



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

20 July 2014

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One Foot in Eden

Edwin Muir

One foot in Eden, still I stand
And look across the other land.
The world's great day is growing late,
Yet strange these fields that we have planted
So long with crops of love and hate.
Time's handiwork by time are haunted,
And nothing now can separate
The corn and tares compactly grown.
The armorial weed in stillness bound
bout the stalk; these are our own.
Evil and good stand thick around
In fields of charity and sin
Where we shall lead the harvest in.

Yet still from Eden springs the root
As clean as on the starting day.
Time takes the foliage and the fruit
And burns the archetypal leaf
To shapes of terror and grief
Scattered along the winter way.
But famished field and blackened tree
Bear flowers in Eden never known.
Blossoms of grief and charity
Bloom in these darkened fields alone
What had Eden ever to say
Of hope and faith and pity and love
Until was buried all its day
And memory found its treasure trove?
Strange blessings never in Paradise
Fall from these beclouded skies

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:

149 Father, we praise thee now the night is over
500 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee
495 God is working his purpose out
313 Wherefore, O Father
245 God that madest earth and heaven

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19](#)

[Romans 8: 26-27](#)

[Matthew 13: 24-43](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12](#)

[Romans 8: 28-30](#)

[Matthew 13: 44-52](#)

Organ postlude: *Improvisation*

Parish News

Today's sermon is entitled "An enemy has done this," and considers the existence of radical evil in the world, its personified representative the prince of darkness and father of lies, and considers the remedies available to Christians to deal with it and him.

Episcopal announcement Bishop Kelvin told the recent ministry conference that he would be retiring at Easter 2017 when he turns 65. He spoke of health concerns being

a large part of his decision, and said that the next three years would give him the time necessary to complete the reorganisation of the diocese so as to assist his successor.

Replacing the flag Grateful thanks to all those who contributed so generously to our new Anglican Communion flags. We have now received the full amount by parishioner subscription.

Farewell function for the Hicks The Hicks family, our guests at the recent parish forum, will be farewelled from Dunedin at a social function today at St John's Roslyn which will run from 3 to 5 pm. Offerings of finger food would be welcomed. The Hicks will be returning to America in August before moving to the Solomons on 2015 to begin their 10 year missionary tour of duty.

New Clerical Canons of the Cathedral The Revds Richard Johnson and Hugh Bowron have been appointed to the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, and the Revd Alec Clark has been reappointed to that body. A collation date will be set when the new Lay Canons have been appointed.

Vestry news The Vestry considered the recent announcement that the government is about to change the wave lengths on which many public address and sound systems operate on, with possible cost implications for the Church wireless sound system. Research is under way into this matter. The Vestry considered its level of insurance cover on parish buildings in the light of the news that the Diocese is changing its insurance classification system. Enquiries are being made as to whether the insurers have responded to instructions issued by the parish through the diocesan office in recent years. The diocesan property committee has requested that each parish fill out a property questionnaire on each building it owns. This involves consideration of future use and ownership of these buildings and will require some prior thought by Vestry members before completing the questionnaires at the August meeting. The Vicar reported on his new responsibilities on the diocesan trust board and the board of governors of Selwyn College, together with an analysis of some of the challenges facing the Cathedral Chapter.

Women Bishops in Britain Parishioners will have noticed that the television evening news in the past week has reported the English General Synod's decision to ordain woman bishops. Because bishops are appointed in Britain (i.e. as a result of Church recommendations and state confirmations), not elected, it is likely that the first such ordinations will proceed within 6 to 12 months. The Vicar will be in Britain in October, perhaps in time for the first names to come out of the hat. In order to mollify the conservative evangelicals, who believe in male headship, they have been promised that one of their number will be consecrated in order to episcopally care for them. A new crop of flying bishops have been consecrated to look after the Forward in Faith parishes, though this writer is not clear as yet on what other promises of freedom of conscience have been made to them. Meanwhile the Ordinariate that Pope Benedict brought into existence to receive disaffected Anglo-Catholics is languishing for lack of new recruits and converts.

The Assumption Given the parish's custom of Sunday-isng major feasts the feast of the Assumption of our Lady will be celebrated on Sunday 17 August. In order to give due honour to this important celebration the film "England's Nazareth: a pilgrimage to the shrine of our Lady of Walsingham," will be shown in the Vicarage that afternoon, with Sung Evensong and Benediction to follow at 5 pm.

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

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

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