

## St. Peter's Caversham

## 8 May

The Pebble Ascension

## Thy Kingdom Come

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked Anglicans to set time aside each day in the week between Ascension and Pentecost to pray for three things:

1) That each one of us may find new life in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

2) That all those we meet and are close to in our daily lives might find something of Jesus. The suggestion is that we pray each day for five friends who are not Christians, asking that they may come to know Jesus.

3) To pray for the Church and for our parish, that it will be so full of the life and joy of Jesus Christ that this may overflow into our surrounding community.

This programme of prayer is entitled "Thy Kingdom come."

Let us take up this challenge in the coming week. Some short prayers we might use are, "Lord convert this parish, beginning with me," and "Send forth your Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth."

# 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:** 

- 130 Hail the day that sees him rise
- 443 Rejoice! the Lord is King
- 332 All hail the power of Jesu's name
- 133 The eternal gates lift up their heads T.415(2)
- 375 I danced in the morning

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

Acts 1: 1-11 The response to Psalm 47 is: God mounts the throne to shouts of joy Ephesians 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 46-53 **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY** Acts 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Processional* (William Mathias 1934-1992)

#### Parish News

**Procession** In honour of today's significant feast we will process around the interior of the Church at the beginning of the 10.30 am liturgy. Please feel free to join in.

**Potluck lunch** A potluck lunch follows today's 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

<u>New to St Peter's?</u> Please consider joining our envelope scheme if you have recently become a regular worshipper at St Peter's. This entitles you to receive back a third of what you give from IRD. Even better why not do as the Vicar does and make a monthly automatic bank payment to the parish. This ensures that our giving continues even when we can't get to Church and assists the Church's regular cash flow. Contact Averil Hopkins (see back page contact details) for further information.

**Frances Hodgkins** The Frances Hodgkins house group will meet on Monday at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge. The film "Churches: How to Read Them" will be shown.

**Wardens meeting** The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday 11 May. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**Readers requested for Pentecost Vigil** The feast of Pentecost occurs next Sunday. St Peters makes much of this key point in the Christian year by celebrating a candlelit Vigil of Readings incorporated within the Eucharistic rite of the Liturgy of St Basil on Saturday evening at 6 pm, followed by a shared meal. Can you help with this Service by reading one of the lessons? Sign up details on the noticeboard in the Link.

**Up in the air** The ODT's Tuesday announcement that George Chittendon will be leaving the employ of the Cathedral for a prestigious Church music job in Sweden in three months' time creates an interesting situation regarding the planned celebrity organ recital and Cathedral Choir visit planned for October and November. Negotiations are under way to see if these events can be brought forward.

**<u>General Synod</u>** Please remember in your prayers the General Synod of our Church that is meeting in Napier from 6-13 May.

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

**Pray for those who are dying** especially Ediythe McLean, who is Warwick Harris' sister.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Alfred Chetwin, Glenda Thomas, Emily Idour, John Beatty, Eileen McLeod, John McGlynn, Louise Lewis, Barbara Rodgers & Arthur Bath.

**Poppy's Café** The bizarrely named "Rat in a Kitchen: South D" across from the Church has now re-opened as "Poppy's Café" and already reports an increase in business off the name change. The operator has bought the business from the owner and intends further development of the retail outlet. The significance of this new beginning is that it is the first sign of new life after a long period of businesses closing and fewer people living down Hillside Rd, which is increasingly a conduit for heavy traffic volumes. "Poppy" incidentally is the nickname of the owner's daughter.

**Teschemakers expedition** A parish outing to Teschemakers is planned for Saturday 1 October. Mass will be celebrated in the wonderful Chapel, lunch will follow on site at a cost of \$25 a head, there will be a tour, and then we will adjourn to the Victorian Warehouse Precinct of Oamaru. We are gauging potential support for this outing with a view to the size of the bus we should hire. This has a bearing on the overall cost of the outing. Please indicate on the noticeboard in the Link if you would like to be a part of this expedition. Think also of friends who might want to be included and members of other parishes and indicate accordingly.

**Speaking of Life and Death** The University of Otago Bioethics centre and St Paul's Cathedral are offering a series of specialist presentations on the subject of Euthanasia. The aim of the lectures is to encourage a good and informed debate. In this spirit each participant speaks only for themselves and from their experience and it is anticipated that there will be differences of opinion and perspective. The presenters are 11 May Associate professor Colin Gavaghan Faculty of Law, 18 May Professor David Tombs Faculty of Theology, 25 May Plenary Panel with Professor Grant Gillet, Bioethics Centre. All sessions are at the Cathedral on successive Wednesdays at 5.30 pm.

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