



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

20 May 2018

Pentecost

Pray at all times in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication.

Ephesians 6: 18

Come, you who have yourself become desire in me and have made me long for you.

Simeon the New Theologian

The Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man who is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God.

1 Corinthians 2: 10-12

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints.

Romans 8: 26-27

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered at the communion rail 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 and Procession

HYMNS

139 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

137 Come down, O Love divine

140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

342 Breathe on me breath of God

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

The response to [Psalm 104](#) is:

Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth

[Galatians 5: 16-25](#)

[John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40](#)

[Romans 8: 14-17](#)

[Matthew 28: 16-20](#)

PARISH NEWS

Procession We mark the wonderful festival of Pentecost with a procession around the church at the beginning of the 10.30 am Service. Do join us.

Preparations for Brian Kilkelly's ordination Brian will be ordained a Deacon at the 10.30 am Service on Sunday 10 June. The Wardens and the Vicar have decided that it is appropriate to cancel the 8 am Service that Sunday so the entire parish family can be together for this important event in our life. This

weekend he is on a pre-ordination retreat. Ironically this is at the Burns conference centre in Mosgiel, formerly the Catholic seminary where Brian was once a seminarian. Contributions towards Brian Kilkelly's cassock have now reached \$430 towards the total cost of \$500. Contributions can be given to the Vicar.

Vestry news The Vestry decided to proceed with obtaining an engineering report on the Church. Four firms with experience of heritage work are to be approached to see what time frame they could produce the report in, how much they would charge and what approach they would take to resolving the building's issues. Preparations for the Patronal festival and for Brian's ordination were also discussed.

Memories of the Cooperites This past week Hopeful Christian aka Pastor Neville Cooper died at Gloriavale. The Vicar recalls the Pentecostal Church Cooper founded in Rangiora in the 1960s. Its street preaching on Friday nights and the Christian outreach coffee bar became features of the local scene. Soon after reaching your table with a cup of instant coffee you would be approached by a comely Pentecostal maiden or hard sell male evangelist. The church's reputation for breaking up families alienated many and caused the Christchurch New Life Centre to enter the Rangiora church scene and displace Pastor Cooper. He then lead his people into closed community life at Springbank at Cust, the precursor of the present Westland Gloriavale community.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group will meet at St Barnabas on Tuesday 22 May to hear a talk by Gwen Hudson. Afternoon tea will follow at \$6 each. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mid-week Eucharist Thursday at 10 am in the **Parish Lounge** until further notice.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia Napier, Paul Hill, Ray Hargreaves and John Steele.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Brent Bachop, Rena Goodwillie, Elizabeth Dutton, Annie Clements and Michel Cottle.

Christchurch Catholic Cathedral rethink The Christchurch Catholic diocese has cleverly slipstreamed behind the Anglican diocese in avoiding any controversy or negative publicity about the possible restoration or otherwise of its own badly damaged Cathedral in Barbadoes St. It said it would investigate the building and start work on the nave to see if full restoration was possible. This past week the new Bishop Paul Martin has brought a note of bracing realism about what is possible. The numbers are compelling. It would cost \$105 million to restore the building, the diocese has received an insurance pay out of \$30 million, so it would need to fund raise \$75 million to bring it back to life. Now the diocese is exploring the option of rebuilding a new modern Cathedral on a more central site for \$40 million, what Bishop Martin describes as "something beautiful and uplifting." He has used the same argument as Bishop Victoria Matthews that it would be difficult to justify going to the people of Christchurch for such a large sum when what was really required was low cost housing. The other truth is that the Cathedral is in a part of the city where few walk past it and therefore few visit it unless there is a Service on. There is also the reality that the whole city has moved westward with the former Wigram aerodrome now a vast housing estate, a massive expansion of the suburb of Halswell and the coming to pass almost overnight of Norm Kirk's dream of Rolleston becoming a satellite city, though it is now the southern flank of Christchurch. Thus the Anglican Cathedral in the Square is no longer in the centre of the city as large areas of the housing stock in the eastern suburbs have been vaporised.

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