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The Pebble

2 February 2020

Candlemas

The Eucharist of Candlemas

Dear Friends: forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

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

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered at the communion rail 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
5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

338 At the name of Jesus
We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading
186 Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
187 Virgin born we bow before thee
234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies (T.2)

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Malachi 3: 1-4](#)

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

The Lord of hosts: he is king of glory!

[Hebrews 2: 14-180](#)

[Luke 2: 22-40](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 58: 7-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 2: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 5: 13-16](#)

PARISH NEWS

Candlemas procession The feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple draws to a close the celebration of the beginning of Christ's life and ministry. In honour of this important feast our 10.30 am Service begins with a procession around the church. Please feel free to join in.

Contributing to Library Co-design discussion South Dunedin is to receive a new library. The local churches are amongst stake holder groups invited to contribute ideas about the design and services that should be included in the library. Would you like to be part of an 8 to 9 person group that would meet for a conversation lasting about 2 hours to gather together community input ideas? Please let Fr Hugh know on his return if you would like to assist in this way.

Fr Hugh away Fr Hugh is in Christchurch this week returning on Friday. He is supporting his daughter Katie in her convalescence after a major operation.

Curry evening Our next curry evening will be on Thursday 13 February. Please sign the booking notice on the Link noticeboard.

Visit to St John's Waikouaiti Our 22 February visit to St John's Waikouaiti will be a major event in our February calendar. Please sign the appropriate notice on the noticeboard to book in for this.

Signing in for religious instruction in state schools According to a recent op-ed piece in the Timaru Herald the Minister of Education Chris Hipkins announced on 13 January that from now on parents would have to give written permission for their children to receive religious instruction in state schools. If true this will probably be the death knell of Bible in Schools in New Zealand primary schools, a time honoured part of New Zealand primary education which has been suffering an attrition process in recent times. The Vicar has written to the Minister seeking clarification about the announcement. The timing of the announcement is significant since few would notice it during the great New Zealand shut down of the January holidays.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Mavis Lighton, Anne Bowker, Jane Hill and Lorraine Mitchell.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Martin Stephenson, Norman Malcolmson, Peta Devine and Jun Miyagi

St Peter's 2020 Architecture Film Season

These films will be shown over four successive Wednesday evenings in the Vicarage at 7.30 pm beginning on 12 February and concluding on 4 March.

A Test of Faith: Earthquake Strengthening St Mary of the Angels Wellington This documentary gives a remarkable insight into the seismic engineering challenges and innovative solutions required to bring this project to fruition. There is much food for thought in this film for St Peter's Vestry members given the current challenges facing our church. Screens 12 February.

Concert of Wills: Making the Getty Centre In some ways the film could have been better entitled "Conflict of Wills." When famous American architect Richard Meier was chosen to build an extensive art gallery overlooking Los Angeles, a project in which money was no object, he could not have foreseen the clash of egos that would follow. Yet the beautiful building that resulted is also very practical. The building's defence systems fought off the recent wildfires that engulfed this part of Los Angeles. Screens 19 February.

How Much Does Your Building Weigh Mr Foster A somewhat hagiographical film about a British architect with a huge ego but Norman Foster's achievement is undeniable, including Hong Kong airport terminal, Berlin's Reichstag and the London Gherkin. Screens 26 February.

Strange and Familiar: Architecture on Fogo Island How a strikingly original work of design helped to sustain a unique way of life on a small island off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. Screens 4 March.

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