



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

28 April 2013

Easter Five

John Donne's Sermon

If some King of the earth have so large an extent of Dominion, in North, & South, as that he hath Winter & Summer together in his Dominions, so large an extent East & West, as that he hath day and night together in his Dominions, much more hath God mercy & judgement together; He brought light out of darkness, not out of a lesser light; he can bring thy Summer out of Winter, though thou have no Spring; though in the ways of fortune, or understanding, or conscience, thou have been benighted till now, now God comes to thee, not as in the dawning of the day, not as in the bud of the Spring, but as the Sun at noon to illustrate all shadows, as the sheaves in harvest to fill all penuries; all occasions invite his tender mercies, & all times are his seasons.

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 after the Solemn Sung Eucharist this morning

The Liturgy for Today:

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

HYMNS:

362 Glorious things of thee are spoken
408 Love Divine, all love's excelling
381 Jerusalem the golden
236 Lord, as I wake, I turn to you
102 A brighter day is dawning

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 14: 21-27](#)

[Revelation 21: 1-5](#)

[John 13: 31-35](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29](#)

[Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23](#)

[John 14: 23-29](#)

Organ Postlude: Improvisation Robert Hebble (1934-)

Parish News

Today's sermon is entitled, "A new law for a new people." Jesus' command for his followers to love one another speaks of a new quality of relational existence. This is love as God conceives it, rather than the needy, greedy "lurv," so evidently prized in contemporary love songs. Perhaps it could be more accurately called guidelines and attitudes

for life in the holy city, our ultimate destination according to this morning's Revelation reading.

The Third Caversham lecture will be on Tuesday. 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 follows this morning's 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, as can the agenda, and an explanatory guide to the parish's bequests. Nomination forms for Vestry, People's Warden and Synod representatives are on a small table at the back of the Church.

Shifting of heat pumps Two heat pumps were moved from the Vicarage to the Church on Monday, and have been in operation this morning. In addition the two heat curtains have had their filters cleaned to increase their effectiveness.

Big days in May (and June) We will celebrate the Ascension on Sunday 12 May, the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday evening 18 May using the Liturgy of St Basil followed by a potluck dinner, Pentecost Sunday 19 May, Trinity Sunday 26 May, Corpus Christi 2 June. On Saturday evening 1 June we will have the second in our continuing annual series explaining the origins of the Eucharist, which will include an appropriate liturgy, some teaching, and a shared meal. This is called the Agape banquet.

May concert Please mark in your diaries Saturday 11 May when Arnold Bachop will lead another of his popular concerts at 2 pm. 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. Please could parishioners bring a plate for morning tea so we can cater for the increased number of guests. The choir have visited St Peters before, and left a very positive impression.

The Rock The Rock is available for collection at the back of the Church.

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

Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Arthur Pywell (Priest of this Parish), Alex Holmes, Allan Paris, Muriel Jones and Nellie Bremner.

Harvest Festival Our annual harvest festival Service will take place on Sunday 6 October. Usually it takes place in the Easter season but the remainder of Paschal time is filled with major celebrations as listed below, so harvest festival has been rescheduled to the spring.

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