



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

**Sunday February 7**

**CANDLEMAS**

*Ceremonies for Candlemas Eve by Robert Herrick*

Down with the rosemary and bays,  
Down with the mistletoe;  
Instead of holly now upraise  
The greener box for show.

The holly hitherto did sway,  
Let box now domineer,  
Until the dancing Easter day,  
Or Easter's Eve appear.

Then youthful box which now have grace  
Your houses to renew,  
Grown old, surrender must his place  
Unto the crisped yew.

When the yew is out, then birth comes in,  
And many flowers beside,  
Both of a fresh and fragrant kin,  
To honour Whitsuntide.

Green rushes then, and sweetest bents,  
With cooler oaken boughs,  
Come in for comely ornaments,  
To readorn the house.

Thus times shift;  
Each thing his turn doth hold,  
New things succeed  
As former things grow old.

## 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

234 Christ whose glory fills the skies

33 Of the Father's love begotten (Omit v's 2 & 3)

295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

417 O God our help in ages past

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Malachi 3: 1-4](#)

Responsorial [Psalm 24](#) - the response to the psalm is:

**The Lord of hosts: he is the king of glory!**

[Hebrews 2: 14-18](#)

[Luke 2: 22-40](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Deuteronomy 26: 4-10](#)

[Romans 10: 8-13](#)

[Luke 4: 1-13](#)

### Parish News

**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)

**Evensong and Benediction** This evening at 5 pm followed by a social gathering with refreshments in the parish lounge.

**Ash Wednesday** Lent begins on Wednesday of this week. The Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated at 10 am and 7 pm that day. This is an important worship obligation for Anglican Christians.

**Fish and Chip Friday Eucharists** Continuing last year's popular custom our Lenten extra will be a Eucharist celebrated at 5.30 pm each Friday in Lent in the parish lounge with a dialogue sermon followed by a shared fish and chip tea. The first Friday celebration will be this Friday.

**Parish Garage Sale** Saturday 27 February 10 am to 1 pm. We need your trash and treasure for this important fund raiser. Please leave goods in the Link on Sundays – other times contact David Hoskins on 453 4621. If you can help in this way please let David know.

**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** Peta Devine, Charlotte Halliburton, Robina Woodham, Leonard Base and Frederick Garrod.

**Documentary film season in February and March** The documentary film season will run over five successive Tuesdays in

February and March. The films will be shown in the Vicarage with a start time of 7.30 pm. These will include *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 - 9 February, *Red Army* about the Red Army Ice Hockey Team, world champions whose fortunes mirrored the rapid social and cultural changes in Russia on 16 February, *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 20<sup>th</sup> century - to be screened on 23 February, *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 on 1 March, and excerpts from *The World's Great Churches* on 8 March, which will include the painted churches of Romania and the Cathedral of Monreale in Sicily.

**Return of the Rare Byrds** Dunedin's Tudor music group will hold a concert in the Church the following day on Sunday afternoon 28 February as part of Dunedin's early music festival. They first came to us last year and it will be good to welcome them back again.

**Frances Hodgkins start up** The Vicar will take his first Service for the year at Frances Hodgkins this Thursday 11 February at 11 am. The first Frances Hodgkins house group meeting will be on Monday 15 February at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

**Meditation group** The parish meditation group has resumed its regular weekly meetings next week at Joan Dutton's residence after the Thursday 10 am Eucharist.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hugh Bowron – 455- 3961

**Vicar's Warden:** Tubby Hopkins – 454-2399

**People's Warden:** Kate Paterson – 455-5384

**Stewardship Recorder:** Averil Hopkins - 454-2399

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