



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

3 MAY, 2015

EASTER 5

HOLY SONNET 7

At the round earth's imagined corners, blow
Your trumpets, Angels, and arise, arise
From death, you numberless infinities
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go,
All whom the flood did, and fire shall overthrow,
All whom war, dearth, age, agues and tyrannies,
Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose eyes,
Shall behold God, and never taste death's woe.
But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space,
For, if above all these, my sins abound,
Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace,
When we are there; here on this lowly ground,
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good
As if thou hadst sealed my pardon, with thy blood.

John Donne

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:

437 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him
112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
285 For the beauty of the earth
478 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 9: 26-31](#)

[1 John 3: 18-24](#)

[John 15: 1-8](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35](#)

[1 John 4: 7-10](#)

[John 15: 9-17](#)

Parish News

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 *George Mackay Brown – Hamnavoe*, profiling the famous 20th century Orkney poet, and one of his better known poems.

This year's Vestry Tubby Hopkins Vicar's Warden, Kate Paterson People's Warden, Vestry members David Hoskins, Ian Condie, David Scoular, Heather Brooks, Ken Ferguson, Alex Chisholm, Jonathan Gillies.

Francis Hodgkins The Francis Hodgkins house group will meet next on Monday 18 May. The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist for all interested Frances Hodgkins residents this Thursday 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 this evening at 5 pm, followed by a social gathering in the lounge afterwards.

Christchurch Cathedral Choir visit confirmed The administration of Christchurch cathedral confirmed late last week the visit of the full choir of around 28 men and boys voices to the main Service at our Patronal festival on Sunday 28 June. The choir will rehearse at St Peters on Saturday evening, returning for the 10.30 am Service. The parish will provide lunch for them with a shared potluck meal. They will then sing Evensong at the Cathedral at 3 pm.

Pentecost Vigil Service We are now more than half way through the Easter season, which will conclude on Pentecost Sunday 24 May. This parish makes a big thing of Pentecost to emphasise that the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles is a peer event with Easter, and not just a roll out consequence of it. It is our custom to have a special Service on the eve of Pentecost at 6 pm Saturday. The Service consists of a Vigil of appropriate readings, which then flows in to the celebration of the Eucharist according to the liturgy of St Basil, a special Eucharistic liturgy which we use by Episcopal permission. The Service is followed by shared meal in the lounge.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm 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: Muriel Jones, Nellie Bremner, Alfred Chetwin, Glenda Thomas, Emily Idour, John Beatty, Eileen McLeod and John McGlynn.

150th Anniversary connections With the programme for the 150th celebrations now in place our attention turns to publicity, with a particular focus on letting former St Peters parishioners now living in other parts of the country know about the weekend. Please let the Vicar know of any such folk, and of course their location and contact details would be very useful. We are advertising in national newspapers, women's magazines and diocesan web sites and electronic mail outs.

Rock This month's edition of the parish magazine is available for collection in the Link and at the back of the Church.

Human rights in Saudi Arabia There was much media and political discussion this past week about the desirability and possibility of John Key raising human rights issues with his Saudi hosts. Not discussed and almost certainly not raised is the prohibition of Christian worship in the Kingdom, not just in Saudi society but even in expatriate cantonments where foreigners working in Saudi cluster together. In fact Christians do gather on Sunday covertly and illegally to worship, and risk arrest thereby. The excuse given for this extraordinary prohibition is that no rival worship of false religions can be permitted in close proximity to the holy places of Islam. One wonders what would happen if western societies banned Mosques and Islamic worship within their borders?

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