



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

22 January 2017

Ordinary 3

The Sundays in Ordinary Time

In the Sundays in Ordinary Time the liturgical colour changes to green as we remember God's goodness to us in creation, the way he sustains it in being, and brings a perpetual freshness to it. The readings settle in to a regular rhythm focussing at present on Isaiah, 1 Corinthians and of course Matthew, the gospel of choice in Year A. Matthew presents Jesus as the second Moses, the one who fulfils the prophecies of the Old Testament, and whose mission is to renew the covenant between God and his people. This gospel records much of the teaching of Jesus in contrast to Mark who concentrates on the doing/acting aspect of the ministry of Jesus and is somewhat sparse about his teaching. Today's sermon is entitled "Why Geography Matters," and explains why the Galilean background of Jesus is useful in understanding his ministry.

Fr Hugh Bowron

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 after the Solemn Sung Eucharist

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

451 Songs of praise the angels sang

200 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

298 May the grace of Christ our Saviour

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 9: 1-4](#)

The response to [Psalm 27](#) is:

The Lord is my light and my salvation

[1 Corinthians 1: 1, 10-13, 17-18](#)

[Matthew 4: 12-23](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13](#)

[1 Corinthians 1: 26-31](#)

[Matthew 5: 1-12](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Prelude in C major* J.S.Bach(1685-1750)

PARISH NEWS

Five Unusual Documentaries Our season of documentaries begins tomorrow night 23 January with **Genius Within: The Inner Life of Glenn Gould:** Canadian pianist Glenn Gould came to the music world's attention with his innovative version of the Goldberg Variations and then gave away his famed concert performance career to concentrate on his recordings. Former films about him have either emphasised his eccentricities or have been hagiographical accounts of his continuing impact on audiences after his comparatively

early death. This film gets to the truth of the man and the musician, a story sadder, more human and more interesting than any yet told of the previous documentaries made about him. This will be in the Vicarage at 7pm.

Next week on Monday 30 January we screen **Lo and behold: Reveries of the Connected World:** Veteran documentarian Werner Herzog brings his boundless curiosity and ironic humour to this account of how the digital world and cyberspace came to be and its extraordinary reach throughout our world. Though he doesn't own a cell phone and only uses e mail his IT naiveté becomes a plus as he deploys his boundless curiosity and ironic humour to consider how the Internet might have developed and where the digital world might be going in terms of possibilities such as robotics and space travel.

Epiphany Carol Service Next year we will have an Epiphany Carol Service modelled on the style of our Nine Lessons and Carols Service in the 10.30 am slot concluding with communion. This will give us an opportunity to sing many of the Epiphany carols that are often overlooked as we briefly pass over this important festival together with a variety of Old Testament readings that are fitting companions to them. The Eucharistic Prayer that will be used has been specially written for such an occasion by the Vicar of St Martin in the Fields London.

Pray for the recently departed especially Nicholas Rasch whose funeral was at St Peter's yesterday.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Joan Ferguson, Jonathan Gillies, Katie Bowron and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Mary Graveson and Helen Dutton.

Navigating the Night Skies of the Third Reich Fr Hugh Bowron in conversation with the Venerable Neville Selwood about Bomber Command's night offensive against the Third Reich in the last years of the war. The aviators of the Commonwealth made a major contribution to Bomber Command, the arm of the British armed forces with the heaviest loss rate on a proportionate basis of over 50,000 men. The personal reflections of a Lancaster navigator who later became a priest in the Dunedin diocese. Tuesday 31 January 7.30 pm St Peter's Caversham lounge, entrance off Hillside Rd, supper follows. A growing public interest in this event has led to a decision to film it so that it will be available for viewing on the parish website.

Bishop Kelvin's next visit:

Bishop Kelvin will take the morning Services at St Peters on Sunday 19 February when the Vicar will be attending the 150th anniversary celebrations of St Mary's Addington, Christchurch where he was Vicar for nine years.

Electoral Synod Our Archdeacon reports that the electoral Synod is likely to occur over the weekend of 26-28 May. The Archdeaconry is invited to pray for discernment in this important choice by coming to intercessory prayer Services at St John's Roslyn on the first two Sundays of February (5th & 12th) at 7 pm.

Harvest Festival St Peter's will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 26 February, the last Sunday before Lent begins. 2017 will be another year of an early start to Lent and Holy Week with Easter Sunday occurring mid-April on 16 April.

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