



St. Peter's Caversham  
**The Pebble**

24 MAY, 2015

PENTECOST

**REFLECTIONS ON THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

What the Holy Spirit comes to do on earth, however, it first does in Jesus. According to his Gospel portraits, Jesus is not merely the herald of the coming kingdom, as though he stood outside it like a footman at the gate. He is himself the Spirit-saturated advent of the kingdom he proclaims.

*R. Kendall Soulen*

The Spirit gives humans the power to host in themselves the fullness of Christ and the creativity of God.

*John Zizioulas*

The work of the Spirit against the power of sin is not only a saving and rescuing operation, but also an ennobling one...the Spirit does not simply get human beings back on track, so to speak, but God also rescues human creatures by ennobling them, elevating them, taking them into the Divine life.

*Michael Welker*

**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:**

139 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come

342 Breathe on me, Breath of God

137 Come down, O Love Divine

140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

431 O Thou who camest from above

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

[1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13](#)

[John 20: 19-23](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

[Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40](#)

[Romans 8: 14-17](#)

[Matthew 28: 16-20](#)

**Parish News**

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

**Companion mission link to Revd Jonathan Hicks** This week's Vestry meeting decided to forge a companion mission link the Revd Jonathan Hicks, the young American priest who preached at our Patronal Festival in recent times, who will be deploying to the Solomon's in August to teach at the theological college there.

Jonathan received his PhD in Patristics at the Otago Theology department, and he, his wife Tess, and their children had a galvanising effect on the Port Chalmers parish where they lived. The link means that we will be in regular touch with them as a family, will pray for them, and will receive deputation visits from them every two to three years. \$1,500 from parish funds will be sent to the Church Missionary Society each year to support them, with another \$500 being provided by individual parishioners as parish mission companions. The Vicar has already signed up to this, and invites parishioners to join him by letting him know of their willingness to do this also.

**Catering for the choir visit** We would be most grateful if parishioners could sign up to the catering notice on the link noticeboard to provide items of food for the lunch we will be providing for the Christchurch Cathedral Choir visit on Sunday 28 June after the 10.30 am Service.

**Clergy School** The annual Diocesan Clergy School will run from Tuesday morning to Thursday afternoon in the coming week. It will be held at Holy Cross Mosgiel. The Vicar will return each evening and will clear phone messages and e mails then.

**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.

**Thursday Eucharist** The 10 am Eucharist is now celebrated in the warmer location of the parish lounge. This is a good Service to get to if you weren't able to make it on Sunday.

**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, Marie Chote, and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those who have recently died** Warwick Larkins

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time:** Brent Bachop, Elizabeth Dutton, Annie Clements, Michael Cottle, William Monteith, Kenneth Praill, Rhona Welsh, and Wilfried Ebbinghaus

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary registration** It is important that parishioners register for the parish 150th anniversary celebrations over the weekend of 27-28 September, in addition to the former parishioners from out of town. You can do this by filling in the registration form in the Pebble and putting it in the box at the back of the church, or by emailing [150th@stpeterscaversham.org.nz](mailto:150th@stpeterscaversham.org.nz). The early bird registration (by 1 August) cost is \$35 a head, or \$40 if by 1 September. The charge can be waived if the expense is an issue. We want all parishioners to be with us for the celebrations.

**The fighting late fifties** Boko Haram have become notorious for their kidnapping of young Nigerian Christian women to make them their slaves, and to forcibly convert them to Islam. The ineffectiveness of the Nigerian army and the compromised nature of much of the Nigerian political establishment meant that little was done to redeem the situation. An international outcry for someone to "do something" dodged the hard issue that this must mean western powers committing Special Forces units to confront Boko Haram. Now the situation has changed with Boko Harm driven from a number of its secure areas, and the rescue of many of the captives. As an extraordinary story in the Guardian Weekly reveals the x factor has been the employment of South African mercenaries, most of whom are in their late 50's or early 60's, who are both highly experienced and battle hardened, and who are used from South Africa's former border wars to fighting alongside black African troops as their comrades in arms. Though age inhibits them from the more agile roles at the forward edge of the battle area their command abilities and firepower skills are decisive. Though well paid for what they do they face the penalty of being barred by their own government from returning to South Africa.

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