



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

6 January 2019

Epiphany

### ***This Was the Moment***

***From: BC:AD***

This was the moment when Before  
Turned into After, and the future's  
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms

This was the moment when nothing  
Happened. Only dull peace  
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even  
energetic Romans  
Could find nothing better to do  
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment  
When a few farm workers and three  
Members of an obscure Persian sect  
Walked haphazard by starlight straight  
Into the kingdom of heaven.

*U.A. Fanthorpe (1929 - 2009)*

## 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 Epiphany Carol Service  
5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

### HYMNS AND READINGS FOR TODAY

See Epiphany Carol Service booklet

### 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

**Epiphany Carol Service** This morning we mark the wonderful feast of the Epiphany with a 10.30 am Service in the style of Nine Lessons and Carols, thus giving us an opportunity to sing many of the hymns appropriate to the feast.

**Evensong and Benediction** This evening's reflection at Evensong and Benediction will be an unpacking of the notes Fr Hugh took during Rowan Williams' address on "Prayer as the revealing of the eternal in time" at last year's conference in London on *The Church in the World: the gift of Catholic Mission*. A social gathering follows the Service in the lounge.

**Lost car key?** A car key was discovered in one of the front pews recently and can be claimed from the sacristy. A walking stick has also been left behind and can be claimed from the back of the church.

**January at St Peter's** The Thursday Eucharists will continue uninterrupted as will much of the usual parish programme.

**Season of dance films** The promised season of dance films begins next week in the Vicarage at 2 pm beginning with *Mao's Last Dancer* on 12 January about Li Cunxin's remarkable journey from Mao's cultural revolution to becoming an acclaimed dancer in the west. Then on successive Saturday afternoons with our second film 19 January *Balanchine* about George Balanchine, trained at Russia's Maryinsky theatre, who became the "father of American ballet." Then on 26 January *Suzanne Farrell: Elusive Muse*, a candid account of her complex relationship with Balanchine.

**Parish BBQ** The promised parish BBQ will take place on Saturday 26 January at 5 pm in the veranda area outside the parish lounge. Please bring whatever you want barbecued and/or a salad. The Vicar will provide the drinks. A Mass in the parish lounge at 4.30 pm will precede the BBQ. You will note that the film *Suzanne Farrell: Elusive Muse* precedes these two events that afternoon.

**New Episcopal residence** A house has been purchased for Bishop Steven and Lorraine to live in at 66 Highcliff Rd, Andersons Bay. The house will be co-owned by the diocese and by the Bishop as each has put capital in for the purchase. It is a two storey two garage dwelling quite close to where Bishop Kelvin lives.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele and Jennifer Parmenter.

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

**Selwyn College Commission set up** The Diocesan Council has set up a commission to consider options for the future ownership of Selwyn College. It is to be chaired by emeritus Archbishop David Moxon with a number of other panellists who are considered to be neutral in this matter. The commission is expected to take a year over its deliberations and will solicit submissions both written and verbal. The possibility of the university taking over the running of Selwyn has been hotly debated over the last two diocesan Synods. Last year's Synod passed a motion approving a potential lease deal by which the university would be in charge of Selwyn in return for a substantial annual lease payment to the diocese but hard ball negotiations between the Diocesan Trust Board and the University Council have been inconclusive in reaching a mutually satisfactory deal. There have been mounting concerns in recent years about the capacity of the diocese to provide effective governance of the College in an increasingly complex university environment in which health and safety concerns are to the fore, particularly in the light of egregiously bad behaviour on the part of some of the student body. There have also been difficulties in finding suitable Wardens who could control the student body and stay in post long enough to make changes for the better while at the same time being convinced Christians intent on leavening the life of the College with Christian principles and practice. Fr Hugh has now stepped down from the Selwyn board to be replaced by Fr Brian.

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