



St. Peter's Caversham

# The Pebble

3 February 2013

Candlemas

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With certitude  
Simeon opened  
ancient arms  
to infant light.  
Decades  
before the cross, the tomb  
and the new life,  
he knew  
new life.  
What depth  
of faith he drew on,  
turning illumined  
towards deep night.

*Denise Levertov*

### A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

### The Liturgy for Today:

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

**10:30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist (The Taize Mass)

### HYMNS:

- 33 Of the Father's heart begotten  
431 O Thou who camest from above  
295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
305 Soul of my Saviour  
249 Round me falls the night

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Malachi 3:1-4](#)

[Hebrews 2:14-18](#)

[Luke 2:22-40](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** *A Little Tune* (Evelyn Glennie arr. Hoskins)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Concerto in C major* (Ernst/J.S.Bach)

### Parish News

**Candlemas** Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, which ends the season of Epiphany tide. It also marks exactly a

year since the Vicar was instituted to the parish. The sermon is entitled "Creatures of the Spirit." As we prepare to process around the Church at the beginning of the 10.30 am Service we bless the candles in this manner:

Priest: May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**He is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!  
You make our darkness be light. For with you is the well of life and in your light we see light.

**Blessed be God forever.**

(The Priest blesses the candles, and then says)

We wait for your loving kindness, O Lord,

**in the midst of your temple.**

Open to us the gates of righteousness

**that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

God is the Lord who has shown us light,

**Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.**

(the procession then begins)

**Repainting of the hall interior** is now nearly complete. Fundraising for this project continues as we have resolved to meet the costs through parishioner subscription, and are only half way there so far.

**Palm crosses** Please hand to the Vicar any Palm crosses you may have available, as Ash Wednesday is now a week and a half away.

**Friendship group** meets on Tuesday 12 February in the lounge at 2 pm to discuss the 2013 programme.

**The Rock** The deadline for copy for the February edition of the Rock is 17 February.

**Return to traditional music settings for the Sunday Eucharist**

It has been some years since we sang music from the Schubert Mass at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist. Beginning in Lent we will resume the use of this attractive and accessible music, which will have the added advantage that the people's responses will now be in English, not Latin. The Eucharistic rite remains the same, with just a few minor adjustments to simplify things.

**Hall alarm and 'phone** False alarms, including last Sunday afternoon, on the hall fire alarm has almost brought upon us a heavy fine from the Fire Service. Accordingly direct monitoring of the alarm has been cut off, a measure that was introduced during the interregnum, when the Vicarage was untenanted, and the alarm is now sound only. The hall 'phone will now be removed as its main use was as the signal conduit for the alarm, and as most people now have cell phones. This saves the parish just over \$600 a year.

**Social Justice Workshop** The Diocese of Dunedin is facilitating a social justice workshop at the Diocesan Centre, Green Island on Saturday February 16 from 10am-3pm. Details are now posted on the Link noticeboard.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those who have died** especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Martin Stephenson, Norman Malcolmson, and Peta Devine

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