



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

15 April 2018

Easter Three

Seven Stanzas at Easter

Make no mistake: if he rose at all
it was as his body;
if the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the elven apostles;
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that - pierced - died, withered, paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

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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

114 Now is eternal life (T.443)

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

345 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice

317 With Christ we share a mystic grave

375 I danced in the morning

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19](#)

The response to [Psalm 4](#) is:

Lord, let your face shine on us

[1 John 2: 1-5](#)

[Luke 24: 35-48](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 4: 8-12](#)

[1 John 3: 1-2](#)

[John 10: 11-18](#)

PARISH NEWS

Wardens' meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Monday. Please mention to Kate Paterson or Tubby Hopkins any matter you want raised at that meeting.

Defibrillator training session There will be a training session to learn how to use our newly installed defibrillator in the Link on Tuesday evening at 7 pm. This is relatively simple to use and we want as many parishioners as possible to be able to operate this with confidence if the need arises.

Parish AGM

The annual general meeting of parishioners of St Peter's Caversham will be held on Sunday 29 April 2018 in the lounge after the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of:

- Hearing and receiving the reports of the Vicar and the Wardens
- Receiving the parish accounts for the year past and the parish budget for the year ahead
- Electing the people's Warden, the Vestry, the synod representatives and the Auditor
- Discussing any general business

Nominations for People's Warden, Vestry and our two Lay Synod members can now be made on the appropriate notice on the Link noticeboard. You must obtain the consent of the person you intend to nominate.

Rock The latest edition of the Rock is available.

Film evening Our autumn film season continues on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm with the screening in the Vicarage of *The Illusionist*. In 1900 Vienna stage magician Eisenheim has a show that many believe involves manipulating supernatural forces. In what follows the Austro-Hungarian royal family is drawn in and an old romance is rekindled.

Cassock fund Contributions towards Brian Kilkelly's cassock as a gift to him when he is Deaconed in June are coming along nicely. Contributions can be given to the Vicar.

About the bus tour Regrettably the bus tour scheduled for last Saturday had to be cancelled as we didn't have sufficient numbers to make it financially viable. We will try again in November with perhaps a different destination.

Mid-week Eucharist Thursday at 10 am in the **Parish Lounge** until further notice.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia Napier, Paul Hill and John Steele.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Alice Isaac, Grace McAllan, Ian McAllan, Gwendolyn Hiscock, Alexander Brown, John Johnson & Mavis Monteith.

Single and proud of it The Revd Kate Wharton is a priest in the diocese of Liverpool. Recently she garnered major attention when *The Church Times* gave front page coverage to her "Beloved" ceremony in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral in which before many friends and supporters she pledged to be single and celibate, not as a monastic vow but as a God preferred state of life for her. This was of a piece with her recent books *Living a God obsessed life in a sex obsessed world* and *Living a God obsessed life in a marriage obsessed Church*. Her blog *Single Minded* reveals her to be an attractive woman in her 30's who is by her own admission "a raving extrovert." Until recently she was the Vicar of St George's, Everton, ranked as the 30th most deprived parish in England. She is also a Canon of Liverpool Cathedral.

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The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.

John Updike

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