



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

1 June 2014

Ascension Day

The Collect for Ascension Day

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,
that like as we do believe
thy only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens;
so we may also in heart and mind thither
ascend,
and with him continually dwell,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the
Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

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:

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
133 The eternal gifts lift up their heads. (T.415,tune 2)
443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 1: 1-11](#)
[Ephesians 1: 17-23](#)
[Matthew 28: 16-20](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)
[1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13](#)
[John 20: 19-23](#)

Parish News

Procession This morning's 10.30 am Service begins with a procession around the Church as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Please feel free to join in.

This morning's sermon is entitled "If I leave here would you understand," and reflects on the Ascension tide theme of how we deal with, and make sense of, the unexpected departure of those we care about.

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

Fourth Caversham lecture The fourth Caversham lecture for this year will be this Tuesday at 2 pm, and then again at 7.30 pm. The lecture will profile Austin Farrer, Warden of Keble College, Oxford, a great preacher, philosopher and theologian. The final lecture, on Tuesday 10 June, will consider Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury and theologian.

Read, Mark, Learn and Inwardly Digest Copies of the full text of the decision made at General Synod about the blessing of same sex relationships are available at the back of the Church for you to take away and peruse at your leisure.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity South Dunedin clergy will meet for lunch and then a time of prayer on Tuesday to mark the week of prayer for Christian unity.

Pentecost Vigil Service

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. As is our custom there will be a Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday evening at 6 pm using the Liturgy of St Basil, followed by a potluck meal, in this way giving added emphasis to a feast that is as important as Easter, and which has not received its due in the Western Church. This Service is highly recommended as a way of marking the conclusion of the Easter season. Please bring some food to share. Please advise the Vicar if you can read a lesson at this Service.

Trinity Sunday Each Sunday in June has a major feast, and so on Sunday fortnight we will rejoice in the feast of the holy, blessed and glorious Trinity.

Patronal Festival Our Patronal festival will be celebrated on Sunday 29 June. Our guest preacher will be the Revd Eric Kyte, Vicar of St Johns, Roslyn, and Vicar General. Suggestions about worthy and appropriate events for that important weekend in our life are welcome.

Sustainable living The diocesan social justice working group is holding a workshop called Sustainable Living on Saturday 7 June, at St John's Roslyn from 10am to 3.30 pm. It will be led by Maureen Howard, who runs these courses for the Dunedin City Council. Maureen is very experienced and very practical.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Thursday 12 June. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Vestry news Last week's Vestry meeting deferred making a decision about upgrading the parish security systems until next month while further information is gathered. It is thought important to consider the possibility of bringing the hall, the Church, and the Vicarage into a common monitoring system so that the response to an alarm detonation does not depend on key parish personnel being on site. At present three security contractors are quoting on the work, and a fourth is to be brought into the mix. Strong support was expressed for the proposal for a Spring Flower Festival, and modest financial backing will be provided for that. Information is to be gathered regarding the possibility of a music and movement group meeting in the hall, and this possibility will be canvassed at a future parish forum. Kate Paterson, Tubby Hopkins, Heather Brooks and David Hoskins were elected as the parish nominators.

Tax credit claim form Are you claiming the one third return which the IRD provides for those with receipts for giving to charity? It may be that you have not done this because you are not a wage earner, or because the IRD has not automatically sent you a tax credit claim form. This simple to fill in form can be provided on request to the Vicar, and enables you to increase your giving to the Church without it costing you any more than you are present providing.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Wilfried Ebbinghaus, Betty Wyatt and Amy Hore

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