



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

11 August 2013 Feast of the Transfiguration

Transfiguration

For that one moment, "in and out of time,"
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this this blackened sky, this darkened
scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are

Malcolm Guite

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 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:

360 Firmly I believe and truly
177 Christ, upon the mountain peak (T. 112)
433 O worship the King
178 'Tis good, Lord, to be here
248 O strength and stay

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14](#)
[2 Peter 1: 16-19](#)
[Luke 9: 28-36](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Revelation 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10](#)
[1 Corinthians 15: 20-26](#)
[Luke 1: 39-56](#)

Organ Postlude: *Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Her Gott* Johan
Walther (1684-1748)

Parish News

Today's sermon is entitled "Disclosing the inner life of
God." At the Transfiguration there was a brief revealing of
who God is as Holy Trinity, three Persons in One God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God discloses the inner secret

of his being just as the ministry of Jesus in Galilee concludes, and his fateful journey to Jerusalem begins.

Spring blossom bus tour Following on from the success of the parish bus tour to Maheno, Oamaru earlier this year another expedition is planned for Saturday 5 October to catch the spring blossom season by following a route through Middlemarch, Naseby, the Clyde dam lookout, Alexandra, Roxburgh, and Milton. Tickets are on sale now at \$30 and can be obtained from Kate Paterson or the Vicar. It is essential to obtain a ticket before the day of the trip.

Horizon group The Horizon group is a spiritual development programme for the elderly that is running over 7 successive Monday afternoons at 2 pm through July and early August. Tomorrow's session is our last one, and considers the all important topic of eternal life.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Tuesday. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

The Rock The deadline for copy for the August edition of the Rock is Sunday 25 August.

Potluck lunch A pot luck lunch follows our 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

Next Sunday We honour Mary the Mother of God following on from the feast of the Assumption on 15 August.

Bishop to visit Vestry The Bishop will meet with Vestry for an hour in September as part of his out and about engagement policy, and in order to outline current diocesan reorganisation plans. The Vestry intends to draw up its own list of topics it wishes to raise with him.

Bishop's faith journey The last two entries in the Bishops blog "Available Light" are interesting as he charts his faith journey since his conversion in 1973.

Book of Remembrance If you would like to add names to the Book of Remembrance please contact David Hoskins 455-7537.

New hostility to Christian religion In his recent address to the General Synod of the Church of England the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke of a culture shift in English society experienced in a recent telling way by the hostility experienced by the Bishops in the House of Lords as they tried to explain the Church's position on the gay marriage bill. The Vicar has noticed that this culture shift is now manifesting in a number of recent expressions. The Girl Guides have eliminated their promise to serve God, instead promising "to be true to myself and develop my beliefs." By contrast the Scouts have dealt with the issue of living in a pluralist society in a more nuanced way by allowing alternative oaths for atheists, Muslims and Hindus, with the majority still taking the traditional oath. Until recently the Church could count on a general good will towards it, even if most did not darken its doors from one year's end to the next, but now a new aggressive one in the eye for God mentality has emerged. There is hope in this of course. Indifference to religion kills it. Active opposition to it means that some have a lot of energy around the issue of God, are determined to raise the issue on all possible occasions, which gives us significant opportunities to "give an account of the hope that is within us."

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

Pray for those who have died and those whose memorial occurs at this time especially Gaynor Newbound, Jennifer Fraser, Ronald Preston, and Mavis Willinson.

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