

St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

20 January 2013

Epiphany 2

As Kingfishers Catch Fire

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells,
each hung bell's

Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;

Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:

Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;

Selves – goes its self; *myself* it speaks and spells,

Crying What I do is me: for that I came.

I say more: the just man justices;

Keeps grace: that keeps all his goings graces; Acts in God's eyes what in God's eyes he is – Christ. For Christ plays in ten thousand places,

Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his To the Father through the features of men's faces.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

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 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:

390	Jesus, where'r thy people meet
365	God moves in a mysterious way
285	For the beauty of the earth
414	O for a closer walk with God
235	Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

READINGS FOR TODAY

<u>Isaiah 62:1-5</u>
<u>1 Corinthians12:4-11</u>
<u>John 2:1-11</u>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10 1 Corinthians12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4;14-21

ORGAN PRELUDE: Aria Charles Callahan (b.1951)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Te Deum Prelude* Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

Parish News

Today's sermon is entitled "The World is Itself." The miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee is unusual in that it was requested to avoid social embarrassment rather then a life-threatening situation, and was so prodigal in its outcome. What then does it tell us about the way God sees the world?

Confirmation Have you been confirmed? Confirmation is a valuable opportunity to deepen your walk with Christ, to further your Christian education, and to claim the promises made on your behalf by your parents and Godparents. An adult candidate has begun instruction, and the Vicar would welcome enquiries from others who are interested in claiming their full sacramental credentials of Christian belonging.

Lectern The lectern, which is used for lectures, funerals and Vigil Services, is being stained to blend in with the pews, and will be back in its accustomed place next week.

Repainting the hall will commence next week. Fundraising for this project continues as we have resolved to meet the costs through parishioner subscription, and are only half way there so far.

Best books of 2012 Conciliarism, a History of Decision-Making in the Church by Paul Valliere has been the Vicar's best theological read of last year. Valliere is an American Episcopalian specialising in Russian Orthodox theology. Reminding us that Councils have given us the creeds we recite in Services, and though not perfect, are the best way for the Church to deal with emergencies, he then goes on to argue that a Pan-Anglican Council of the world

wide Anglican family is our best bet in solving the authority and unity problems of Anglicanism. We learn that preparations are under way for a Pan-Orthodox Synod to resolve the many jurisdictional disputes in Eastern Orthodoxy. The book is clear, lucid, well written and wise.

Film season resumes Tomorrow night the Russian film, "The Island," will be shown, with "Molokai," being shown on 28 Jan, the story of Fr Damien and his ministry on the leper island of Molokai. A 7 pm Eucharist in the Church will precede the screenings.

New thurible The new thurible, so generously subscribed by parishioners, has arrived, and is in use this morning. Parishioners are welcome to view it in the sacristy after the Service.

Framers of Anglican Identity Amongst other topics, the Caversham lectures this year will include a series of addresses on significant figures who have made Anglicanism what it is. These will include Richard Hooker, Lancelot Andrewes, Richard Baxter, John Donne, F.D. Maurice and Charles Gore.

The Rock The deadline for copy for the February edition of the Rock is 17 February.

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

Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Helen Dutton.

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