



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

1 February, 2015

Candlemas

The Layers

I have walked through many lives,
some of them my own, and I am not who I was,
though some principle of being abides,
from which I struggle not to stray.
When I look behind, as I am compelled to look
before I can gather strength to proceed on my journey,
I see milestones dwindling toward the horizon
and the slow fires trailing from the abandoned camp-sites,
over which scavenger angels wheel on heavy wings.
Oh, I have made myself a tribe out of my true affections,
and my tribe is scattered!
How shall the heart be reconciled to its feast of losses?
In a rising wind the manic dust of my friends,
those who fell along the way, bitterly stings my face.
Yet I turn, I turn, exulting somewhat,
with my will intact to go wherever I need to go,
and every stone on the road is precious to me.
In my darkest night, when the moon was covered
and I roamed through the wreckage,
a nimbus-clouded voice directed me:
“Live in the layers, not on the litter.”
Though I lack the art to decipher it,
no doubt the next chapter in my book of transformations
is already written.
I am not done with my changes.

Stanley Kunitz

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:

148 The God of Abraham praise
187 Virgin born, we bow before thee
362 Glorious things of thee are spoken
297 Lord Jesus Christ
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

[Job 7: 1-4, 6-7](#)

[1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23](#)

[Mark 1: 29-39](#)

Parish News

Frances Hodgkins in February The Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am. The Frances Hodgkins housegroup will meet next on Monday 16 February in the Garden Lounge at 2 pm.

Next Wardens meeting The first Wardens meeting for the year will be on 10 February. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Candlemas Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, which ends the season of Epiphany tide. 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)

New Shrubs for the Eastbourne St garden Several parishioner donations have been gratefully received towards the cost of providing new shrubs and bark for the Eastbourne St garden. Further donations towards the \$500 cost of this project would be welcomed.

Potluck lunch resumes Next Sunday will see the resumption of our second Sunday in the month potluck lunch, which takes place after the 10.30 am Service.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, George, Nonie and Rachel Connor, Kaye Fowler and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Norman Rodgers, Martin Stephenson and Norman Malcolmson

Michaelmas Episcopal visit Bishop Victoria Mathews will be the celebrant and preacher on the Sunday of our 150th anniversary celebrations, Michaelmas 27 September 2015.

St Peters Renovation Fund In 2013 the Vestry resolved to amalgamate the St Peter the Less and the St Peter compounding bequests to form the St Peters Renovation Fund, with the intention of giving the parish the necessary financial capacity to renovate, strengthen or replace the Church building in due course. This was invested in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund, a unitised trust that invests mostly in the share market. At the time of its establishment the renovation fund was worth \$104,902. Its value would be rather more now as the per unit value rose to a record high of \$2.51 last month off the back of a booming share market. The fund is designed to attract parishioner donations and legacies, and this it has already done because of its obvious value in securing the future of the parish. The government and the DCC are now taking a more relaxed approach to earthquake strengthening, and the parish leadership recently learned that we now have until 2032 to strengthen the church, with a detailed engineering report on how this would be accomplished not required until shortly before work commenced. However the church faces more immediate challenges than that. Springy floorboards indicate that rising damp is rotting the floor in several places, the west wall continues to lean out potentially endangering the cottage, and the roof is approaching the end of its life. To paraphrase the conclusion of the poem on the front cover - St Peters church building has not done with its changes.

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