

St Peter's Caversham

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# The Pebble

7 May 2017

Easter Four

## The Dedication of a Stained Glass Window

I will make your windows of agates, and all your borders of pleasant stones.

*Priest:* Look upon the rainbow, and praise him who made it. *People:* How beautiful it is in its brightness.

#### Let us pray.

O Lord God, the whole world is filled with the radiance of your glory: Accept our offering of this window which we now dedicate to you for the adornment of this place and the inspiration of your people. Grant that as the light shines through it in many colours, so our lives may show forth the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace; though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant Edward Woodhouse; and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, you will receive him more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Book of Occasional Services 1991, American Episcopal Church

### 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 Eucharist5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

#### HYMNS:

457 The King of love my Shepherd isWe sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel400 Light of the minds that know him (T.167)The Holy Cross choral group will sing *Glory to thee,my God, this night,* by Thomas Tallis, during communion.456 Teach me my God and King

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 <u>1 Peter 2: 20-25</u> A cantor will sing <u>Psalm 23</u> in the well-known version of Brother James Air John 10: 1-10

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

<u>Acts 6: 1-7</u> <u>1 Peter 2: 4-9</u> John 14: 1-12

#### PARISH NEWS

<u>Welcome Holy Cross</u> This morning we welcome the Holy Cross folk to our 10.30 am Service at which we will dedicate the Woodhouse window in the Link. This will follow the Vicar's address that will discuss some common points of shared history between our two parishes and will conclude with a brief discussion of the work of John Brock, local stained glass artist.

**Evensong and Benediction** This evening at 5 pm. The homily will be a roundup of recent developments in the Anglican Communion ahead of the meeting of Anglican Primates that will take place in October. A social gathering follows in the parish lounge.

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

<u>Frances Hodgkins house group</u> Meets tomorrow in the Garden Lounge at 2pm.

<u>AGM elections</u> Kate Paterson is the People's Warden for the year ahead and Tubby Hopkins is the Vicar's Warden. The Vestry members are David Scoular, David Hoskins, Ken Ferguson, Alex Chisholm and Brian Kilkelly.

**<u>Rock</u>** The deadline for copy for the next edition of the Rock is Sunday 21 May.

**Paving stones for the wilderness garden** Donations are coming in for the purchase of paving stones for the wilderness garden and are much appreciated. Friederike Schmaltz, the garden's creator, has an article about it in the new edition of the Rock.

<u>**Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u>** Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Jonathan Gillies, Katie Bowron, and Bruce Moore.</u>

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time

Alfred Chetwin, Glenda Thomas, Emily Idour, John Beatty, Eileen McLeod, John McGlynn, and Louise Lewis,.

<u>Mid-week Service</u> The Thursday 10 am Eucharist will be celebrated in the parish lounge from now on until the late Spring in the interest of keeping the congregation warm during the Winter months.

What is a thirty day Ignatian retreat? The recent Vestry news mentioned the Vicar's plans to embark on a 30 day guided Ignatian retreat in June. This is based on the spiritual exercises drawn up by Ignatius of Loyola shortly after his conversion. The retreatant is expected to spend five hours a day in prayer each day, to meet with the retreat conductor each day and to attend daily Mass. The aim is for the retreatant to discover God's will for their life at the particular stage they have reached in their life's journey. It is also intended to deepen the life of God within the person on retreat. On most days of the retreat the retreat conductor sets a prayer exercise for the retreatant to base their prayer and reflection on, an imaginative entry into a scene in the Gospels in which an encounter with Christ is set up. The retreat conductor will then enquire as to what has developed in this time of meeting with Christ. The Vicar will be based at the Port Chalmers Presbytery during this time, which is no longer home to a resident priest, and will meet with his spiritual director Fr Mark Chamberlain of Holy Name parish each day.

<u>Anticipating Pentecost</u> The Easter season we are passing through now will conclude in the first weekend of June with the celebration of the feast of Pentecost. A reminder that we make as much as we can of this vitally important event in the liturgical year by having a special Service on the eve of Pentecost, Saturday 3 June at 6 pm, in which we keep a Vigil of readings immediately filled by a celebration of the Eucharist according to the liturgy of St Basil ICEL text. A potluck meal follows in the parish lounge.

## Parish Contacts

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