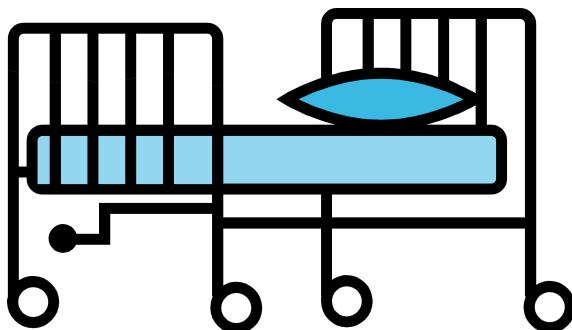




The Rock

HOSPITAL CHAPEL-SERVICE HELPERS



There have been some changes to procedures since St Peter's was last active in this ministry back in April. The main changes being that the chapel service now starts at 10.30a.m. and that ten people are now required each time. This is an opportunity to offer practical support to patients, enabling them to attend worship at a time when they might otherwise least be able to but most need to, and also to chaplaincy staff, who could not function without "bed-pushers" or "people-movers" from outside groups such as our Parish.

If you are able to help with moving beds or wheelchairs and would like to

be a part of this important ministry please either 'phone me on 455 6669 or email me at gemi@clear.net.nz St Peter's next turn is on Sunday 22nd November. I will 'phone those who have been good enough to help out previously and who have indicated that they still available (this will be a week earlier than usual as I will be out of town in the week leading up to the 22nd), but I will also be looking for extra people so please consider offering yourself for this task.

Michael Forrest.

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"We would fail if we taught only virtues and Bible stories. We must give them doctrinal religion if virtue is to have any purpose. Too often we do not answer these questions: Why should I be virtuous? Why should I not do what I like? It should not be left until the age when temptation is strong and the desire, to do what one likes, is an overmastering passion. The aim must be to guide the children to the true doctrines and give them a scheme of religion which does not explode to pieces when brought into contact with the hard realities of the world." H B Young in 'A Handbook on the Christian Religion' published in 1916.

The Vicar Writes

The Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls are the defining observances of November, which is thus (for old fashioned Roman Catholics at least) the month of the Holy Souls. By that they mean the somewhat unwilling occupants of purgatory, for whom they say prayers, offer masses, and to whom they apply indulgences granted by the pope for the purpose of releasing them into the joys of heaven as soon as possible. Not very Anglican, I must say – and not very Eastern Orthodox either. As for the likes of Baptists and Presbyterians, they don't pray for the dead at all, so I am leaving them out of account!

Despite the objections of our Evangelical brethren, prayer for the dead is an established part of the practice of our Church, but to my mind, the really interesting question is this: *What part do change and development play in eternity?* For the more protestant-minded Christian I doubt if the idea looms very large. Most seem to believe that when we die we go to unchanging bliss in heaven or to unchanging gloom elsewhere. No need then of prayer for the dead, since there is no possibility of bringing about any change in their situation one way or the other. The Roman Catholics likewise appear to envisage no change in the life of the redeemed once they get beyond the pearly gates.

Not so the Eastern Orthodox, however.



Following the fourth century bishop St Gregory of Nyssa, they hold to the doctrine of *epektasis*. According to this teaching we progress forever “from glory to glory” as the New Testament says. This is because God is infinite in his wisdom, beauty, goodness, power, *et cetera*. And there will thus never be an end to our growth and development in Him in the world to come. In other words, change (of the most wonderful kind, let it be said) is an essential part of our life and being, and always will be.

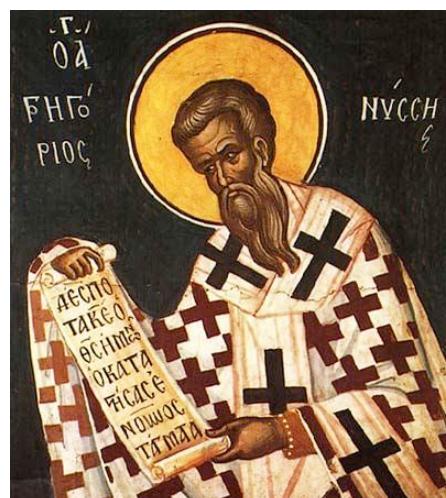
Now this seems to me to have a certain correspondence with the ideas of Charles Darwin, and I can't help wondering if existence itself is just one continuous *evolution* from the Big Bang to the Last Judgement – and beyond. To people like Richard Dawkins evolution looks like a very random process, and in many ways it is. But there do seem to be certain physical laws built into the structure of the universe at its very beginning, without which nothing would have evolved at all. I wonder therefore, if the evolution of conscious life on this planet has been the same, with God setting the dials, as it were, to allow the evolution of personal beings capable of knowing and loving Him and one another, but not determining the outcome of the process in any great detail.

