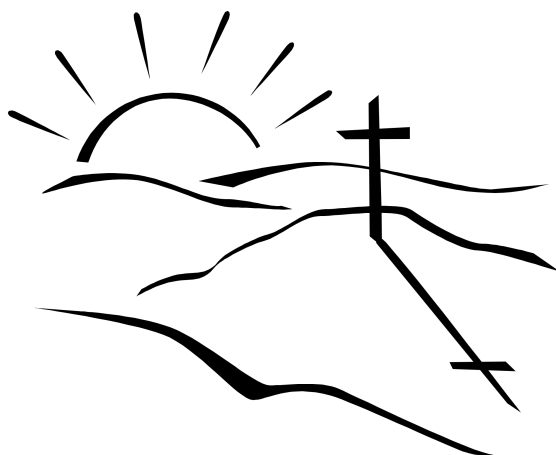




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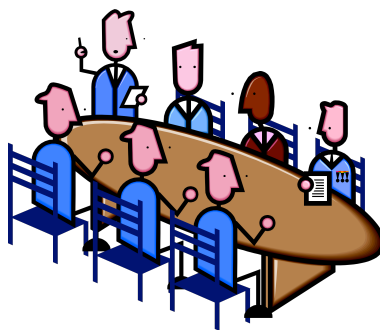
EASTER



Alleluia!
The Lord is
risen today!
Christ the
Son of God.
Alleluia!

Our New Vestry

- Vicar's Warden: Tubby Hopkins
- People's Warden: Joy Henderson
- Rita-May Brown (Treas)
- Heather Brooks (Secy)
- Nigel Westbrook
- Dereck Gray
- David Scoular
- Kate Paterson
- Jonathan Gillies
- Ian Condie (also Synod Rep)
- David Hoskins (also Synod Rep)



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A comment often made by visitors to our services is "It is so good to attend a real Anglican service for a change".

This raises the question "What on earth are other anglican churches doing".



The Vicar Writes

Hildebrand was a twelfth-century Italian monk who was elected pope as Gregory VII. As such he set himself to make certain that the unrighteous world (as represented by kings and emperors) should never again interfere with Holy Church, nor challenge the power of the Holy See. He was not, of course entirely successful, but he did have a pretty good go at it, even to the point of requiring the Holy Roman Emperor to stand outside the castle at Canossa in the snow before he consented to appear and absolve him. He managed this remarkable feat by political manoeuvring and the threat (put into effect more the once) of excommunication, knowing that the latter would cause the emperor's more pious (or superstitious) subjects to abandon their allegiance, and thus compel their sovereign to bow the knee in a snowstorm.

I quote: "His [Hildebrand's] life-work was based on his conviction that the Church was founded by God and entrusted with the task of embracing all mankind in a single society in which divine will is the only law; that, in her capacity as a divine institution, she is supreme over all human structures, especially the secular state; and that the pope, in his role as head of the Church, is the vice-regent of God on earth, so that disobedience



to him implies disobedience to God."

Gregory VII was declared a saint in 1728, but centuries before his policies had already set the tone for the Church in west-

ern Europe. Innocent III presumed to turn King John of England into a vassal of the papacy, and Pope (St) Pius V actually went so far as to formally depose Queen Elizabeth I, calling on Philip II of Spain to send an armada to enforce her deposition and put Mary Queen of Scots in her place. Philip did his best with his fleet in 1588, but alas the wind was against him. And even as late as 1963 Paul VI was crowned with the words, "Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns and know that thou art Father of Princes and Kings, Ruler of the World, Vicar of our Saviour Jesus Christ on earth..." Fortunately the ceremony itself took place on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica where nobody much could hear what was said. So this is at least part of the background to the terrible scandal which has enveloped the

Roman Catholic Church, by far the largest body of Christians in the world, and our brothers and sisters in the faith. Hildebrand (Pope Gregory VII) was no doubt absolutely sincere in his belief that the Church of Christ should hold sway over the lives of his contemporaries for their own good. But to achieve his ends he had to assume the power which Christ himself renounced in the desert and on the cross, thus making the Church an end in itself, rather than the means to an end far greater and holier than he or anyone could begin to comprehend. It's a temptation which all Churches have felt – and which they have all too often yielded to, so none of us have any cause for boasting. On the contrary, it is our duty and privilege to pray for all our fellow Christians without judging them so that we may all be enabled to show forth in this world something of the goodness and the glory of the risen Christ.

