



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

12 March 2017

Lent 2

Lord Jesus Christ,
alive and at large in the world,
help me to follow and find you there today,
in the places where I work,
meet people,
spend money,
and make plans.
Take me as a disciple of your Kingdom,
to see through your eyes,
and hear the questions you are asking,
to welcome all with your trust and truth,
and to change the things that contradict God's love
by the power of your cross
and the freedom of your Spirit.
Amen.

Bishop John V. Taylor (1914-2001)

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:

507 Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us

337 As pants the hart for cooling streams

377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

72 My faith looks up to thee

249 Round me falls the night

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 12: 1-4](#)

The response to [Psalm 33](#) is:

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you**

[2 Timothy 1: 8-10](#)

[Matthew 17: 1-9](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Exodus 17: 3-7](#)

[Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8](#)

[John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42](#)

PARISH NEWS

Potluck lunch As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month a potluck lunch will follow morning refreshments after the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

Fish and Chip Friday Eucharists As is our custom our Lenten extra will be a Eucharist celebrated at 5.30 pm each Friday in Lent in the parish lounge with a dialogue sermon followed by a shared fish and chip tea.

Thursday Eucharists continue as usual 10 am Thursday.

Arnold concert Arnold Bachop will lead a concert of British art songs on Sunday afternoon 11 June at 2.30 pm, \$10 a ticket. Proceeds will go towards the cost of the installation of the Woodhouse window in the Link.

Window installation Kevin Casey has completed the cleaning and repair of the Woodhouse window in his workshop and has now begun the preliminary work on the installation. It will take around three weeks to carry through all the steps required in this process. We can then begin planning a joint Service with the Holy Cross parishioners in which we host them for a dedication of the window and a recalling of the shared history of our two parishes. Holy Cross became a parish in its own right in 1917 having had its origins as a mission church of St Peter's. The Holy Cross parishioners will be with us for our Good Friday Service.

Second Caversham lecture The second of this year's Caversham lectures on Tuesday 14 November will be given by Professor of Biomedical ethics Grant Gillett whose research interests are in psychiatry, philosophy and neuroscience. The lecture will broadly speaking cover the theme of soul making, soul keeping and curating the soul. The Vicar has been tasked with coming up with a catchy title that will provide a tight brief for a talk that promises to be thoughtful and engaging.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Jonathan Gillies, Katie Bowron, Bruce Moore and Denise Walker

Please pray for Jordan West and James Smith who are to be married at St Peter's next Saturday.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Cecil Steele, Shirley Hall, Frederick Allen, Arthur Goodwillie, Ellen Brown, William Hodgson, James Clements, Ruth Mumford and Fr. Ilyan Eades.

The dilemma of the Church of England As the General Synod of the Church of England met last month the human sexuality issue was front and centre in its order of business. A series of "shared conversations" had preceded this, drawing together participants from all sides of the debate, in the hope that this would lead to a spirit of openness and fresh perspectives. One thinks of the New Zealand attempt at a similar thing from a different angle - the "hermeneutical huis" designed to show that there were different ways of reading the Bible on the 5 difficult texts in this debate. A report from the House of Bishops was before the General Synod that stated there should be no change in the church's teaching on marriage but that there should be a "fresh tone" on the issues. The GS was called upon to "Take Note" of the report. Had this vote gone through it would have greatly helped the ABC Justin Welby when he meets with the Primates of the Anglican Communion in October of this year. However the house of clergy voted against the "Take Note" proposition thus torpedoing it, a reflection of the increasing number of LGBTI clergy in circulation now, particularly in the southern dioceses. In the face of this dilemma the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written to the members of the General Synod requesting that every Diocesan Bishop meet with their General Synod members for an extended conversation in order to establish clearly the desires of every member of Synod for the way forward. While this will buy time it does not resolve the fundamental dilemma because an attempt to bring forward legislation to the next GS meeting that would satisfy the LGBTI constituency would be bound to fail in that it would be highly unlikely to reach the necessary two thirds majority required in all three houses.

Rock deadline The deadline for copy for the next edition of the Rock is Sunday 19 March.

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