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, and Denise Walker.

Recitation of the Memorial for those who have died: The names of those in the Book of Remembrance will be commemorated during the Intercessions at the 10.30 am Solemn Eucharist this morning.

Church grounds working bee Thank you to all those who took part in the Church grounds working bee yesterday. Your help was much appreciated.

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