Thus human beings are male and female, have four limbs, two eyes and ten toes. But we might have evolved very differently, and (this is my main point) beyond the grave we may still (each one of us) develop and evolve into beings of a greatness and splendour which we cannot at present even begin to comprehend. Thus prayer for the departed cannot be without a real purpose in this world and the next.

And perhaps Professor Dawkins is right – he just doesn't know how right he is!

The Crucified and Risen God bless you!

Fr CARL



St Gregory of Nyssa

**CONGRATULATIONS
AAW
40 years old**





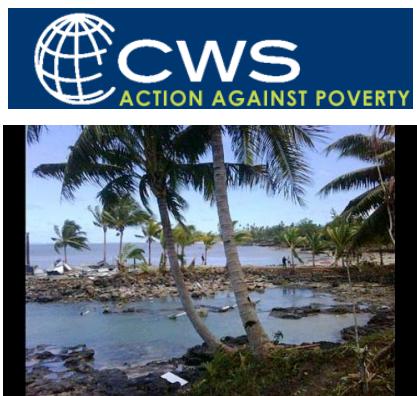
Ladies Guild

Kat McBeath entertained us with a charming piano recital, some items being of her own composition, at our October meeting. Well done Kat. We said goodbye to Kath Holmes who left at the end of October for a new life near family in Christchurch. Kath has been a good hardworking supporter of Guild and the Church for many years. A fair without Kath will never be the same. I have Kath's new address should anyone require it.

At our end of year function we will host invited guests from other denominations and also from AAW and Vestry. Entertainment will be provided by Arnold Bachop and friends.

This will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 2 pm in the lounge

Mary Barton,



Millions have been affected by unprecedented flooding in the [Philippines](#) while a massive earthquake in Western Sumatra, [Indonesia](#) has caused widespread damage. CWS partners are providing initial relief and help with rebuilding.

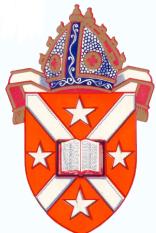
CWS partners are already working to assist with food and other supplies in Tonga and ask for your continued prayer and support. We are awaiting needs assessment from Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga.

Support CWS's 'clean up the climate' campaign. [Click here](#) for more information on the impact of climate change on poorer communities, ways to take action, the countdown to Copenhagen and much more. New reports have been added.

WATER



Give something very special - hope and change. Choose from ducks, seeds, water, cows, medical assistance and more. Fun to give, meaningful to receive. Gifted helps poorer communities build a better future.



Goodbye Bishop George.
Thank you for your contribution to the diocese and best wishes to yourself and Noni for a long and happy retirement on Waiheke Island.



Bishop George and Noni

DIOCESAN NEWS

Gardening



A brilliant scheme has taken root in Dunedin. Starting at St John's Roslyn and now also being promoted by Anglican Family Care, the project helps establish gardens and a compost bin for those who are struggling with their food budget. A follow-up programme is offered to assist with maintenance until participants feel they can manage alone. All the materials, plants and tools for the gardens are provided through various funding sources.

The participants help do the work to establish their own gardens,

and are also encouraged to assist in establishing one other garden somewhere in the neighbourhood. In this way the project will aid community development as well as having a financial and environmental benefit. Students from Selwyn College have been helping with the work and they are loving it.

New Bishop.

Sorry, no news as yet.

The process requires approval by a majority of the clergy and lay members of General Synod. Many of these members are in the Pacific islands so it takes time to get all the responses. A maximum of 21 days is given for the members to respond so it won't be long.

VESTRY IN BRIEF

At the time of going to print no vestry report was available.

Prayers for Pakistan, Iraq and Afghanistan

Ruling and reconciling God,
Creator and sustainer of our world,
We pray for those places where politics is wrought with pain,
And where communalism shouts more strongly than community.

Protect the vulnerable, and quieten the spirits of those who see violence as their solution.

Give voice to your Church to enable it to witness for justice and truth.

Encourage the people of all lands to cherish the value of unity in diversity,

To honour one another and humankind as your creation.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came to offer us your gift of abundant life. Amen

Joan Tubman

The death of Joan has just been announced.

Known to many older parishioners, Joan was:

- The first matron of the Home of St. Barnabas
- Lay Reader
- Choir member
- Vestry member
- Parish supporter and much more
- May she rest in peace and rise in glory



BEQUESTS "I GIVE TO THE DUNEDIN DIOCESAN TRUST BOARD, 1A HOWDEN STREET, GREEN ISLAND, DUNEDIN, PO BOX 13 170, GREEN ISLAND, DUNEDIN 9052. (% OF MY ESTATE, OR THE RESIDUE OF MY ESTATE, OR A SUM OF MONEY, OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND/OR ASSETS) FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE (OR FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE) OF ST PETERS PARISH, CAVERSHAM, FOR WHICH THE RECEIPT OF THE SECRETARY OR OTHER PROPER OFFICER SHALL BE FULL AND SUFFICIENT DISCHARGE TO MY TRUSTEES/EXECUTORS."

