



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

12 May 2013

Ascension

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Salute the last and everlasting day,
Joy at the uprising of this Sun, and Son,
Ye whose true tears, or tribulation
Have purely washed, or burnt your drossy clay.
Behold the Highest, parting hence away,
Lightens the dark clouds, which he treads upon;
Nor doth he by ascending show alone,
But first He, and He first enters the way.
O strong Ram, which hast battered heaven for me!
Mild lamb, which with thy Blood hast marked the
path!
Bright torch which shinest, that I the way may
see!
O, with Thy own Blood quench Thy own just
wrath;
And if Thy Holy Spirit my muse did raise,
Deign at my hands this crown of prayer and
praise.

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 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:

130 Hail the day that sees him rise

134 The head that once was crowned with thorns

483 The Church of God a Kingdom is
Clear Vault of Heaven (see sheet)

375 I danced in the morning

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 1: 1-11](#)

[Ephesians 1: 17-23](#)

[Luke 24: 46-53](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

[1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13](#)

[John 20: 19-23](#)

Organ Postlude: Toccata on *Llandfair* Sondra Tucker
(1957-)

Parish News

Procession In keeping with our celebration of the Ascension today our 10.30 am Service will begin with a procession around the interior of the Church, which you are most welcome to join.

Potluck lunch As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month, a potluck lunch will follow the 10.30 am Service.

The Fifth Caversham lecture will be on Tuesday. The Vicar will continue his series on framers of Anglican identity by talking about Frederick Dennison Maurice. Dismissed from his teaching post at King's College London for questioning the doctrine of eternal punishment, he became the darling of liberal Anglican opinion. He had also added to his reputation by flirting with emerging Christian socialism. What did he actually believe, and what implications did his position have for liberal Anglicanism in the years ahead? 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

Pentecost Vigil readers requested Please sign the notice on the Link noticeboard if you are available to read a lesson at the Pentecost Vigil Service next Saturday evening 18 May at 6 pm. We will use the Liturgy of St Basil to celebrate the Eucharist at this Service. The Bishop's chaplain has requested that the eve of Pentecost be used as an intercessory opportunity for the needs of the diocese, and we shall do so at this Service. A potluck meal will follow in the hall, with your contributions of food or drink welcome.

Agape banquet On the eve of Corpus Christi, Saturday evening 1 June, we will be investigating the Eucharistic Prayer of Hippolytus, the stem liturgy of most western Eucharistic liturgies, and the most influential formative influence on modern Eucharistic liturgies. We will celebrate this liturgy at 5.30 pm, have some teaching about it, and then enjoy a potluck meal in the hall.

Rock deadline The deadline for material for the next edition of the Rock is Sunday 19 May.

Syria appeal Christian World Service has launched an appeal for Syrian families fleeing the fighting in that country's bitter civil war. Donations can be sent to CWS at P O Box 22652, Christchurch.

Diocesan sexuality hui The diocesan family will gather on Saturday 25 May to hear the various strands of opinion

within it on the subject of partnered gay relationships, and the possibility of gay Christian marriage. The Bishop suggested this event after this particular subject brought paralysis to last year's diocesan synod. This event, which will be at St John's Roslyn, is open to any communicant Anglican. It would be helpful if there were a good turn out of articulate orthodox Anglicans.

Human rights commission The Anglican Church made headline news this week when the Bishop Auckland was brought before the human rights commission for denying ordination to a partnered gay man. Ironically Ross Bay, and his assistant Bishop Jim White, are supporters of this cause, but as usual St Matthews in the city is not prepared to wait for due Synodical process, and wants to storm the ramparts now. The gentleman concerned feels he is entitled to ordination having studied for the ministry for 5 years. But no one is entitled to ordination – the Church must discern whether this call is genuine, and if this ministry is in fact required, and if the person concerned has a lifestyle congruent with the call to holiness.

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

Pray for those who have died Nick Rata and those whose memorial occurs at this time: Barbara Rodgers, Arthur Bath, John Allen and Harriet Hamer.

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