



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

17 MAY, 2015

ASCENSION

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At Christ's Ascension his presence is universal. Worship is now seen as more than a means of edification and help, for we come into a presence. In Christian worship a door is opened in heaven; the Church on earth is in touch with its living head, the ascended Lord; as the human body is refreshed and kept alive by air breathed in by the head, so the body of Christ on earth, with all its members, breathes another air, without which it would stagnate.

Graham Sansbury

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:

130 Hail the day that sees him rise
134 The head that once was crowned with thorns
271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
129 O Christ, our hope
375 I danced in the morning

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)
[1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13](#)
[John 20: 19-23](#)

Parish News

Ascension procession To honour the feast of the Ascension we begin today's 10.30 am Service with a procession around the Church, which you are most cordially invite to join.

The Easter season film season concludes on Tuesday evening with *The Secret Life of Words*. Tim Robbins and Sarah Polley put in stunning performances in an Almodovar film in which a wounded oil worker forms an unlikely and emotional relationship with a nurse based on his need to divulge the secrets of his past and her mysterious silence about her own identity.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and Wardens meet tomorrow morning. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Frances Hodgkins The Frances Hodgkins house group will meet Tomorrow in the Garden lounge at 2 pm.

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. The music will include the introit "Almighty who has brought." Thomas Ford (1580-1648) Mass Setting: Charles Stanford (1852-1924) Gradual Motet: "Hymn to St Peter." Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) Communion Motet: "Tu es Petrus." Palestrina (1525-1594) Communion Hymn: "How shall I sing that majesty." Tune: *Third Mode Melody* Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Pentecost Vigil Service Next Saturday on the eve of Pentecost at 6 pm. 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 that 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 10 am Eucharist is now celebrated in the Parish Lounge.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: John Allen, Harriet Hamer and Rena Goodwillie.

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.

Saving St Michaels Clyde The last parish bus trip included on its itinerary St Michaels Clyde, one of the highlights of the expedition. Threatened with closure and sale this attractive church has nothing structurally wrong with it, nor is it an earthquake risk. The problem has been attracting a congregation to justify its continued existence. At the 11th hour some concerned individuals have come together to set up a trust to look after the church, and to change its use to a retreat centre, a proposition which the diocese has agreed to. The Revd Louis Hurd-McKee will shift from Warrington to Clyde to oversee and direct this change of use. The Hurd family have been closely involved in the process as the ashes of the Revd Sam Hurd, thought to be one of the servers in the photo grouped around Fr Mortimer in our sacristy, are interred in the St Michaels Columbarium, since he was twice Vicar of the Dunstan parish. The independent trust solution to redundant churches was most famously employed to save Old St Paul's Wellington, the former Cathedral, which now charges astronomical fees as a wedding and funeral venue, which does not seem to deter the many who use it for this purpose. Indeed the trust can afford to employ several people to administer and care for it.

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