



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

26 May 2019

Easter 6

Songs between the Soul and the Spouse

THE BRIDEGROOM

Turn, Ringdove, and alight,

The wounded stag above

The slope is now in sight

Fanned by the wind and freshness of your flight.

THE BRIDE

My love's the mountain range,

The valleys each with solitary grove,

The islands far and strange,

The streams with sounds that change,

The whistling of the lovesick winds that rove.

Before the dawn comes round

Here is the night, dead-hushed with all its glammers

The music without sound,

The solitude that clamours,

The supper that revives us and enamours.

St John of the Cross (1542-1591)

Translated by the poet Roy Campbell

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

HYMNS FOR TODAY

486 We have a gospel to proclaim

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading

351 Come ye faithful raise the anthem

284 Father, we thank thee who hast planted

405 Lord of the boundless curves of space

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29](#)

The response to [Psalm 67](#) is:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

[Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23](#)

[John 14: 23-29](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 18: 1-11](#)

[Hebrews 9: 24-28, 19-23](#)

[Luke 24: 46-53](#)

PARISH NEWS

Fellowship group St Peter's Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday at the Home of St Barnabas at 2 pm. Please bring your favourite recipe. \$8 for afternoon tea - please phone Raylene 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613 if you intend coming.

Rock This month's edition of the Rock is available at the back of the church and in the Link.

New to the parish If you have recently joined one of our congregations please consider joining our envelope/planned giving scheme. It gives you a considerable tax break on your church giving and helps us plan the budget for the year ahead. Please speak to the Wardens or the Vicar if you would like to join.

Sound system news Our church sound system has been giving trouble for some time now with difficulties experienced both with the equipment supplied and technicians' ability to get on top of the problems. Last week the Vicar and Tubby Hopkins met with the manager of Strawberry Sound who magnanimously agreed to wipe over \$700 of bills and to reposition the aerials that pick up the microphones' signals free of charge.

Church open The flags that let folk know that our Church is open on Saturday are on order so we are wanting to finalise our list of volunteers who would be prepared to give an hour of their time for the Saturday afternoon watch. If you would be available to volunteer for this please put your name on the clipboard by the Link noticeboard.

Wardens' meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please advise Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker of any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Pentecost Vigil Service This will be on Saturday evening 8 June at 6 pm followed by an evening meal in the lounge.

Do dogs go to heaven? This talk about animals and salvation in a Christian context will be given by Professor David Clough of Chester University on Wednesday 12 June at 5.15 pm in the Burns building, lecture room 1

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Stewart and Gillian Gordon and Fr Craig Moody.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Brent Bachop, Rena Goodwillie, Elizabeth Dutton, Annie Clements, Michael Cottle and William Monteith.

Vicar starts Dying – in the Ditch pub meetings Pubs are more often associated with escaping sorrows rather than confronting them head on but a Vicar in Tamworth, Staffordshire, is meeting members of the community at the local each month to answer questions about death and dying and to offer support where needed. The “Dying – in the Ditch” group takes its name from the pub, the King’s Ditch, where it meets once a month for discussions around bereavement. The meetings are the initiative of the Revd Vic Van Den Bergh, resident priest at the town’s St Francis church. He has a broad ministry in the community, with schools, cadets and veteran’s organisations being some of the groups he works with. He started “Dying – in the Ditch” two years ago to help people in the area needing support with bereavement or simply questioning the meaning of life and death. Revd Van Den Bergh guides conversations over a pint of beer using the Church of England’s Gravetalk conversation cards. One participant said, “There was good beer, good company, good conversation and in the middle of it I dealt with the loss of someone special in something that felt safe and normal!” At times the “Dying – in the Ditch” group has gone beyond a safe place for support and conversation, and Vic has found himself helping with the planning of funerals and connecting with local undertakers. The topic may seem gloomy, but Revd Van Den Bergh says the group is helping people to think about death and dying in a gentle and positive way.

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