The Crucified and Risen God bless you!
Fr CARL



Hildebrand



Ladies Guild

At the AGM held in March, those elected to offices are: Gaye Webb, President; Mary Barton, Secretary/Treasurer; Diane Carey and Joan Thompson, Committee Memembers. Afternoon tea convenors are Rae Read and Gaye Webb and gaye will also be the birthday flowers organiser. A Vice-president has not yet been elected.

At the April meeting, Chiquita Holden from victim support gave a very insightful talk about her work with people in need of support at a very traumatic time in their lives.

Our May meeting will be held in the Parish Centre at 2.00pm on Tuesday 11th May when we will discuss various business matters.

Mary Barton,
Secretary

Parish First Aid



David Crosbie (affectionately known as 'Croz') has been appointed to the role Parish First Aid Officer. Croz has attended appropriate first aid training with St John. His duties include providing advice to the Vestry on matters relating to first aid and also in providing 'on the spot' service should it be required at Parish services and events that he attends.
Thank you David for your willingness to undertake this role.

Winners of the Ladies Guild raffle drawn on April 4th were: Easter Egg Package, Jo Steele (no. 13) and Jigsaw, David Hoskins (no. 35).

Thank you to everyone that participated.

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Anglican Missions

Christian World Service



Vacancy - Church Support Officer



Earthquake in Chile **CWS Emergency Appeal** 3 March 2010

The earthquake in Chile has left over 500,000 homes destroyed and over 800 people dead. Christian World Service will be working with their partners ACT to assist victims of both the earthquake and tsunami.

Haiti Earthquake 2 March 2010

AMB would like to say thank you for the generous donations sent for the Haiti Earthquake victims. \$8028 has been forwarded to CWS to support the work they are doing with their Haiti partners.

The Anglican Missions Board seek an exceptional communicator who is able to influence the mindset of the Church at a Parish level, to raise the profile and commitment of the Church to the overseas mission that Christ calls the Church to participate in.



DIOCESAN NEWS

- May 1 Induction of Fr Michael Wallace at All Saints Dunedin
 - Greet & Share Day with Capt Phil Clark National Director Church Army NZ. Saturday 24th April 2010
- Capt Phil Clark and his family recently shifted to Auckland from England.



THE BISHOP'S SERMON

For those with internet access, a recording of the sermon that the Bishop delivered at St Peter's on Sun 21 March 2010 is available at:

www.dn.anglican.org.nz/sermons/2010.html

VESTRY IN BRIEF

At the March meeting of Vestry, the following items were of note:

- ☒ David Hoskins presented a report prepared by the Finance Committee. The main recommendation was that more forward planning is required.
- ☒ Cost-saving measures were further discussed, including church heating systems and grounds maintenance.
- ☒ The Lion's club has offered to tidy up the grounds. Parishioners are welcome to join in (24th April at 10 am).
- ☒ The broken window in the hall has not been repaired because of difficulty getting the same glass. Slightly tinted glass will be used for the repair.
- ☒ One Sunday there was no hot water. Kate rang the electrician who found the ripple switch was faulty. This has been repaired.
- ☒ PLEASE NOTE: old envelopes can no longer be used as the number of sets has been reduced and they will have the wrong number. This year's envelopes are white.
- ☒ The builder has put a cover over the wires in the tower room.

