



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

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Ascension

A Hymn for Ascensiontide

See the conqueror mounts in triumph,
See the King in royal state
Riding on the clouds his chariot
To his heavenly palace gate;
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluyas sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heavenly King.

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

HYMNS

443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

130 Hail the day that sees him rise

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

392 Lead kindly light

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 1: 1-11](#)

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

**God mounts the throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

[Ephesians 4: 1-13](#)

[Mark 16: 15-20](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

[Galatians 5: 16-25](#)

[John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15](#)

PARISH NEWS

Baptism This morning we welcome Lilibeth Sarah Depree into the fellowship of the Church as she comes to be baptised at the beginning of the 10.30 am Service. Lilibeth's parents, Rebecca and Russell, were married at St Peter's in 2015.

Potluck lunch As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month a potluck lunch follows the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

Cassock fund Contributions towards Brian Kilkelly's cassock as a gift to him when he is Deaconed in June have now reached \$380 towards the total cost of \$500. Contributions can be given to the Vicar.

Readers requested Would you like to read a lesson at our Pentecost Vigil Service on Saturday evening 19 May? Please sign up to the list of readings notice on the Link noticeboard. The Service begins at 6 pm with a shared meal to follow in the parish lounge.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group will meet at St Barnabas on Tuesday 22 May to hear a talk by Gwen Hudson. Afternoon tea will follow at \$6 each. We look forward to seeing you there.

Welcome to the St Kilda brass band The Vicar has been negotiating with the St Kilda brass band for some time about a possible concert at St Peter's this year. A date has now been finalised for Saturday afternoon 8 September. The St Kilda band is at the front rank of New Zealand's brass bands.

Please pray for Lilibeth Depree as she begins her Christian walk, for the impending negotiations for the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula, for the foreign ministers of the European Union as they try to salvage the Iran nuclear agreement, and for our Vestry as it meets in the coming week.

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

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

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Barbara Rodgers, Arthur bath, Warwick Larkins, John Allen and Harriet Hamer.

General Synod news After lengthy consideration Motion 29 authorising same sex blessings in dioceses where the bishop authorises such has passed. Tikanga Pasifika made it clear that it does not want same sex blessings and will not authorise such

within their jurisdiction as they would be contrary to the law in their three countries and would be repugnant to the cultural values of their Island nations. However they also stated that they would not exercise their power of veto on the legislation and would allow it to pass if that was what the other two Tikanga wanted. Two Synod members, the Revds Jay Behan and Al Drye from the Christchurch diocese, immediately resigned as members of General Synod. An air of uncertainty hangs over the outcome as to how many will leave the Anglican Church and whether the GAFCON Primates will step in with a cross border Provincial intervention and ordain a missionary Bishop to lead and pastorally care for the departees in a new alternative Anglican structure. A proposal to scrap Confirmation was rejected by the Synod though a rite of reception into the Anglican Church was approved. A further step towards mutual recognition of the Methodist and Anglican orders was taken.

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