



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

15 June 2014

Trinity Sunday

The Collect for Trinity Sunday

God of unchangeable power,
you have revealed yourself
to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
keep us firm in this faith
that we may praise and bless your holy name;
for you are one God now and forever.

New Zealand Prayer Book

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:

148 The God of Abraham praise
343 Bright the vision that delighted
295 Let all mortal flesh keep silent
147 Most ancient of all mysteries.
342 Breath on me breath of God

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

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

[John 3: 16-18](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16](#)

[1 Corinthians 10: 16-17](#)

[John 6: 51-58](#)

Parish News

Procession Our 10.30 am Service begins with a procession around the Church as we honour the Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity. Please feel free to join in.

This morning's sermon is entitled, "What heals us," and considers the implications of God as Trinity for our life together in Christian community.

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

Corpus Christi Next Sunday 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.

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. The celebrations continue on the Sunday afternoon with drinks at 4 pm in the lounge, followed by Choral Evensong at 5 pm. It would be much appreciated if we could have as many of the parish family as possible at Church that Sunday.

Brass cleaning will take place in the lounge on Friday 27 June at 11 am. All helpers most welcome.

Thank you from the Menzies Shirley and Jim Menzies are most grateful for the card they received signed by not a few parishioners with all its best wishes and kind thoughts.

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

Clergy conference After being in abeyance for the last two years the annual clergy upskilling event will take place at Holy Cross Mosgiel from 24 to 26 June, its theme "Future models of ministry."

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

Pray for those who have died recently: Irene Waters

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Ada Higham Claire Taiaroa, Toger Taylor [priest] and Geoffrey Dale [priest]

Further reflections on motion 30 from the recent General Synod Motion 30 has been widely interpreted by the media 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 wider issue of the New Zealand Anglican Church's relationship to the Anglican Communion. A decision to bless such relationships would see our church identified with the Episcopal Church of the United States, and the Canadian Church, by the wider Communion. Many African and Asian Provinces would no longer wish to be in communion with us, and there is the possibility that a number of African provinces would no longer wish to receive our missionaries or our mission aid money, as has been the case with missionaries and money from the Episcopal Church. We are now four years away from the next Lambeth Conference in 2018. There are already major question marks as to how many Provinces will actually attend the event, or whether a rival event such as GAFCON will become the rallying point for the majority of the Provinces in the southern hemisphere. Our Bishops may find themselves part of a rather small gathering of what many might perceive as the rapidly dying western churches. The Episcopal Church is now in rapid spiral down as it continues to pursue a self destructive path of identifying with a particular constituency in America's culture wars. It is no longer the brand leader of interesting and useful pastoral practice and spiritual depth. Though desperate for friends, it confers a price tag in terms of wider Communion relationships on its allies and fellow travellers. There is an ecumenical price tag also, since the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Pentecostal churches will have little interest in drawing near to those on this particular pathway. Not a few Anglicans wont be worried by this, since for them local realities are what counts, and they give little thought to what Communion partners care about, but this is amounts to a lack of Catholic imagination, that sense of mutual interdependence and accountability that is an essential part of a healthy doctrine of the Church.

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