



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

3 February 2019 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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.

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Services and Prayers for the Season
from All Saints to Candlemas
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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
186 Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
297 Lord Jesus Christ
187 Virgin born we bow before thee

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Malachi 3: 1-4](#)

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

The Lord of hosts: he is king of glory!

[Hebrews 2: 10-11, 13-18](#)

[Luke 2: 22-40](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 6: 1-2, 3-8](#)

[1 Corinthians 15: 1-11](#)

[Luke 5: 1-11](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Aria by Peeters

PARISH NEWS

Evensong and Benediction The address at Evensong and Benediction this evening will be a report back from Fr Hugh

about the topics covered at the theology conference he attended this past week in Auckland.

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.

Farewell to Roly Scott Fr Hugh is attending the farewell Service to Pastor Roly Scott at Caversham Baptist this morning as Roly draws 35 years of ministry to South Dunedin to a close. Fr Brian is the celebrant and preacher at the 10.30 am Service.

Autumn working bee There will be a clean-up of the church grounds on Saturday 9 March. Your help would be much appreciated.

Rite A revised As advised at last Sunday's parish forum we will begin the trial period of using Rite A Revised at the 10.30 am Service from next Sunday. The trial period will run over the four Sundays before Lent, they being the remaining three Sundays in February and the first Sunday in March. The parish leadership will then evaluate how this different Great Thanksgiving Prayer has been received.

The advent of ritualism in the diocese of Dunedin As part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the diocese of Dunedin this year Fr Hugh will give a talk on Saturday 2 March at 10 am in the parish lounge on the way in which Anglo-Catholicism arrived in our diocese. For further details see the poster in the Link or on the Hillside Rd noticeboard. That morning at 11.30 am he will also celebrate a Requiem for Bishop Nevill. His address at that Service will recall little known and remarkable features of the life and ministry of our founder Bishop.

Episcopal news The Bishop will be in Britain throughout February attending baby bishop school at Canterbury.

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 Martin Stephenson, Norman Malcolmson, Peta Devine and Jun Miyagi.

Bishop Bell reinstated Bishop Bell was one of the most admired and famous Anglicans of the 20th century. However, his reputation was besmirched with a series of posthumous allegations of sexual abuse. The diocese of Chichester in particular, where he had been the Bishop, and the Church of England in general was reeling from a series of major safeguarding failures so the first claim was believed and the complainant received an apology and a pay-out. An independent enquiry discredited the process used that led to this outcome. Subsequent allegations have been discounted. Now the Archbishop of Canterbury has apologised for the damage done to Bell's reputation. A statue is to be erected in his memory outside Canterbury Cathedral. One doubts though whether the Church of England primary school that renamed itself after the first allegation incident will put his name back on its front gates.

Looking forward to Kemp English As part of the St Peter's performing arts programme for 2019 we have booked Kemp English, one of the country's finest organists, for a concert here on Saturday 18 May at 2.30 pm. The St Kilda brass band has also indicated it is keen to return to St Peter's this year for a second concert. A date has yet to be confirmed as they assess their commitments for 2019.

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