



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

5 February 2017

Candlemas

### *Candlemas*

With certitude  
Simeon opened  
ancient arms  
to infant light.  
Decades  
before the cross, the tomb  
and the new life,  
he knew  
new life.  
What depth  
of faith he drew on,  
turning illumined  
towards deepest night.

*Denise Levertov*

### 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 after the Solemn Sung Eucharist

### THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)  
10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist, Blessing of Candles and  
Procession

5.00 pm Sung Evensong and Benediction

#### HYMNS:

148 The God of Abraham praise (omit verses 3 and 5)

187 Virgin born, we bow before thee (T. 387)

33 Of the Father's heart begotten (omit verse 3)

305 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast

251 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Malachi 3: 1-4](#)

The response to [Psalm 24](#) is:

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

[Hebrews 2: 14-18](#)

[Luke 2: 22-40](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Sirach 15: 15-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 2: 6-10](#)

[Matthew 5: 20-22a, 33-34a, 37](#)

### 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 lounge afterwards.

**Five Unusual Documentaries** Our season of documentaries continues tomorrow night 6 February with **Alps Flying**: Lionel Charlet produces the most beautiful aviation films of all in his studies of the Swiss Air Force. Using a combination of on board cameras, a chase plane, lovely intro shots of the Swiss alps and landscapes and a beguiling sound track with no commentary this is a film that brings alive the sheer beauty of flight. This will be in the Vicarage at 7 pm.

**Wardens meeting** The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please mention to Kate Paterson or Tubby Hopkins any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**SGM notification** A Special General Meeting of the parishioners of St Peter's Caversham will be held this morning in the parish lounge after the 10.30 Sung Mass for the purpose of considering the proposal to inset the Woodhouse Memorial stained glass window, recently removed from Holy Cross St Kilda, in the window in the Link immediately adjacent to the Church.

**Harvest Festival** St Peter's will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 26 February. Agnes and some of her students will be singing the John Rutter anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" during communion. If you would you like to join this group for this special occasion please make yourself known to Agnes or David.

## **Bishop Kelvin's next visit:**

**Bishop Kelvin will take the morning Services at St Peters on Sunday 19 February when the Vicar will be attending the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of St Mary's Addington, Christchurch where he was Vicar for nine years.**

**Anglican family seeking accommodation** Charlotte Hickmott writes, "Mature Anglican family of three need your help. We are moving to Dunedin to support our daughter who is starting at university. We require a two bedroom home to either house-sit or rent until our Christchurch home sells. We have been involved with St Michael and All Angels in Christchurch for many years and can provide references from clergy. Please phone Charlotte at 027 4330114.

**Frances Hodgkins house group** meets on Monday 13 February at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

**Electoral Synod** The Archdeaconry is invited to pray for discernment in the choice of a new Bishop by coming to intercessory prayer Services at St John's Roslyn on the first two Sundays of February (5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) at 7 pm.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Joan Ferguson, Jonathan Gillies, Katie Bowron, Bruce Moore and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time** Peta Devine and Charlotte Halliburton.

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