



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

5 APRIL, 2015

EASTER SUNDAY

EXSULTET

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the song of all God's people!

Accept this Easter candle,
a flame divided but undimmed,
a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God.

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning
Christ, that morning Star, who came back from the dead,
and shed his peaceful light on all mankind,
your Son who lives and reign for ever.
Amen.

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:

- 338 At the name of Jesus
112 Jesus lives thy terrors now
104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
113 Love's redeeming work is done
110 Jesus Christ is risen today

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 10: 34, 37-43](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

[John 20: 1-9](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 4: 32-35](#)

[1 John 5: 1-6](#)

[John 20: 19-31](#)

Parish News

Renewal of baptismal promises The 10.30 am Sung Mass today will begin with the renewal of our baptismal promises, which the Vicar will lead from the font. The response to each of the questions is, "I do." This will be followed by a procession around the interior of the Church, which the able bodied are invited to join. Because the renewal of baptismal promises includes an assent to the essentials of the Nicene Creed we will not recite the creed in its usual place, but will instead proceed directly from the sermon to the prayers of the people.

Thank you to the dedicated team of David Hoskins, Sacred Ministers, readers, flower arrangers, brass cleaners and other helpers who made the Holy Week Services possible, and who ensured that they would be performed to their usual high standard.

Captured on film This year's Easter Vigil Service was filmed by David and Shelley Scoular. Edited highlights will be posted on the parish website.

Looking beyond the Vanuatu crisis Outside aid in substantial amounts is now reaching the scattered archipelago of islands that makes up the tiny nation of Vanuatu, and that is as it should be. What is to be noticed here is how reliant Vanuatu is on this external help to get back on its feet, and how fragile its infrastructure is. This is the way things are for a number of South Pacific nations. The meta issue behind all this, and one New Zealanders need to ponder in the years ahead, is the likelihood that some of these micro-states will become uninhabitable as the increasing incidence of adverse weather events and rising sea levels overwhelm them. New Zealand and Australia will likely receive urgent requests to house their populations. Will they be willing to do this?

Evensong and Benediction Evening Services are resuming this year once a month on the first Sunday of the month on a trial basis. We begin this evening. The Service starts at 5 pm, will last about 40 minutes, and will be followed by a social time in the lounge.

Vicar away The Vicar will be on leave from Tuesday in the coming week until Friday evening the following week visiting his brother who lives outside Perth. Funeral cover during this time will be provided by Fr James Harding p 453 1956. Next Sunday's celebrant and preacher will be Fr Roger Barker. This will be Fr Roger's final visit to us.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, Margaret Stirling, George, Nonie and Rachel Connor, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died recently Revd Jim Brook and Lance Bardwell

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Robert Walker and Basil Dickie.

Revising the Parish Statute A major pre-Synod priority of the Diocesan leadership is revision of the statute that determines governance arrangements for parishes in the light of the rapidly changing circumstances of many ministry units. What is proposed is three different requirements for three different kinds of configurations – parishes, regional deaneries and local churches. For parishes nothing changes in terms of the normal arrangements about Vestries, Wardens, Synod representatives etc. Regional deaneries are either conglomerations of small units brought together in a new grouping, such as our neighbour made up of St Kilda, Mornington, Green Island and Brighton, or big parishes such as Gladstone and Balclutha, that have taken over neighbouring small units. They will now have one central Vestry, with no necessity for local committees, unless requested. Local churches will be small congregations who are not financially self-sufficient. They need only have one Warden, and a local committee made up of no more than half the congregation's membership. They will be directly answerable to the Bishop for their ministry arrangements and the diocesan headquarters for their financial governance, in effect direct rule from the centre.

Parish AGM Notice is hereby given the Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 26 April after the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of hearing reports, receiving the accounts and the budget for the year ahead, and electing the parish officers. Election forms for Vestry and the People's Warden and can be found at the back of the Church. You must be on the parish roll to nominate someone, and must have obtained their consent to be nominated.

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