



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

17 JANUARY, 2016

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As Kingfishers Catch Fire

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells,
each hung bell's
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;
Selves – goes its self; *myself* it speaks and spells,
Crying *What I do is me: for that I came.*

I say more: the just man justices;
Keeps grace: that keeps all his goings graces;
Acts in God's eyes what in God's eyes he is –
Christ. For Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of men's faces.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

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)
10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

390 Jesus, where'r thy people meet
365 God moves in a mysterious way
285 For the beauty of the earth
284 Father, we thank thee
235 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 62: 1-5](#)
[Psalm 96](#) The response to the Psalm is:
Proclaim God's marvellous deeds to all the nations
[1 Corinthians 12: 4-11](#)
[John 2: 1-12](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Nehemiah 8: 1-4, 5-6, 8-10](#)
[I Corinthians 12: 12-30](#)
[Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21](#)

Parish News

Documentary film season in February and March The documentary film season will run over five successive Tuesdays in February and March. The films will be shown in the Vicarage with a start time of 7.30 pm. These will include *From Scotland with Love* a skilfully blended collage of documentary footage with no voice over or commentary just a brilliant sound track from one of Scotland's leading folk singers - 9 February, *Red Army* about the Red Army Ice Hockey Team, world champions whose fortunes mirrored the rapid social and cultural changes in Russia on 16

February, *The Salt of the Earth* about Sebastiao Salgado one of the world's great social photographers who photographed some of the major humanitarian disasters of the late 20th century – to be screened on 23 February, *Best of Enemies* about the 1968 series of television debates between Gore Vidal and William Buckley Junior at the time of the 1968 Republican and Democratic political conventions on 1 March, and excerpts from *The World's Great Churches* on 8 March, which will include the painted churches of Romania and the Cathedral of Monreale in Sicily.

Parish Garage Sale Saturday 27 February 10 am to 1 pm. We need your trash and treasure for this important fund raiser. Please leave goods in the Link on Sundays – other times contact David Hoskins on 453 4621. If you can help in this way please let David know.

Meditation group The parish meditation group will resume its regular weekly meetings next week 21 January meeting at Joan Dutton's residence after the Thursday 10 am Eucharist.

Commentary on Primates' Communique The outcome of the Primates' meeting in Canterbury (see overleaf) is something of a personal triumph for Justin Welby who has managed to hold the Communion together with a fragile agreement, an unexpected outcome. Suspending the Episcopal Church from significant representation bodies for three years while allowing it to remain within the Communion will give that church pause for thought as its General Convention will meet in 2018 to finally ratify or not its gay marriage provisions. It also serves as a warning to other Provinces thinking of doing the same. Archbishop Ntagali of Uganda left the meeting after the second day because of its refusal to sanction or discipline the Episcopal Church. TEC's Presiding Bishop Michael Curry spoke of the agreement being a bitter pill to swallow for many in his church.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Katie Bowron and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose Memorials occur at this time Thomas Dutton, Christine Robinson and Mary Graveson

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Valerie Staley whose funeral will be at St Peters on Friday, and for Sarah Ferguson and Aaron Kitson to be married at St Peters on Saturday.

Primates Communique The Anglican Primates have voted to suspend The Episcopal Church of the United States for three years from any Communion decision-making and representation on ecumenical and interfaith bodies. That is the key conclusion of a statement released today by the Primates' Meeting in Canterbury, which had been called "to pray and consider how we may preserve our unity in Christ". The statement says "recent developments in The Episcopal Church with respect to a change in their Canon on marriage represent a fundamental departure from the faith and teaching held by the majority of our Provinces on the doctrine of marriage. "Possible developments in other Provinces could further exacerbate this situation." The statement says the majority of Primates have reaffirmed the traditional doctrine of marriage as between "a man and a woman in faithful, lifelong union."

A task group will now be set up to look at "the rebuilding of mutual trust (within the Communion), healing the legacy of hurt, recognising the extent of our commonality and exploring our deep differences." The communique had been scheduled for release at the end of the gathering, late on Friday afternoon (GMT) but was leaked. The full text reads: Today the Primates agreed how they would walk together in the grace and love of Christ. This agreement acknowledges the significant distance that remains but confirms their unanimous commitment to walk together. The Primates regret that it appears that this document has been leaked in advance of their communiqué tomorrow [Friday]. In order to avoid speculation the document is being released in full. This agreement demonstrates the commitment of all the Primates to continue the life of the Communion with neither victor nor vanquished

Bishop expected Bishop Kelvin will take the 8am and 10.30am Services on Sunday 31 January when the Vicar will be on leave.

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