



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

10 MAY, 2015

EASTER 6

HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit,
giving life to all life,
moving all creatures,
root of all things,
washing them clean,
wiping out their mistakes,
healing their wounds,
you are our true life,
luminous, wonderful,
awakening the heart
from its ancient sleep.

*Hildegard of Bingen
translated by Stephen Mitchell*

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:

408 Love Divine, all love's excelling
115 Now the green blade riseth
351 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem
284 Father, we thank you [T.252]
117 The Day of Resurrection!

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35](#)
[1 John 4: 7-10](#)
[John 15: 9-17](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 1: 1-11](#)
[Ephesians 1: 17-23](#)
[Mark 16: 15-20](#)

Parish News

Next Sunday The feast of the Ascension falls in the coming week on Thursday. This parish transfers onto Sunday such major mid-week feasts, so the Ascension will be the focus of our thoughts and prayers and hymns then.

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 *Buck*, a documentary about Buck Brannaman, America's most accomplished horse whisperer who transcended the appalling abuse dished out to him by his father to develop a remarkable empathy for the animals he works with. This is the man who trained Robert Redford for his role in *The Horse Whisperer*. At the clinics he holds around the America he explains that he is dealing with horses with people problems, i.e. their owners.

Potluck lunch As is usual on the second Sunday of the month a potluck lunch follows the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

Francis Hodgkins The Francis Hodgkins house group will meet next on Monday 18 May.

Christchurch Cathedral Choir visit confirmed The administration of Christchurch cathedral has confirmed 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 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 It is our custom to have a special Service on the eve of Pentecost at 6 pm Saturday 23 May. 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 a shared meal in the lounge.

CWS Nepal Appeal Please support the Christian World Service Nepal appeal that is responding to a major disaster in a country where 74% of the population already lived on less than US\$2 a day. Donations can be made by phoning 0800 74 73 72, or by mailing to P O Box 22652, Christchurch 8140, or by on line banking to Christian World Service ANZ account number 06 0817 0318646 00, or by credit card donations on the CWS web site.

The Thursday Eucharist is now celebrated in the lounge.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Louise Lewis, Barbara Rodgers, Arthur Bath, and John Allen.

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.

Gloriavale Media attention has turned to the reclusive Christian utopian community on the West Coast since departed community members have shared their experiences and thoughts about life there. Growing up in Rangiora in the 1960's the Vicar can remember contact with Pastor Cooper and his Pentecostal Church with its aggressive evangelising methods and reputation for splitting up families. A member of our Anglican youth group followed them into exile when they withdrew from the world to become the Cust Christian Fellowship. Then two Anglican ordinands from College House joined them, and so enabled them to found their own exclusive school. One of them has long since rejoined the Anglican fold to become a very liberal clergyman indeed. An issue lying behind all this, and one which has long puzzled this writer, is why the government allows sectarian groups that exclude themselves from the wider society to found and run their own schools. Whatever else schools do or don't do they socialise their pupils into a wider world and open society, and accustom them to the reality that they must allow for and compromise with people who are very different to them in a mixed social world. Appreciating difference and pluralism is in fact a Trinitarian virtue since the Triune persons are not a homogenised reality. One wonders too about the wisdom of home schooling, having met some alarmingly strange parents whose children might well have appreciated and benefited from a break from the claustrophobic embrace of home.

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