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The Pebble

28 June 2020

Patronal Festival

The Medieval Parish Church

Parish churches were the centre of local communities in the middle ages.

They had an importance that we find difficult to imagine today, expressed in the great resources that were lavished on their buildings and decoration.

When a medieval person walked into a church they were not only entering an architectural space, they were crossing a threshold from earthly reality into another world, a recreation of a heavenly Jerusalem in which a calendar of dramatic rituals was played out, sacramental rites of passage were performed and where the living and the dead were brought together in commemoration.

Dominic Summers 'The Parish Church – its role in history and the landscape'

Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on line. The Pebble assists those who are participants in our Services and also shares news and views of interest to parishioners.

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

205 Christ is made the sure foundation We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading **172** Thou art the Christ, O Lord

208 In our day of thanksgiving

413 Now thank we all our God

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Acts 12: 1-11

The response to the Psalm: *The Lord set me free from all my fears.*

<u>2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18</u> Matthew 16: 13-19

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Psalm 145

Romans 8, 9: 11-13

Matthew 11: 25-30

PARISH NEWS

<u>Today: The Parish Patronal Festival</u> We celebrate our St Peter's patronal festival today. As has become the custom in recent years the Vicar will share some of the findings of his recent research into the parish's history. This year's presentation will focus on St Peter's vestries through the ages. The 10.30 am Service will be followed by a shared lunch in the lounge. Everyone welcome.

<u>Church entry points</u> From now on our Sunday church Service entry points will be the Hillside Rd and Baker St entrances. The hall doors will no longer be an entry point.

<u>Contact tracing</u> We are no longer required to have manual contact tracing as you enter the church but if you have a smart phone with the requisite app you can sign in electronically at the notices at the two entrances.

<u>Collection</u> From now on collection bags will not be passed around during the Service. Please put your collection envelope in the plate at the back of the church as you leave. Several parishioners have recently made the move to direct debit on line banking as a secure way of making their contribution. Please ring the envelope recorder, whose number is on the back page of the Pebble, for assistance in making this transition.

<u>The exchange of peace</u> We are now allowed to shake hands at the sign of peace.

<u>The common cup</u> We can now receive communion in both kinds. A chalice bearer(s) will stand to the side of the celebrant so that you can receive the precious blood if you so choose. <u>Intinction</u> the practice of dipping the host in the chalice, is now strictly forbidden as a dangerous virus spreading practice.

Morning teas after the 10.30 am Service will resume from the first Sunday in July. We are looking for new volunteers to join the morning tea roster. Please let Di Bunker if you are able to help in this way.

<u>The Rock</u> Copies of the latest edition of the Rock are available at the back of church today.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Anne Bowker, Rita-May Brown and Jane Hill.

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time</u> Garner Murray, Norman Lanham, John Watson, and Doris Littler.

<u>Midweek Eucharist</u> The Holy Eucharist is celebrated weekly in the Parish Lounge on Thursdays at 10 am.

<u>Services at rest homes</u> can now resume. The Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11am.

<u>Servers' roster</u> We will make the transition to a full team of servers at the 10.30 Service from the first Sunday in July when the present transition roster comes to an end.

St Kilda brass band concert rescheduling The date for the St Kilda brass band concert at St Peter's has moved forward a week to Saturday 29 August due to the changed dates for brass band championship events in the light of the recent lock down.

Parish AGM

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of parishioners of St Peter's Caversham will be held on Sunday 26 July after the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of hearing and receiving the reports of the Vicar and the Wardens, receiving the accounts for the year past, electing the People's Warden, the Vestry, the Synod representatives and the Auditor and discussing any general business.

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