



Christ Church
YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH

10 February 2019



Psalm 84

Luke 2: 22—40

Welcome to our service and very special greetings to any visitors to Christ Church this morning

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING FROM ST LUKE

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by

the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

NEXT SUNDAY-FAREWELL TO REBECCA

Rebecca's last service as our Vicar is next Sunday, 17 February. We will be having a special morning tea to farewell Rebecca after the service so please plan to stay and share this special moment with us all. Please also bring a plate of finger food to share as we wish Rebecca and Kris rich blessings in their future shared ministry at Glendowie Presbyterian Church



REBECCA'S INDUCTION SERVICE

Rebecca and Kris' Induction Service will be at Glendowie Presbyterian Church, 195 Riddell Rd, Glendowie at 7pm on Wednesday 27 February. You are invited to come along to this service and help hand Rebecca over !!

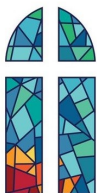
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On **Tuesday 5th March from 7-9pm**, they will host a public panel conversation on **Dying, Death and Wisdom in an Age of Denial**, with Dr Kathryn Mannix who has worked as a palliative care doctor for 30 years. The venue is AUT, 55 Wellesley St, Auckland and there will be no charge for entry.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

Prayer underlies all that we do. At 7:30 every Wednesday night (or another time which suits you) join everybody in prayer for our church ministries.



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