Heather Brooks (Vestry Secretary)

AGM IN BRIEF

For those of you who missed the Annual General Meeting:

- ☒ Fr Carl and 31 parishioners attended the 141st Annual General Meeting.
- ☒ The reports were read. Joy asked for donations of used stamps (there is a box for collection). The Ladies Guild needs more members.
- ☒ Joy thanked those who work in the kitchen to provide morning tea.
- ☒ The Treasurer, Rita-May Brown, presented the financial report and spoke about the effect of the recession. We are currently running at a deficit and our total income is \$25,000 less than last year.
- ☒ Rita-May thanked the Ladies Guild for \$400 towards painting the church doors and Ray and Ian for financial analysis.
- ☒ Fr Carl thanked all members of committees, the organist, flower arrangers, first aid officer and all others who have contributed to the life of St. Peter's in the past year.
- ☒ Tubby Hopkins is to carry on as Vicar's Warden. Joy Henderson was re-elected as People's Warden unopposed. Nominations for vestry were: H. Brooks, R-M Brown, I. Condie, J. Gillies, D. Gray, D. Hoskins, K. Paterson, D. Scoular, N. Westbrook (elected).
- ☒ Ian Condie and David Hoskins were appointed synod representatives.
- ☒ Dereck thanked Fr Carl for leadership of the parish over the past year.

Heather Brooks (Vestry Secretary)



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.



Central America, Bishop of the Anglican Church of El Salvador victim of an assassination attempt



The Episcopal Church of El Salvador denounces before the general public and the international community the murder attempt that Bishop Barahona and two of his closest collaborators suffered. This past Wednesday night (17th), Bishop Barahona, along two of his closest working partners, was victim of the violence that has held this country imprisoned.

EDITORIAL

Being a fifth generation New Zealander married to a Scot I remember well being surprised the first time that I ever saw St Peter's church with its flag flying proudly on the top of the tower. It was the flag that surprised me. The flag of St George or of England, in a Scottish settlement. Were these people thumbing their noses at the presbyterians?

Even on the Saint's days for Ireland and Wales and Scotland and every other country from which our population is descended, the flag of St George flies. Why not the New Zealand flag or the United Tribes of New Zealand flag or the Compass Rose flag of the Anglican communion or something else.

A new flag is now needed to replace the well worn one that we have. It was at the discussion over obtaining a replacement that Fr Carl informed us that our flag is not the flag of St George

but the flag of the Resurrection. It just coincidentally looks the same as the flag of St George. I had never heard of such a flag.

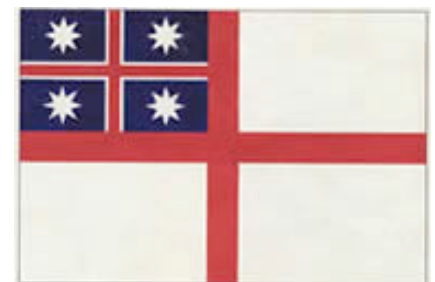
What do passers-by identify our flag and us as? What message are we giving? Does it matter? Does anybody care?

I like to see a flag flying. I would however like the parish to have a serious discussion as to what flag or flags we fly and why.

Ray Sisley



The Flag of the Resurrection and St George and England



The United Tribes of NZ Flag



The Compass Rose Flag



The New Zealand Flag

ANGLICAN WORLD

Lambeth, Archbishop of Canterbury, Cross is a challenge to the world

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has used his Easter sermon to urge Christians to keep a proper sense of proportion when they feel they are experiencing opposition to their faith and remember both the physical suffering of Christian minorities in other countries and call to mind what exactly the Cross stands for in their faith.

Lambeth, Archbishop of Canterbury, Christians need to "witness boldly and clearly"

In his ecumenical Easter Letter to fellow church leaders, the Archbishop of Canterbury urges those living in politically secure environments to offer practical support as well as prayers for suffering Christians around the world, particularly in Zimbabwe, Mosul, Egypt and Nigeria:

Anglican Peace and Justice Network Communique

The delegates to the triennial meeting of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network in Geneva, Switzerland, have spent the week of 14-20 March 2010, exploring issues of human rights and examining the role of the United Nations, the World Council of Churches (WCC), and other faith-based and humanitarian organisations in upholding the rights of individuals and communities throughout the world.



