



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

28 May 2017

Ascension

### The Need for Oxygen

At Christ's Ascension his presence is universal. Worship is now seen as more than a means of edification and help, for we come into a presence. In Christian worship a door is opened in heaven; the Church on earth is in touch with its living head, the ascended Lord; as the human body is refreshed and kept alive by air breathed in by the head, so the body of Christ on earth with all its members, breathes another air, without which it would stagnate.

*Graham Sansbury*

## 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:

134 The head that once was crowned with thorns  
We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel  
130 Hail the day that sees him rise  
129 O Christ, our hope, our hearts desire  
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](#)

[Matthew 28: 16-20](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

[1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13](#)

[John 20: 19-23](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Pentecost Vigil Service** The Easter season concludes next Sunday with the celebration of Pentecost. So important is this feast that we have a Vigil Service of readings appropriate to it on the Saturday evening beginning at 6 pm and concluding with a celebration of the Eucharist according to the rite of St Basil. The Service takes about an hour. Our celebration then continues in the parish lounge

with a shared meal. We are keen to have some volunteers to do the readings at this Service. If you can help in this way please sign the notice on the Link noticeboard.

**Vicarage bedroom ceiling repairs** Work is now almost complete on replacing the ceiling of the upper story mid bedroom in the Vicarage. The insurance company has at last agreed to cover the costs of the repair.

### **Sunday Serenade**

There will be a recital of British Art Songs and Arias here at St Peter's on Sunday 11 June at 2 pm. The Sunday Serenade will feature some of Dunedin's leading singers including Arnold Bachop, Sarah Oliver, Helen Scott, Kaye Smith, Justin Scott, and Nicola Steel. The organist will be David Hoskins, pianist Mike Crowl and the special guest star will be cornetist Ralph Miller. The door charge will be \$10 with proceeds helping to meet the costs of the cleaning and installation of the Woodhouse memorial window in the Link. Can you take one of our attractive posters or hand bills for this event to request its display in a prominent public place?

**Book now for Patronal Festival lunch** St Peter's will celebrate its Patronal Festival on Sunday 2 July. After our usual Sunday morning Services we will adjourn to the Wharf Hotel, as we did last year, for lunch. We need to book in for this at the earliest opportunity. Please sign up on the noticeboard in the Link for this important and enjoyable parish gathering.

**Pray for those who have recently died** especially Bruce Moore and those who died in the Manchester bombing.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Jonathan Gillies, and Katie Bowron.

### **Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time**

William Monteith, Kenneth Praill, Rhona Welch, Wilfried Ebbinghaus, and Betty Wyatt.

**Nones and Anglicans** Professor Bullivant, director of the Benedict 16 Centre for religion, has released a report entitled "The "No Religion" population of Britain" which concludes that 48.6% of Britains describe themselves as having no religion. Of these 43% describe themselves as being not at all religious with the remainder declaring that they have some degree of religiosity and 7% reporting that they pray regularly. 43% of the British population say they have a Christian affiliation of which 17.1% are Anglicans, 8.7% are Catholics, 17.2% are other denominations and 8.4% are non-Christian religions. 2009 was the first year in which Nones outnumbered Christians but the growth of Nones has now stalled. The growing edge of Nones are typically young, white, male and working class. Three fifths of Nones were brought up with a religious identity which they later shed. The report concludes that there has been a vast shedding of nominal Christianity with the attendant removal of the wider penumbra of affiliation and goodwill with the faithful now down to the hard-core. It also finds that there is a new found stability in Anglican numbers after years of significant decline. There has also been an increase of those describing themselves as Christian without any denominational qualifier.

**Mid-week Service** The Thursday 10 am Eucharist will be celebrated in the parish lounge until the late spring.

**Rock** The latest edition of the Rock is available at the back of the Church and in the Link.

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