



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

Sunday May 21, 2023

Ascension Day

The Collect



Eternal and gracious God,
we believe your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to have ascended with triumph
into your kingdom in heaven;
may we also in heart and mind
ascend to where he is,
and with him continually dwell;
who live and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God now and forever.
AMEN.

WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and all
those who read the Pebble on-line.

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

338 At the name of Jesus (v's 1-5)

We sing the three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel

271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

294 Just as I am

130 Hail the day that sees him rise (omit v's 3,4 & 5)

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 1:1-11](#)

[Psalm 47](#) *Response:* God mounts the throne to shouts of joy,
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

[Ephesians 1: 17-23](#)

[Matthew 28: 16-20](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

[Psalm 104](#) *Response:* Lord send out your Spirit, and renew
the face of the earth.

[1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13](#)

[John 20: 19-23](#)

Parish News

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 9 am : Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel.

Thursday 10 am Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel.

Healing Ministry Prayer for Healing is offered to all in the Lady Chapel during communion at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist.

Receipts for donations. If you haven't received a receipt, please let Di know (021 202 1343) 'A gremlin crept into the donation receipts' - new ones at back of church.

Fellowship Meeting in the Parish Lounge on Tuesday at 2pm. Reverend Natalie will be our guest speaker.

Bishop's Companions Programme meet on Thursday in the Lady Chapel at 10.30 am.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Jim Menzies, Michael Forrest, Steven Lighton, and Harry Brown.

Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time

Brent Bachop, Rena Goodwillie, Elizabeth Dutton and Annie Clements.

GARAGE SALE

*The Garage Sale will be held in the Parish Hall **NEXT SATURDAY** (May 27) from 10am till 1pm. Goods can be left at the vicarage. Please contact Natalie or Dan on 455 3961. Goods for sale are still most welcome.*

From the Vicar.

I discovered that the colour, in the liturgical tradition, for today can be either white or red. White for the end of the Easter season or red for preparation for Pentecost. As in nature's seasons, beginnings and endings can overlay and interconnect. There was a lot of discussion about changes, seasons, loss and gain during the Ministry School I attended this week. The biggest issue is how we support each other through the inevitable changes and what we make of them.

The disciples didn't know what to expect when Jesus assured them that he would send the Advocate and Guide, the Holy Spirit. What they did know was that Jesus had been true to his promise and that he had risen from the dead and still loved and cared for them. He had been seen and had shared meals and taught them about the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom they had only glimpsed in the miracles, and completely unlike anything they had experienced at the hands of Caesar and Herod. I decided red would be our colour for today, so that we too can contemplate what the Holy Spirit will do in our lives. Natalie

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