



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

8 June 2014

Pentecost Sunday

The Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time
didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people,
by the sending to them the light of thy Holy
Spirit:

Grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things,
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our
Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the same Spirit,
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:

139 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come
143 Spirit of mercy, truth and love
137 Come down, O Love divine
140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us.
421 O King, enthroned on high

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

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

[John 14: 15-16, 23-26](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9](#)

[2 Corinthians 13: 11-13](#)

[John 3: 16-18](#)

Parish News

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

Pot luck lunch As is our custom on the second Sunday of the
month today's 10.30 Service will be followed by a shared pot luck
meal. You are most welcome to join us.

This morning's sermon is entitled, "What is intimacy," and
considers the Holy Spirit's role in introducing us to the inner life of
God, as it draws us into union with the Trinity.

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

Final Caversham lecture The fifth Caversham lecture for this year will be this Tuesday at 2 pm, and then again at 7.30 pm. The lecture will profile Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, theologian and exemplar of holiness.

Trinity Sunday Each Sunday in June has a major feast, and so next Sunday we will rejoice in the feast of the Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity.

Corpus Christi The following Sunday 22 June we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, in which we thank God for the gift of his risen life in holy communion. As is our custom we will explore the evolution of the Eucharist through Christian history by celebrating a different Eucharistic liturgy on the preceding Saturday evening at 5.30 pm, followed by a shared meal known as the Agape Banquet, a name deriving from the fact that the Eucharist was at first celebrated in the context of a meal. This year we will celebrate and investigate the Liturgy of St Basil, which is becoming known to us through its use on special occasions here. This will be an opportunity to learn something of the way in which the Eucharistic liturgy developed in a rather different way in the eastern parts of the Roman empire, and so laid the foundations of the Eastern Orthodox approach to worship.

St Barnabas day St Barnabas day falls on Wednesday of the coming week, so there will be a day of celebratory events at St Barnabas rest home. Accordingly the Eucharist moves from its usual slot of Tuesday to Wednesday 11 am.

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.

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

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: Elma Coxon, Winifred Murray, Mary Brown, Dulcie Healy and Hugh Carruthers.

Rock deadline The deadline for copy for the Rock is Sunday 22 June.

Some reflections on motion 30 from the recent General Synod

There has been a general sigh of relief throughout the Province, and particularly on the part of the Bishops, that motion 30 on same sex blessings offers a way to hold the Anglican Church in these islands together. But as with most attempts to please everyone there will be considerable challenges in the roll out details of the attempted solution. Negotiating the legal exemption from prosecution under the human rights legislation for those clergy who in all conscience do not wish to preside at such blessings will not be easy. The interim coping measure of allowing same sex couples to have their relationship recognised in the context of public worship opens the door to considerable latitude as to what such liturgical expressions might consist of, and may well lead to same sex blessings in all but name. And if someone in such a liturgically recognised partnership presented themselves for selection as an ordinand this would be a dilemma for the examining chaplains and the Bishop concerned, since the Church has not changed its definition of marriage, and therefore could not consider this to be a rightly ordered relationship. It has been suggested that the 2016 General Synod may decide to divide the Anglican Church into “two integrities,” as a way of allowing the Church to live with differences of practice and theology. While this would make life easier for parishes that were of one heart and mind on the issue, it could cause confusion and division for those parishes that had divided opinions on the matter, and were unsure about which “integrity” to opt into. The media have interpreted motion 30 as generating an inevitable momentum towards same sex relationship blessings over a 4 year period. If this were to be the case then that opens up the biggest question of all, whether the Anglican Church could still claim that its understanding of marriage was still the same, and whether it had merely delayed the exit of those of traditional faith until 2018.

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