**THE ANGLICAN WORLD**

The Archbishop of Canterbury hosted a meeting of faith leaders and faith-based and community organisations at Lambeth Palace to discuss the response of faith communities to the environmental crisis. With 40 days to go before the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit the participants have pledged to work together to raise awareness about the effects of 'catastrophic climate change' on the world's poor.



The Province of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan elected seven new bishops in All Saints' Cathedral, Juba on Saturday 24th October 2009. Five of the seven are to be the first bishops of newly created dioceses, whilst two are replacing bishops who have retired this year from existing dioceses. The new dioceses that have gained their first bishops-elect are Terekeka, Pa-

cong, Akot, Twic East and Nzara.



Today's announcement of the Apostolic Constitution is a response by Pope Benedict XVI to a number of requests over the past few years to the Holy See from groups of Anglicans who wish to enter into full visible communion with the Roman Catholic Church, and are willing to declare that they share a common Catholic faith and accept the Petrine ministry as willed by Christ for his Church.



People on very low incomes in the developing world may soon be able to access health insurance thanks to the Anglican Health Network (AHN). Based in Geneva, AHN announced 6 October that it will establish a new pilot project to test the concept of providing a 'micro health insurance plan' in an African setting.

AAW

The AGM of St. Peter's AAW was held on the 27th October 2008 with 20 members present. The meeting was chaired by the Vicar.

Following presentation of the current Co-ordinator, Ronda's report elections for the coming years appointments were conducted, resulting in:

Gwen Hudson being elected Leader, Coral Paris Treasurer and Gay Webb Secretary. The committee are Helen Dwyer, Ronda Tatnell, Rosemary Brown, Raylene Ralston and Anne Bray.

The group adjourned to "Swell" on the Esplanade for coffee and dessert.

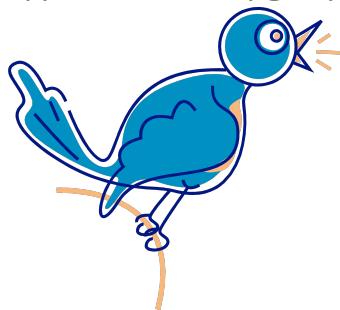
It is noted that this year is the 40th anniversary of the forming of the Anglican Association of Women. Two members of the Diocesan AAW will attend our end of year dinner on the 24th November in recognition of this and there is to be a special service and afternoon tea at St. John's Roslyn to mark the occasion on the afternoon of the 14th November.

For the benefit of members, our end of year dinner will now be held in the Parish Centre as the kitchen at St. Barnabas home is "under construction" the cost will be \$24 plus voluntary donation to Anglican Family care.

*Ronda Tatnell
Coordinator*



WARDENS' WARBLE



Here it is, November already! Christmas next month, can you believe it? Where has the past year gone?

I know I've often commented about how quickly the months have passed but surely 2009 must be the shortest year ever. Does one year still have 365 days?

I've yet to work it out, do our personal "body clocks" have problems relating to time as we get older, similar to the way that we are affected by "jet lag" when flying, or is it simply the pace that we are living our lives at, coupled with modern technology and communication having the ability to shrink the world we live in.

Watching rugby tests, natural disasters or dramas as they unfold on the other side of the world, in the comfort of our own lounges, as it's actually happening does make the saying "It's a small world we live in" seem so true. Most of you will remember that not so many years ago it would be about four or five days before we ever saw film of what had happened on the other side of the world, now we watch it happen live.

Enough of making excuses for being late in

getting this copy to Editor Ray after the deadline, what's happening at St Peter's?

I'm sure you will have noticed the work going on around the cottage recently, some rotten weatherboards have been replaced, the exterior wood work and the roof are in the process of being repainted. We have also had insulation installed in the ceiling and are looking to have a heat pump installed, hopefully before next winter.

I've heard comments from time to time about the need to carry out maintenance on the cottage and is it worth it? What are the real alternatives, demolish it and leave an empty space on the section, do nothing and let it deteriorate to the stage where it falls down, or as we are doing, keeping it maintained and tenanted, thus receiving a regular worthwhile rental which supplements our general parish funds, as well as having a building on the property that looks as if someone really does care about it!

A tender has been accepted for the next stage of the Vicarage upgrading work in the kitchen area and hopefully it will not be too long before this work gets underway, I'm sure the Vicar and his Asian friends will be eagerly awaiting the day when all of this work is completed, it's been a long drawn out process for everybody.

