



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

10 JANUARY, 2016

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PREFACE FOR THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

And now we give you thanks
because you celebrated your new gift of Baptism
by signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith among us
of your Word made flesh.
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus your servant,
and anointing him with joy as the Christ,
sent to bring to the poor the good news of salvation.
Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo songs of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you ...

*The Promise of His Glory
Services and Prayers for the Season from All Saints to Candlemas
Church House Publishing*

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 Solemn Sung Eucharist and Procession

HYMNS:

338 At the name of Jesus

431 O thou who camest from above

352 Crown him with many crowns

58 The sinless one to Jordan came (T.95)

245 God that madest earth and heaven

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

[Psalm 104](#) The response to the psalm is:

O bless the Lord, my soul

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 62: 1-5](#)

[1 Corinthians 12: 4-11](#)

[John 2: 1-12](#)

Parish News

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

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.

Bishop expected Bishop Kelvin will take the 8am and 10.30am Services on Sunday 31 January when the Vicar will be on leave.

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

Documentary film season planned As the Vicar plans the parish year ahead a season of documentary films is definitely intended. 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 1968 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 who photographed some of the major humanitarian disasters of the late 20th century, *From Scotland with Love* a skilfully blended collage of documentary footage with no voice over or commentary just a brilliant sound track from one of Scotland's leading folk singers, 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.

Praying for the Primates Overleaf you will find a story sourced from Anglican Taonga about the meeting running over the coming week of the Primates of the Anglican Communion, which has been convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It would be good if each of us could pause for several minutes of prayer each day to support our leaders during this crucial meeting that has the potential to do so much good for our troubled Communion.

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 Francis Mumford, Robin Heaps, Janet Younie, Bill Tansley, John Peterson and for Tim Francis whose funeral was on Thursday.

Two bound for Canterbury summit Two Archbishops from this church will attend the Primates' meeting in Canterbury from 11-16 January. Archbishops Philip Richardson and Winston Halapua will be among 37 Primates at the historic meeting called by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. The primates will discuss key issues facing the church, including a review of Communion structures leading up to the next Lambeth Conference. The agenda will also pick up issues of religiously motivated violence, the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the environment and human sexuality. In calling the conference, Archbishop Justin Welby said: "I have suggested to all primates that we need to consider recent developments but also look afresh at our ways of working as a Communion and especially as primates, paying proper attention to developments in the past. Our way forward must respect the decisions of Lambeth 1998, and of the various Anglican Consultative Council and Primates' meetings since then. It must also be a way forward, guided by the absolute imperative for the church to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to make disciples and to worship and live in holiness, and recognising that the way in which proclamation happens and the pressures on us vary greatly between Provinces. We each live in a different context. The difference between our societies and cultures, as well as the speed of cultural change in much of the global north, tempts us to divide as Christians: when the command of scripture, the prayer of Jesus, the tradition of the church and our theological understanding urges unity. The 21st century Anglican family must have space for deep disagreement, and even mutual criticism, so long as we are faithful to the revelation of Jesus Christ, together.

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