



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

2 February 2014

Candlemas

The Dry Salvages

But to apprehend
The point of intersection of the timeless
With time, is an occupation for the saint -
No occupation either, but something given
And taken, in a lifetime's death in love,
Ardour and selflessness and self-surrender.
For most of us, there is only the unattended
Moment, the moment in and out of time,
The distraction fit, lost in a shaft of sunlight,
The wild thyme unseen, or the winter lightning
Or the waterfall, or music heard so deeply
That it is not heard at all, but you are the music
While the music lasts. These are only hints and
guesses,
Hints followed by guesses; and the rest
Is prayer, observance, discipline, thought and
action.

T S Eliot

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

HYMNS:

33 Of the Father's heart begotten
357 Father, hear the prayer we offer
295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
292 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts
361 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Malachi 3: 1-4](#)

[Hebrews 2: 14-18](#)

[Luke 2: 22-40](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 58: 7-10](#)

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

[Matthew 5: 13-16](#)

Parish News

Candlemas Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, which ends the season of Epiphany tide. The sermon is entitled "The disciplined search for holiness." 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)

Wardens meeting The Vicar and Wardens will meet
on Tuesday 11 February. Please mention to Tubby or
Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Flagpole repair Last week the flagpole was blown out
of its support cradle by the strong winds. It has now
been repaired and restored to its normal upright
angle, but apparently rot has begun to work its way
into the pole itself. Soon it will have to be replaced by
an aluminium pole, which will have a very long life.
Currently we are flying the compass rose, the flag of
the Anglican Communion.

The Rock The deadline for copy for the February
edition of the Rock is Sunday 23 February.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson,
Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Coral
Paris and Denise Walker.

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

The Christian Formation Group As Lent begins in early
March the Christian Formation Group will begin its life,
meeting on Monday nights with a 7 pm Eucharist in the
Church, and then adjourning to the Vicarage to study the
New Testament Mass readings for the following Sunday,
followed by a period of silent prayer which will lead off
from those readings, and will conclude with intercessory
prayer for the parish. Refreshments will follow. If the life of
the group takes root it will continue through the year,
though on a fortnightly rather than weekly basis.

What we believe In a small noticeboard at the entrance
way to the Church there has been a brief statement of
belief dating back to the Fr Carl era entitled, "What we
believe." The Vicar has been encouraged to come up with
his own version, and this he has now done entitling it
instead, "Themes often addressed in the preaching here."
In addition to the entranceway noticeboard it has also
been posted on the parish web site. Comment and
dialogue on this credo is welcome.

Unpacking St Basil On the eve of the feast of Corpus
Christi, which will be Saturday 21 June this year, we trace
a stage in the evolution of the Eucharist, by celebrating
that particular rite and explaining its significance, followed
by a meal. This year we will be taking a close look at the
liturgy of St Basil, which we celebrate here on special
occasions. This will also involve a consideration of the
major change that came over Christian worship when
Christianity became the official religion of the Roman
empire, and the Eucharist was now celebrated in worship
halls called at first "basilicas", and then "churches."

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