

## Sunday 29 January 2017 Candlemas

*Te Tapaenga o te Karaiti i te Temepara*

*Naumai, Haere mai! Welcome!*

It's good to have you here with us today. We hope that in our worship you may encounter God afresh and enjoy the company of others.

If you are new to our faith community, visiting with us, or bringing greetings from another faith community, we'd love to chat with you before or after our worship.

**Please stay for morning tea and fellowship after our worship.**

**Sentence** Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in righteousness and true holiness.  
*Ephesians 4:23-24*

**Collect** Everliving God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented as a child in the temple to be the hope of your people; grant us pure hearts and minds that we may be transformed into his likeness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings	<i>Revised English Bible</i>
Malachi 3:1-5	<i>The coming messenger</i>
Hebrews 2:14-18	<i>Jesus made fully human</i>
Luke 2:22-40	<i>Jesus is presented to the temple</i>



*Welcome to children and families today.*

*Children will be invited to gather at the front after the first song for a prayer of blessing before going to their activities, then return to the service in time for Communion.*

## Today

### 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Set-up / pack-up	John Nippert, Hamish Pilbrow
Welcomers	Jean and Geoff Martel, Annie Hayward
Liturgical Assistant	Penny Grigg
2nd chalice	Elaine Parr
Readers	Keith Levy, Po-Lin Lamb
Intercessions	Penny Grigg
Musician	Peter Baldock
Morning tea	Leonie Burke, Heather Molloy



## Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** In this new year season we pray for all in our community, and for fresh opportunities to connect with our neighbours. We pray for the Sanderson family, especially for Zac as he recovers from serious illness.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** As we celebrate Candlemas, may we, like Simeon and Anna, recognise the Christ light in our lives, and make opportunities to share that light with others.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Social Service and Community Development Board: Bishop Justin, Jonathan Boyes, Theresa Campbell, Mike Deacon, Jenna Harris, Janice Lyon, Peter Phipps, Debbie Priston and Graeme Munford.
- ◆ We give thanks for the life and ministry of Archbishop Brown Turei, who died on 9 January, aged 92. In 2006 he was installed as Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa-New Zealand and Polynesia. We pray for his wife, Mihi, and his children, grandchildren and extended whanau. (*The latest issue of Taonga, the magazine of the Anglican Church in our Province, features an article on him*). May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** The Anglican Church of Melanesia, particularly the work and witness of the Sisters and Brothers of the religious orders there, as they minister among those who have suffered as a result of civil conflict.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Lichfield (Canterbury, England): The Rt Revd Michael Igrave, The Rt Revd Mark James Rylands, The Rt Revd Geoffrey Peter Annas, The Rt Revd Clive Gregory.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** Give thanks for Egypt's new law to regulate the building of churches, to allow Christians in Egypt to gather in worship. We pray for acceptance of Christians as fellow-citizens and equals.
- ◆ We pray that our homes and families will be places where the Christian story comes alive day by day in our love, encouragement and support of one another.
- ◆ Thank you to those who have committed to praying for our parish in a regular rhythm through the week. There are also specific prayer requests which we receive in our parish, which Reverend Ellie circulates. Do talk with Ellie if you would like to participate in this rhythm of prayer, or the ministry of intercession, or if you would like to receive prayer support.

## Candlemas

Today we seek God's blessing on candles we will use in worship in the coming year, and also candles we may have brought from home. All these candles will shed light and warmth in the year ahead. We take ours back home with us as we are sent out from our worship to love and serve the Lord, remembering our call to show and share the light of Christ.

## Thursday Worship

We began our rhythm of Thursday worship last week at San Antonio's, and for now we will continue our rhythm established last year:

*1st Thursday of the month: in a parishioner's home*

*2nd Thursday: at St Ronan's*

*3rd Thursday: in a parishioner's home*

*4th Thursday: at San Antonio's*

For venues in February see the list below.

## EFM (Education for Ministry)

There are two new opportunities to start Year 1 of EFM soon: on a Monday evening in Newlands; or on a Tuesday evening at the Cathedral. Talk with Reverend Judith to find out more. This step might be just the thing for you to grow in faith and deepen your understanding of scripture and what it means to be a Christian in today's world.

## Open Doors evening Wed 15 February, 7pm, Wellesley

Start spreading the word: an opportunity for all in the local community to gather and hear about how *Open Doors* is supporting persecuted Christians around the world.

## Lenten series: *Our Transforming God*

This six week study series uses passages from the Gospel of John to help us reflect on how God transforms lives. Days and times are yet to be confirmed, but will run through Lent.

## Contact list

Our review of the St Alban's contact list continues. If you live locally, and have or have had a connection with St Alban's, you may have already received a phone call, or will do soon. This is to check everyone's contact details and offer the opportunity to "opt in" to a proposed new St Alban's family phone book.

Please fill in a "Welcome to St Alban's" card if you're not sure whether you're already on our contact list.

## This week

<b>Wed</b>	Morning Prayer: 9am, vicarage Centering Prayer: 12noon, vicarage Vestry meeting: 7pm
<b>Thurs</b>	Intercessory Prayer: 7am, 6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay Morning Prayer: 9am, vicarage Eucharist: 10am, 1 / 47 Pukatea St
<b>Fri</b>	Pop in and Play begins: 9am, St Ronan's
<b>Sat</b>	Contemplative Prayer: 8am, 1 / 47 Pukatea St Community garden: 11am

## Coming Up

<b>Thu 9 Feb</b>	Take A Break seniors activities and lunch: 11am-1pm, St Ronan's
<b>Wed 15 Feb</b>	"Open Doors" evening, 7pm, supporting Christians in Syria and the Middle East, at Wellesley College
<b>28 Feb</b>	Shrove Tuesday
<b>1 Mar</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>16 Apr</b>	Easter Day

## Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

<b>2 Feb</b>	Tony Martin's home, 1 / 47 Pukatea St
<b>9 Feb</b>	St Ronan's
<b>16 Feb</b>	Don's home, 362 Muritai Rd
<b>23 Feb</b>	San Antonio's

*If you would like to support the mission and ministry of our faith community by giving regularly, and/or serving in a particular ministry role, please talk with the clergy or wardens, or contact the parish office.*

## Sunday 5 February - 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	<i>tbc</i>
Preacher	<i>tbc</i>
Set-up / pack-up	Chris Burt, Keith Young
Welcomers	Joy Baird, Graham Olds, Jean and Geoff Martel
Liturgical Assistant	Mike Synnott
2nd chalice	Tony Martin
Readers	Priscilla Synnott, Annie Hayward
Intercessions	Mike Synnott
Musician	Jacqueline Ward
Morning tea	Lilian Martin, Marina Hanbury-Sparrow



### Gospel Readings this week

**Monday**  
Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday**  
Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday**  
Mark 6:1-6a

**Thursday**  
Mark 6:7-13

**Friday**  
Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday**  
Mark 6:30-34

### Readings next Sunday

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25



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