



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

24 September 2017 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
And such a Life, as killeth death

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert

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

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist & Procession

5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS:

148 The God of Abraham praise

431 O thou who camest from above

Communion Motet: 'Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life' –
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Soloist: Arnold Bachop

248 O strength and stay, upholding all creation

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 55: 6-9](#)

The response to [Psalm 145](#) is:

The Lord is near to all who call on him

[Philippians 1: 20-24, 27](#)

[Matthew 20: 1-16](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 18: 25-28](#)

[Philippians 2: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 21: 28-32](#)

PARISH NEWS

Welcome to our new Bishop Steven Benford and to Lorraine as they come to us for the first time. Bishop Steven is our celebrant and preacher this morning. Our Service begins with a procession around the Church. Please feel free to join in.

Evensong and Benediction We have moved our monthly Evensong and Benediction forward one week as the Vicar will be away next Sunday. Refreshments follow this Service as usual in the parish lounge.

Next Sunday The Revd Chris Holmes will be the celebrant and preacher next Sunday as the Vicar will be on leave from Monday 25 September until Saturday 6 October.

Pastoral cover The Revd Brett Roberts, the Curate of St Johns Roslyn, is the person to contact in the event of a funeral or a pastoral emergency while the Vicar is away. His phone number is 027 870 7414.

Midweek Eucharist The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursday at 10 am. The Revd Kit Bunker will be the celebrant at this Service for the next two weeks.

High tea afternoon Fellowship is on Tuesday 26 September 2 pm at Raylene's home 172A Oxford St. Wear a hat if you want to join the fun! See you there!

Vestry news It was resolved to move the Corstorphine Church Fund and the Sundry Endowment Fund into the St Peter's Renovation Fund. The Renovation Fund is invested in the Trust Board's Growth Fund, a unitised trust that is focused on capital growth. It is the reserve we are building up to deal with earthquake strengthening or sudden maintenance emergencies. The hall needs new lightweight tables and the search is on for suitable replacement tables.

Parish garage sale Our next garage sale will be on Saturday 4 November. Please start setting aside items for this.

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

Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Ada Morris, Alan Cottle, Elizabeth and James Blackledge, Andrew Steir, Janey Ross and Helen Elliot.

Primates' meeting The Primates of the Anglican Communion will gather at Canterbury from 2 to 6 October. Their last gathering in January 2016 was something of a triumph for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby in getting the Primates to promise to "walk together" in the face of what appeared to be intolerable tensions over the subject of human sexuality. Furthermore there was an agreement that there should be a series of Primatial meetings in the lead up to the next and crucial meeting of the Lambeth Conference of Bishops in 2020. Storm clouds are gathering ahead of the October meeting with the Archbishop of Nigeria, the new head of GAFCON, vowing that he will boycott the meeting. GAFCON will have its own worldwide gathering next year. Their complaint is that the last Primatial meeting had little effect in restraining certain western Provinces in pressing ahead with controversial and potentially Communion breaking moves. Canada and Scotland have joined America in authorising church gay marriages, the American Episcopal Church is preparing to revise its marriage rites in a non-gender specific direction and at the recent gathering of the Church of England's General Synod conservative speakers were booed by the LGBTI supporters. An interesting issue for Justin Welby to tackle will be the status accorded to Archbishop Foley Beach, the leader of the Anglican Church of North America, the breakaway variety of North American Anglicanism from the Episcopal Church. He was present at the last gathering and his presence helped to keep conservatives on side. This writer is puzzled and exasperated by the boycott tactics of GAFCON. If they stay in the conversation they have the numbers in the end to prevail in the counsels of the Lambeth Conference and at the last Primatial gathering they managed to persuade some of the undecided and under informed Provinces as to what had been going on behind the scenes to come on side with them.

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