Tubby Hopkins, Vicar's Warden



The result of the parish raffle drawn on October 4th was: 1st Grocery Hamper, Michael Forrest; 2nd Crocheted bag, Fay Turnbull; 3rd Mystery bag, Ana C Parata. Many thanks to all who worked to put the raffle on and to all whom supported it. The proceeds will be divided equally between The Men's Night Shelter, Women's Refuge, Anglican Family Care and Vestry.



Selwyn College.

Owned and operated by the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin



Selwyn College is the oldest and the smallest of the Otago University Colleges.

History & Traditions

Selwyn College was the first University College in Dunedin. Named after Bishop Selwyn, the College was founded by Bishop Nevill in 1893 and began as a Theological Residential Hall.

College House Christchurch and Selwyn College began an annual sporting and cultural contest in 1930, where the colleges alternatively travel between Christchurch and Dunedin.

High Tea was started by the Rev. Whitehead as a soft drink affair and has now become a three-course formal dinner, held in the Brothers' Hall. The Lindska Battle and the 21sters Ball are still annual events at the College and are immensely popular with the residents. The annual College Record has been kept since 1930 and produced by

S.C.S.A. for the residents. The admission of women began in 1983, and their numbers have grown over the years.

Academic

Selwyn College is noted for the very high marks and high pass rates achieved by its residents. Tuition is provided within the College for residents.

The Cameron Shield

The Shield was established in 1932, to commemorate the life of the Very Rev. Dr Andrew Cameron, who is recognized as the founder of Knox College. It is competed for during the year, and the College who has reached the highest standard of sporting achievements holds the shield for the next year.

Nevill Cup

The Nevill Cup was introduced in 1997, and presented by the Selwyn College Board. It takes its name from Bishop Samuel Tarrat Nevill, founder of Selwyn College and the first

Bishop of Dunedin (1871-1919). The Cup is for cultural contests held between Knox and Selwyn Colleges'.

The Selwyn Ballet

Began in 1928, by I D Gebbie and W E Adams as a take-off of the popular London musicals. By 1937, the ballet became a tradition of the College and more of a spoof of the classical ballets. It remains hugely popular with Selwyn's' male residents, with the girls becoming their make-up artists.

The Leith Run

The Run was started in 1935, as part of the initiation of the college. Students dressed in football gear and carrying a flaming torch, were taken to the Leith footbridge, then they ran down the Leith River to the Dundas St bridge, being pelted with flour and eggs by ex-residents. The flaming torch has now been replaced by a borrowed bat from Knox College, which is carried by the sons and daughters of the ex-residents of Selwyn College.

Alumni

Many famous people are listed among the past residents of Selwyn College e.g. Lord Porritt, Governor General; Sir Geoffrey Cox, father of ITV; Dr Orbell, rediscoverer of the Takahe; David Kirk, All Black captain.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributes food for the Anglican Family Care food bank



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- Sun 8 **+ALL SOULS Remembrance Sunday**
 7pm Compline by Candle light
 Pot Luck Lunch
- Mon 9 Monday Club 10.15am in the Hall
- Tue 10 Ladies' Guild 2pm in the Lounge
 7.30pm *Later Learning* in the Vicarage
- Thu 13 Meditation Group after the Eucharist
 Games Night 7pm in the Hall
- Sun 15 **+DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH**
 7pm Sung Evensong and Benediction
- Mon 16 Monday Club
- Tue 17 7.30pm *Later Learning*
- Wed 18 7.30pm Vestry in the Lounge
- Thu 19 Meditation Group
 Games Night
- Sat 21 PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY
- Sun 22 **+SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**
 7pm Compline by Candlelight
- Mon 23 Monday Club
- Tue 25 6pm AAW at St Barnabas' Home
- Thu 26 Meditation Group
 Games Night
- Sun 29 **+ADVENT 1**
 7pm Evening Service

Material for the December Magazine is due today

- Mon 30 ANDREW
 Monday Club

DECEMBER

- Tue 1 7.30pm *Later Learning*
- Thu 3 Meditation Group

- Sun 6 Games Night
 +ADVENT 2
 7pm Sung Evensong and Benediction
- Tue 8 **+CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY**
 7.30pm Sung Eucharist



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WORSHIP SERVICES

All Sundays:

8am Eucharist.
10.30am Solemn Eucharist.

Sundays of the calendar month at 7.00 pm:

2nd, 4th Compline and Exposition

1st and 3rd Sung Evensong and Benediction.

First and third Tuesdays of the month: 11am Eucharist at St Barnabas' Home.

All Wednesdays and Fridays (except when the Vicar is away): 8am Eucharist.

All Thursdays: 10am Eucharist.



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