



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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Ascension

The inner meaning of the Ascension

Thou hast raised our human nature
In the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places,
There with thee in glory stand;
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in thine ascension
We by faith behold our own.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

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

5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

130 Hail the day that sees him rise

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading

132 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph (T.408a)

129 O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire

392 Lead kindly light

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 18: 1-11](#)

The response to [Psalm 47](#) is:

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy

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

[Luke 24: 46-53](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

[Romans 8: 8-17](#)

[John 14: 15-16, 23-26](#)

PARISH NEWS

This morning Fr Hugh is the celebrant and preacher at this morning's Services. Fr Brian is preaching at the Cathedral. The 10.30 am Service begins with a procession around the church. Please feel free to join in.

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

New to the parish If you have recently joined one of our congregations please consider joining our envelope/planned giving scheme. Please speak to the Wardens or the Vicar if you would like to join.

Some wise words from our envelope recorder Each year when it comes to ordering the envelopes for giving I check to see how many are required. You may not have the same envelope number you had the year before as this is not always possible. Each box of envelopes costs \$100 per box of 10 sets. It is a waste to order envelopes we do not need, hence the change of your previous envelope number. Please destroy your old envelopes as using them makes more work for me to track back to see who the envelope belonged to. Let me reassure you that I am the only person who knows the amount of offering received. I also issue tax receipts for the envelopes and direct debits each year. Please be aware that you are entitled to fill out a donation tax form which entitles you to a one third refund of the money you give to the church. I am happy to assist you with filling out this form.

Church open We are finalising 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.

The rhythm of our evening Services Until now our Evensong and Benediction Services have occurred once a fortnight. However, some parishioners report that it would be easier to work out when these Services are if they were on the 1st and the 3rd Sundays of the month so this is the rhythm of these Services we will move to from now on. This will result in a slight reduction in the number of evening Services we have in a year.

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 Kenneth Prail, Rhona Welsh, Wilfried Ebbinghaus and Betty Wyatt.

Extra-Provincial diocese under way The parishes, clergy and people who disaffiliated from the New Zealand Anglican church over the same sex blessings issue have met in a Synod and have constituted themselves as an extra-provincial diocese, have adopted a constitution and canons, and have elected a Bishop-elect, the Revd Jay Behan, the Vicar of St Stephen's Shirley. They have 12 parishes, mostly in Christchurch, but also in Hamilton and Dunedin. Some are large, Shirley and former St John's Latimer Square are in the hundreds, while some of the new start-ups like the one in Hornby are around 80. The challenge for the new "biblically orthodox" expression of Anglicanism is whether they can plant new congregations across the country and so avoid being a rump core conservative evangelical group located mostly in Christchurch who might well die out within a generation. One factor that may assist them are potential developments within their parent denomination. Every denomination that has opted for same sex blessings has pressed on within a few years to permitting church gay weddings. If that were to happen further defections would be inevitable and some would find a new home in the GAFCON affiliated extra-provincial diocese.

The Challenge of Christian Animal Ethics? This talk about what does Christian faith mean for how we treat animals, especially in our use of them for food, 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.

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