



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

11 May 2014

Easter 4

On Belief in the Physical Resurrection of Jesus

It is for all "literalists of the imagination," poets or not,
 that miracle is possible, possible and essential.
 Are some intricate minds nourished on concept,
 as epiphytes flourish high in the canopy?
 Can they subsist on the light,
 on the half of metaphor that's not
 grounded in dust, grit, heavy carnal clay?
 Do signs contain and utter,
 for them all the reality that they need?
 Resurrection, for them,
 an internal power, but not
 a matter of flesh?
 For the others, of whom I am one
 miracles (ultimate need, bread of life) are miracles just because
 people so tuned to the humdrum laws:
 gravity, mortality – can't open to symbol's power
 unless convinced of its ground, its roots
 in bone and blood.
 We must feel the pulse in the wound
 to believe that "with God all things are possible,"
 taste bread at Emmaus
 that warm hands broke and blessed.

Denise Levertov

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:

443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

102 A brighter dawn is breaking

457 The King of love my shepherd is

291 Jesus, the very thought is sweet

387 Jesus, good above all other

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 2: 14, 36-41](#)

[1 Peter 2: 20b-25](#)

[John 10: 1-10](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 6: 1-7](#)

[1 Peter 2: 4-9](#)

[John 14: 1-12](#)

Parish News

Pot luck lunch A pot luck lunch follows the 10.30 am Service this morning, as is our custom on the second Sunday of the month. All welcome.

This morning's sermon is entitled "the Speech of a Lifetime," and focusses on Peter's Pentecost day street preaching, based on the unexpected and unfolding results of the resurrection, which has such dynamic results. We too are called to give an account of the hope that is within us when unexpected circumstances arise.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Vicar's Warden on Thursday. Please mention to Tubby Hopkins any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Parish forum A parish forum will follow the 10.30 am Service next Sunday. It will focus on recent news from the General Synod, the Church security system, and the possibility of a parish history.

Automatic payment tokens If you are giving to the parish by means of automatic payments, a highly desirable means of doing so, and wish to have something to place in the collection bag as a symbol of your offering, you will find some appropriate tokens you can uplift on the table at the back of the Church.

Thursday Eucharist The Thursday 10 am Eucharist will be celebrated in the Parish Lounge from now on through the Winter months.

Diocesan appointments The Vicar has been appointed to the Selwyn College Board of Governors, and to the Diocesan Trust Board.

Rock deadline The deadline for copy for this month's edition of the Rock is Sunday 20 May.

Second Caversham lecture The second Caversham lecture for this year will be on Tuesday at 2 pm and then again at 7.30 pm. Its subject will be the architect Ninian Comper, creator of St Mary's Wellingborough, St Cyprian Clarence Gate and St Philip Cosham, and re modeller of the interiors of All Saints Carshalton and Wyndmondham Abbey. Dom Gregory Dix, Benedictine Monk and liturgist, will be the subject of the following lecture on Tuesday 20 May. This presentation will also give attention to Walter Frere, Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, and liturgist.

Gene Robinson divorces Gene Robinson, whose consecration as Bishop of New Hampshire in 2003, sparked off the biggest crisis the Anglican Communion has known, is getting divorced three years after he married his partner. In 2008 Robinson and his partner Mark were joined in a civil union, and when gay marriage became legal in New Hampshire in 2010, they married. They met in 1987, a year after Robinson divorced Isabella, with whom he had two children.

The other potentially divisive General Synod issue Tikanga Maori are requesting a change to the constitution of the Anglican

Church in these Islands which would have the effect of reducing a three tikanga Church to a two tikanga Church of just Maori and Pakeha, and which would greatly enhance tikanga Maori ability to access an increased share of St John's College Trust board money. Tikanga Maori are almost entirely dependant on this trust board money as it has never evolved into strong local worshipping entities who have faced up to the challenge of financing themselves through effective stewardship programmes. It has also wanted to access more St Johns money to bail out failing North Island Maori boarding schools. They feel that these financial resources should be theirs as of right because of past historical injustices, and that they should neither have to apply for them on a case by case basis, nor be accountable to others in the spending of them. And they were never happy about tikanga Pacifica being tacked on to the new constitutional arrangements. The chickens are now coming home to roost for the disastrous decision to divide our Church into 3 ethnic silos without New Testament warrant. It has not had the hoped for effect of reducing Maori grievance over past historical injustices, nor of mobilising the new Maori ecclesial structure into effective mission to Maori people. Such a change would leave the Anglican Church in Fiji, its surrounding islands, and the growing Polynesian parishes in Auckland, in an uncertain and vulnerable position, too small to be a Province in their own right, and reluctant to be an absorbed part of tikanga Pakeha. Will the worm finally turn in the Bay of Islands in the coming week, and white liberal guilt fade away into a firm no to a Church destroying foolish measure?

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Irene Waters, Shirley Menzies, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Louise Lewis, Barbara Rodgers, Arthur Bath and John Allen.

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