



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

9 February 2014

5th Sunday

The Candle Indoors

Today's gospel passage is the famous text: You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. In this poem Hopkins invites his readers to consider whether they have lost their gospel saltiness.

Some candle clear burns somewhere I come by.
I muse at how its being puts blissful back
With yellowy moisture mild night's blear-all black,
Or to-fro tender trambeams truckle at the eye.
By that window what task what fingers ply,
I plod wondering, a-wanting, just for lack
Of answer the eagerer a-wanting Jessy or Jack
There God to aggrandise, God to glorify. –

Come you indoors, come home; your fading fire
Mend first and vital candle in close heart's vault:
You there are master, do your own desire;
What hinders? Are you beam-blind, yet to a fault
In a neighbour deft-handed? Are you that liar
And, cast by conscience out, spendsavour salt

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

HYMNS:

206 Christ is our corner stone
102 A brighter dawn is breaking
484 The Church's one foundation
269 The heavenly word proceeding forth
251 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 58: 7-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 2: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 5: 13-16](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Wisdom of Jesus ben Sirach 15: 15-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 2: 6-10](#)

[Matthew 5: 17-37](#)

Parish News

Parish lunch The shared lunch that we customarily have on the second Sunday of the month after the 10.30 am Service resumes today. Please join us.

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

Confirmation The Bishop will be with us for the 10.30 am Service on Sunday 2 March to confirm an adult candidate. Are you confirmed? This is a valuable

opportunity to learn more about your faith, and to affirm for yourself the promises made on your behalf at your baptism. Please talk to the Vicar if you would like to learn more about this.

Flagpole repair Two weeks ago the flagpole was blown out of its support cradle by the strong winds. It has now been repaired and restored to its normal upright angle, but apparently rot has begun to work its way into the pole itself. Soon it will have to be replaced by a long life aluminium pole at a cost of around \$500.

Uniting Yorkshire In a bold move the Church of England has united three of its northern dioceses, Bradford, Ripon and Leeds, and Wakefield, into a diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, to be lead by Nicholas Baines, a rising star of the Episcopal bench, and formerly Bishop of Bradford. The first two dioceses were happy to go into the union, anticipating saving in administrative costs and common sense sharing of resources and strategic direction, but some in Wakefield were less than enthusiastic. One issue to be worked through is the mission of the three Cathedrals. From time to time Dunedin has had to consider a like possibility, an issue that will re-emerge at the next Episcopal election, as each election requires a diocese to prove that it has the financial resources to support a full-time Episcopal Ministry.

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

Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Charlotte Halliburton, Robina Woodham, Leonard Base, Frederick Garrod, Roy Tokona and Margaret Carruthers.

The Christian Formation Group As Lent begins in early March the Christian Formation Group will begin its life, meeting on Monday nights with a 7 pm Eucharist in the Church, and then adjourning to the Vicarage to study the New Testament Mass readings for the following Sunday, followed by a period of silent prayer which will lead off from those readings, and will conclude with intercessory prayer for the parish. Refreshments will follow.

What we believe In a small noticeboard at the entrance way to the Church there has been a brief statement of belief dating back to the Fr Carl era entitled, "What we believe." The Vicar has been encouraged to come up with his own version, and this he has now done entitling it instead, "Themes often addressed in the preaching here." In addition to the entranceway noticeboard it has also been posted on the parish web site. Comment and dialogue on this credo is welcome.

Hillside hedge transformed Thanks to much hard work by Tubby and Averil Hopkins the Hillside hedge has not just received a trim, but has also been cut back to get it to a uniform height, which will make it much easier to cut in future, and has also had a great deal of dead wood removed from its base. Church grounds that look cared for and neat and tidy give a good impression to the surrounding community, and indicate to potential Church seekers that here is a Church where good things are happening. We thank Averil and Tubby for generating this favourable impression of us.

The Rock The deadline for copy for the February edition of the Rock is Sunday 23 February.

Midweek Eucharist Holy Eucharist, in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's, 10am.

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