



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

21 April 2013

Easter Four

The Wreck of the Deutschland

Thou mastering me
God! Giver of breath and bread;
World's strand, sway of the sea;
Lord of living and dead;
Thou hast bound bones and veins in me, fastened me flesh
And after it almost unmade, what with dread,
Thy doing: and dost thou touch me afresh?
Over again I feel thy finger and find thee.

I kiss my hand
To the stars, lovely-asunder
Starlight, wafting him out of it; and
Glow, glory in thunder;
Kiss my hand to the dappled-with-damson west:
Since, though he is under the world's splendour and
wonder,
His mystery must be instressed, stressed;
For I greet him the days I meet him, and bless when I
understand.

Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us,
be a crimson-cresseted east.

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. Every-one is
warmly invited to Morning Tea Eucharist.

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

457 The King of love my shepherd is
357 Father, hear the prayer we offer
443 Rejoice! the Lord is King
459 The Lord's my shepherd
282 Faithful shepherd, feed me

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 13: 14, 43-52](#)

[Revelation 7: 9, 14-17](#)

[John 10: 27-30](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 14: 21-27](#)

[Revelation 21: 1-5](#)

[John 13: 31-35](#)

Organ Postlude: *Remembrance on Crimond*

Parish News

Today's sermon is entitled, "Check your energy levels." Our first two readings this morning reveal a Church ready to embrace opposition and persecution, and even martyrdom, with courage and determination. Where did all this boldness and energy come from? Somehow the death and resurrection of Jesus has brought a new energy source into the world that repeats the pattern of death and resurrection in us, and enables us to do far more than ever we hoped or imagined.

The Third Caversham lecture will be on Tuesday fortnight 30 April. The Vicar will continue his series on framers of Anglican identity by talking about John Donne

the famous metaphysical poet, and later Dean of St Paul's, said to be the greatest preacher of his age. Donne came from a devout Catholic family, and his conversion to Anglicanism was a major watershed in his life. The Elizabethan settlement had hoped that the Catholic minority would slowly wither away, but this did not happen. Where did this leave the Church of England's claim to be the church for all the inhabitants of the Atlantic islands? The lecture will be given at 2 pm in the hall for those who do not like to travel at night, and will be repeated at 7.30 pm.

Parish AGM The parish AGM will be next Sunday 28 April after the 10.30am Service. The financial statements for the past financial year, and the draft budget for the year ahead can be uplifted from the back of the Church for those who would like to peruse them ahead of the AGM. Nomination forms for Vestry, People's Warden and Synod representatives are on a small table at the back of the Church.

Change to marriage legislation As widely expected Parliament has enacted the gay marriage bill. In the main the Catholic MP's held their ground and voted against the legislation, thus illustrating the truth of the recent Listener article on why the Catholic church is doing well in New Zealand despite its international troubles – it actually believes in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the ethical requirements he makes on his followers, as opposed to the ersatz churches which increasingly make up mainstream Protestantism, which base their life on contemporary social trends. What has been lost in the gay marriage debate has been the moral dimension, with a revisionist view of marriage to the fore, which defines marriage as “a loving emotional bond, one distinguished by its intensity, with no reference to a duty beyond its partners. This revisionist view points to a relationship based on emotional intensity in which the partners remain “as long as they find it.” See the article on the noticeboard for more wisdom of this sort.

May concert Please mark in your diaries Saturday 11 May when Arnold Bachop will lead another of his popular concerts. This one will include renowned soprano, Judy Bellingham and world-class cornet virtuoso John Lewis among the guest artists. It is anticipated that this event will complete our fundraising to pay for the interior painting and redecorating of the hall.

Red Cross choir visit The visit of the Red Cross choir to our 10.30am Service has been confirmed for Sunday 5 May. With 35 members we can expect a strong and beautiful sound to accompany the liturgy. The choir have visited St Peters before, and left a very positive impression.

The Rock The deadline for articles for the next edition of the Rock is today.

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: Gwendolyn Hiscock, Ian McAllan, Alexander Brown, John Johnston, Mavis Montieth, Eunice Teal and Stacy Carruthers.

Shifting the heat pumps As agreed at a recent Vestry meeting two of the heat pumps from the Vicarage will be shifted to the Church tomorrow. The Vicarage heat pumps were not well located, and the Vicar rarely used them.

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