The Vicarage Kitchen/Dining Room is nearly finished

Tubby Hopkins, Vicar's Warden



Joy Henderson, People's Warden

AAW

The March meeting of A.A.W organized by Rosemary and hosted ably by her team was attended by 20 members.

Frances O'Connell co-coordinator of the Night Shelter for homeless men proved to be a very enthusiastic speaker with a total devotion to her job. The background to the development of the organization and how it operates today proved most interesting. It operates as a trust and receives no public funding but operates solely on the basis of donations. Frances and a

housekeeper are the only paid workers and the organization relies on voluntary input, from a number of church groups, for much of its operation. Frances stressed that the need for male volunteers for night supervision is high. If any St Peter's parishioner is interested in such voluntary work she would be delighted to hear from them.

We had asked for donations of specific items for the night shelter and the response was overwhelming. It required two car loads to deliver the gifts. Grateful thanks to our A.A.W members not only for this giving

but also for the Easter Eggs for the Easter Baskets for St Barnabas and St Peters.

Next months meeting is being organized by Helen and her team.

See you there and thanks.

Gwen Hudson
Coordinator.



The Jesus Prayer.

'Lord Jesus Christ, only son of God, have mercy upon me.'



Fr Carl, Bishop Kelvin, Clemency

Our Bishop Visits Us.

Bishop Kelvin, accompanied by his wife Clemency, visited the Parish on Sunday 21 March 2010. Bishop Kelvin celebrated the Eucharist at both the 8.00am and 10.30am services and then he and Clemency were welcomed to a parish lunch.

A very happy occasion. (photos by David Grosbie and the Editor)



Our parish has a cell of the Society of the Holy House of Walsingham.

Local Cells of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham offer pilgrims and potential pilgrims to Walsingham an opportunity to strengthen and renew the spiritual benefits of their devotion. The Cell is a focus of prayer for all within the parish.

Fr Carl is ever eager to provide information about the Society. Talk to him about it.

THANK YOU: To everyone that helped to make the Bishop's visit such a good occasion.



CALENDAR

- Sun 11 +EASTER 1 [2]
7pm Compline and Exposition
Pot Luck Lunch
 - Mon 12 Monday Club
10.15am in the Hall
 - Tue 13 Ladies' Guild 2pm in the Lounge
 - Thu 15 Meditation Group after the Eucharist
Games Night 7pm in the Hall
 - Sun 18 +EASTER 2 [3]
7pm Sung Evensong and Benediction
 - Mon 19 Monday Club
 - Wed 21 7.30pm Vestry in the Lounge
 - Thu 22 Meditation Group
Games Night
 - Sun 25 +EASTER 3 [4]
7pm Compline by Candlelight
 - Mon 26 MARK
Monday Club
 - Thu 29 Meditation Group
Games Night
 - Sat 1 PHILIP AND JAMES
 - Sun 2 +EASTER 4 [5]
7pm Sung Evensong and Benediction
- Material for the May Magazine is due today**
- Mon 3 Monday Club
 - Thu 6 Meditation Group
Games Night
 - Sun 9 +EASTER 5 [6]
7pm Compline by candlelight



We're on the Web!
See us at:

www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz

Baptisms, Weddings, House Blessings, Burials and Confessions by arrangement with the Vicar

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WORSHIP SERVICES

All Sundays:

8am Eucharist.
10.30am Solemn Eucharist.

Sundays of the calendar month at 5 pm:

2nd, 4th and 5th 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.



Director of Music:

David Hoskins

Churchwardens:

Vicar's Warden:

Tubby Hopkins

People's Warden:

Joy Henderson

Vestry secretary:

Heather Brooks