



St. Peter's Caversham  
**The Pebble**

3 JANUARY, 2016

EPIPHANY

**THREE PRAYERS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
whose years never fail  
and whose mercies are new each returning day:  
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,  
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;  
that we may pass the coming year  
in joyful obedience and firm faith;  
through him who is the beginning and the end,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, by whose command  
the order of time runs its course:  
forgive our impatience, perfect our faith,  
and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises,  
grant us to have a good hope because of your word;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eternal Lord God,  
we give you thanks for bringing us  
through the changes of time  
to the beginning of another year.  
Forgive us the wrong we have done  
in the year that is past,  
and help us to spend the rest our days  
to your honour and glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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)

**10:30 am** Sung Eucharist

**HYMNS:**

50 From the eastern mountains

48 Bethlehem, of noblest cities

52 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

51 Hail, thou Source of every blessing

47 As with gladness

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Isaiah 60: 1-6](#)

[Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6](#)

[Psalm 72](#) The response to the psalm is:

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you**

[Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

[Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11](#)

[Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7](#)

[Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22](#)

**Parish News**

**Procession** Our 10.30 am Service begins with a procession around the interior of the church to honour the Epiphany as one of the premier post-Christmas feasts. Please feel free to join the procession.

**Evensong and Benediction** As this is the first Sunday in the month the Service of Evensong and Benediction will take place at 5 pm.

**Underwhelming Christchurch Cathedral announcement** The Christchurch Press had been playing up the pre-Christmas announcement about the future of the Cathedral as a “decision” but in fact it was much more tentative than that. All that the government mediator achieved was to persuade the Church Property Trustees to consider the possibility of reinstating the original Cathedral, while at the same time getting both sides to agree that the likely cost of doing so would be around \$105 million with a likely completion date around 2022. CPT says its insurance pay-out is nowhere near that figure so this puts the onus on the restorationists to come up with the promise of tens of millions of dollars by April. If they cannot do this then the option of demolition and modern replacement becomes the option that will be pursued. Gerry Brownlee conceded that state financial help was a possibility, but this could be tricky with secularists objecting to tax payer money being spent on such a project and Catholics enquiring why their Cathedral was not receiving the same assistance.

**Next Sunday** we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The revision of the liturgical calendar in recent years has encouraged the Church to see Christmas, Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord as part of an integrated and extended cycle of Scriptural and Eucharistic reflection on the entire mystery of the Incarnation, and its saving implications for us.

**Keeping on keeping on** The normal pattern of Thursday Services, and of Evensong and Benediction on the first Sunday of the month will continue throughout January.

**New hall booking number** Please phone 453 4621, David Hoskins' new phone number, to make a hall booking.

**Thursday Eucharist** is celebrated at 10 am in the Lady Chapel at the west end of the Church.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Katie Bowron and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose Memorials occur at this time** Arthur Hill, Mary Wood, Marjorie Welch and William Bloxham (Priest).

**Some anticipations of 2016** In January Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury will gather the Primates of the Anglican Communion around him at Lambeth to see if a way forward can be found to keep the Communion together in the face of divisive quarrels around issues of human sexuality. In May the New Zealand General Synod will meet at Napier. Amongst other issues it will consider the preliminary report of the Way Forward group tasked with bringing forward proposals for implementing Motion 30 of the last General Synod on same sex blessings. The Way Forward task group failed to bring this report together in time for last year's Diocesan Synods to consider it as it should have, and so a vexed issue will be whether this preliminary round of consultations can be dispensed with, or whether the whole process should be slowed down by two years to allow such a consultation to proceed. The Diocesan Synod will meet in Invercargill 16-18 September. Lent and Holy Week fall early in the coming year with Ash Wednesday occurring on 10 February and Easter on 27 March. 2016 will be Bishop Kelvin's last full year as Bishop of Dunedin as he is due to retire at Easter 2017 when he turns 65.

**Documentary film season planned** A season of documentary films will be included in the 2016 cycle of parish events. These will include *Best of Enemies* about the 1968 series of television debates between Gore Vidal and William Buckley Junior at the time of the Republican and Democratic political conventions, *Red Army* about the Red Army Ice Hockey Team, world champions whose fortunes mirrored the rapid social and cultural changes in Russia, *The Salt of the Earth* about Sebastiao Salgado one of the world's great social photographers, *From Scotland with Love*, and excerpts from *The World's Great Churches*. These will include the painted churches of Romania and the Cathedral of Monreale in Sicily. The film season has yet to be timetabled.

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