



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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Ascension

Our Great High Priest

In you, Jesus, Son of God, we have a great high priest:

you have passed through the heavens,
and are seated at the right hand of God on high.

Therefore we hold fast to the faith we profess:

for you are not a high priest who is unable
to sympathise with our weaknesses.

In every respect you have been tempted as we are:
and yet you did not sin.

Although a Son, you learned obedience
through what you suffered:

and being made perfect, you have become the source
of eternal salvation for all who obey you.

This gives us every confidence:

to draw near to the throne of grace.

There we receive mercy:

and find grace to help in time of need.

Based on Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 8, 8: 1

Welcome

to all who are readers of the Pebble.

While we are having daily Services at St Peter's this is now a publication for a sharing of news and views of interest to parishioners.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Acts 1: 1-11](#)

[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

A welcome to weekly worship at St Peter's by invitation The bishop has given permission for daily Services of up to 10 people at level 2 at St Peter's. These are by personal invitation from the Vicar who will ring you to book you in, one cannot simply turn up unannounced. There will be a daily Eucharist at 10 am every day. This should give an opportunity for every parishioner to make their communion each week. These will be a simple said Mass. When entering the church please come in from the Baker St entrance through the doors by the lounge. Please sanitise your hands on entering and make your way to a pew where there is a Service booklet. At communion time please come forward in a line observing social distancing to receive communion in one kind. We keenly await the cabinet decision on Monday 25 May as to whether there will be a further lifting of level 2 restrictions so that hopefully we can get back to our usual Service pattern.

St Kilda band to return! The St Kilda brass band have confirmed that they will return for a concert at St Peter's this

year. They are booked in for Saturday 5 September but have asked if there are dates available in August. They have also asked about requests and the Vicar has opened the bidding with "Highland Cathedral," their encore item from last year, and with "Hine e Hine."

Wardens meeting The Vicar and the Wardens will meet on Monday in the coming week. Please phone Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker if there are any matters you would like raised at that meeting.

Pentecost Vigil Service One of the liturgical highlights of our year is the Pentecost Vigil Service that will occur on Saturday evening 30 May at 6 pm. The Vicar is looking for readers to assist with the wonderful cycle of readings that introduces this major celebration that concludes the Easter season.

Parish AGM? The lock down occurred just before the parish was due to hold its AGM. This means that the present Vestry and Synods persons remain in office for now. We will not be able to schedule the AGM until such time as it is considered safe for parishioners to gather in reasonable numbers for this purpose. At each AGM we are required to present a proposed budget for the year ahead. The Vicar and Treasurer had prepared just such a document but of course it has been overtaken by events, for instance there has been no hall use or revenue from that source since late March.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Anne Bowker, Jane Hill, Lorraine Mitchell and James Bunker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Brent Bachop, Rena Goodwillie, Elizabeth Dutton, Anne Clements, Michael Cottle and William Montieth. Pray also for the repose of the souls of Archdeacon Neil Hansen and Anne Mann, widow of Bishop Peter Mann, who died in the past week.

The Ascension Today's feast uses a spatial metaphor to make clear the distinction between us the creatures and God the creator of human creatures who is radically different to us but who has drawn near to us in his incarnate Son Jesus Christ. In his ascension in to heaven to take his place at the right hand of the Father Jesus resumes the glory he had before the foundation of the world. Being placed at the right hand of the Father is a metaphor for the supreme authority he has been given to be both head of the church and also one who has authority and power over all the spiritual forces in the universe, even the wayward ones that stir up so much trouble in human affairs. He is Lord now in every sense of the word. Furthermore the Holy Spirit has been sent among us so that we are not comfortless at the end of Christ's resurrection appearances but have this infusion of spiritual assisting power to give a turbo-charged boost to our Christian walk as we follow in the way of Jesus. As Jesus takes his creaturely nature with him in to the Godhead we are given a vivid reminder of the high destiny now made available to us as our human nature is elevated and ennobled. We shall indeed rest and reign with him in heaven.

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