

26 APRIL, 2015

EASTER 4

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE EUCHARIST

The glorified Christ, crucified and risen, is eternally active towards the God the Father on our behalf, drawing us into the eternal movement of self-giving that the Son or Word directs towards the source of all, the God Jesus calls "Abba." The sacrifice of the cross is, among other things, the "Transcription" into this world's terms of the Son's movement in love towards the Father in heaven. In the Eucharist, our prayer is swept into that current, and we are set free to share in the Son's self-giving. The giving of thanks over the elements renews for us the covenant made by God in Christ, and the work of God in the cross is again "applied" to us, in word and action, in body and soul...the presence that is appropriate and intelligible in the Eucharist is neither the presence of an idea in our minds... nor the presence of a uniquely sacred object on the Table. It is the presence of an active Christ, moving in love not only towards the father but towards us

Rowan Williams Foreword in "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Anglican Tradition" 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.

<u>The Liturgy for Today:</u>

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

- 457 The King of love my shepherd is
- 119 The strife is o'er, the battle done
- 459 The Lord's my Shepherd
- 282 Faithful Shepherd feed me

READINGS FOR TODAY

<u>Acts 4: 8-12</u> <u>1 John 3: 1-2</u> John 10: 11-18

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

<u>Acts 9: 26-31</u> <u>1 John 3: 18-24</u> John 15: 1-8

Parish News

Parish AGM The Parish AGM will be held this morning, 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. Nominations close at the conclusion of the 10.30 am Service today.

The Easter season film season Running over five weeks on successive Tuesday nights throughout Paschal time between Easter and Pentecost five films will be shown in the Vicarage. Mass will be celebrated in the Vicarage at 7 pm, followed immediately by the screening of the film. This week's film is *Looking for Light: Jane Brown*, a recent documentary about the *Observers* portrait photographer, whose low key, disarming personality enabled her to take some of the most famous portrait photographs of recent times.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday at St Peters at 1.40 pm in time to leave at 1.50 pm for Peter Rodger's home – 209 Burt St, Wakari – off Lynn St. Peter is going to show us his new kitchen – afternoon tea will be served. Contacts: Raylene Ralston 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613.

Francis Hodgkins The Francis Hodgkins house group will meet next on Monday (Tomorrow) at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge. The May meeting at the same time and place will be on Monday 18 May. The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist for all interested Frances Hodgkins residents on Thursday 7 May at 11 am.

Thursday Eucharist relocation From now until the end of winter the Thursday 10 am Eucharist will be celebrated in the warmer location of the parish lounge.

Evensong and Benediction There will be a Service of Evensong and Benediction next Sunday at 5 pm, followed by a social gathering in the lounge afterwards.

Ivor Powell RIP The funeral of Ivor Powell will take place at St Peters on Wednesday at 1.30 pm. Ivor was a resident of Frances Hodgkins. The Vicar developed a close pastoral relationship with Ivor through his ministry there, and officiated at his wife's funeral some months ago.

<u>**Pray for the Sick and Infirm**</u> Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, Margaret Sterling, George, Nonie and Rachel Connor, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died recently Ivor Powell

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Eunice Teal, Stacy Carruthers, Arthur Pywell (Priest), Alexander Holmes, and Alan Paris

<u>150th Anniversary programme</u> The anniversary celebrations will run over the weekend of 26-27 September. Registration and welcome will begin at 1pm on the Saturday with an organ recital to follow soon after at 2pm by Douglas Mews, Wellington city organist. Afternoon tea will be followed by the screening of "Thanks for the Memory", edited highlights of recent film interviews with parishioners regarding the recent history of the parish. If time permits the Vicar will give a brief presentation on "Colourful clergy from St Peter's past." Drinks and nibbles will conclude the first day. On Sunday our usual Services will be amalgamated into one at 10 am, with Bishop Victoria Matthews presiding and preaching. A bus will then take us to J-Tee's Function Centre at East Taieri for lunch. The celebrations will conclude with Evensong and Benediction at 4 pm.

<u>Vestry news</u> It was decided to set aside \$5,000 of the recently received D'Arcy Christopher bequest grant to fund the 150th anniversary celebrations, with the remaining \$20,000 being placed in the St Peter's Renovation Fund, which is invested with the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund. The possibility of the Christchurch Cathedral Choir coming to us for the Patronal Festival was discussed. It was resolved to draw down funds from the Warrington bequest, which is specifically for music at St Peters, to meet the costs of our visiting musicians throughout the year. A resolution to this effect will be generated at next month's meeting when all such costs are known. Nicola Taylor, the CEO of the Anglican Family Centre spoke about the work of AFC. It was not possible to discuss the recent industrial relations problems there as the matter is currently before the Employment Relations Authority, with a decision expected soon.

Parish Contacts.

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