



# The Rock

## Community of the Sacred Name

Founded 1893

This month the Community of the Sacred Name appears on our lectionary. The Community of the Sacred Name was founded in Christchurch in 1893 by Sister Edith (Deaconess). She was released from the Community of St Andrew in London to establish an indigenous community to respond to the needs of the colonial Church. A wide variety of teaching, childcare and parish work has been undertaken over the years. Today there are three houses. Since 1966, the Sisters have run a large children's home in Fiji. Many St Peter's parishioners have supported the home in Fiji over many years. In 1997, the Sisters undertook work in Tonga, helping in the Church in various ways. The mother house in Christchurch has a small retreat house.

The major work is ecclesiastical embroidery. Underpinning all the work is a life of worship.

*If we love one another God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.*

*I John 4:12*

### Collect

Everliving God,  
we thank you for  
Mother Edith  
and the community  
she founded;  
give us grace to love  
you above all things  
and each other in you,  
that we may care for  
those in need  
and faithfully sing  
your praise;  
this we ask  
in the sacred name of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.



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### GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: ANY VOLUNTEERS?

If we can get sufficient volunteers to help with lawn mowing, weeding and pruning etc., considerable cost savings can be made on grounds maintenance. If you are able to help, please let me or one of the wardens know and I will draw

up a roster. Cutting the lawns is quite a big job, so it would be good to have two people at a time for this.

Heather Brooks (Ph. 481 1916 (evenings/weekend)



## The Vicar Writes

Mother Julian of Norwich is celebrated in the Anglican Church on 8<sup>th</sup> May. For someone who spent her life as a mediaeval recluse or anchorress (she lived *circa* 1342 – 1430) she has had an extraordinary influence on modern Christianity through the book which she wrote following her experiences on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1373. This book is the first ever written in English by a woman, and something of a literary masterpiece, but it is not for those reasons that it has become so widely read and appreciated in the last fifty years or so, having been virtually unknown for centuries before that.

Normally, I have little enthusiasm for the writings of those who see visions, and have a good deal of sympathy for Dom John Chapman of Downside Abbey, one of whose monks claimed to have had the experience. "Oh no, Father," the abbot exclaimed, "we don't have visions here at Downside!"



But there are exceptions to everything, and Mother Julian is one of them. Just who she was we don't really know. We know nothing of her family, where she was born, or whether she had been married and the mother of children before she was walled into her anchorhold beside St Julian's Church (from which she presumably took her name in religion) in the East Anglican city of Norwich not far from the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. It should perhaps be pointed out that although she could not leave the anchorhold, she could speak to people through a window when necessary, and she had a woman to see to such matters as food and drink – and she had a cat! (What more could anyone need, you ask?)

But, O what a waste. Why wasn't she out in the world *helping* people? Isn't that what God would want? Well, you tell Him for me. But you might just find that what He wants isn't quite what we might expect. And if God calls someone to a solitary life of prayer, intercession and contemplation, that really is His right, is it not? And anyway, God takes a rather longer view than we do. Mother Julian was a well-known source of comfort and council in her own time and place, but no-one then would have any idea that she would write a book which no less a man than Thomas Merton would profess to prefer to the writings of the great Spanish mystic, St John of the Cross. And he would call her the greatest English theologian before Cardinal Newman (OK, so even Merton was not perfect.)

Thus an obscure woman from the English middle ages has transformed many modern people's understanding of Christianity, and to their very great advantage. It just shows you what God can do with those who live for Him – no matter who or what they are.

The Crucified and Risen God bless you!

**Fr CARL**



*The saying, "...All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well", is one of the most individually famous lines in all of Christian theological writing, and certainly one of the most well-known phrases of the literature of Julian's era. It, along with "the ground of our beseeching" from the 14th Revelation, also appears in "[Little Gidding](#)," the fourth of the Four Quartets poems by [T.S. Eliot](#):*

*Whatever we inherit from the fortunate  
We have taken from the defeated  
What they had to leave us—a symbol:  
A symbol perfected in death.  
And all shall be well and  
All manner of thing shall be well  
By the purification of the motive  
In the ground of our beseeching.*



## Ladies Guild

Will members please bring an item suitable for a 'Bathroom Basket'. This will form a 'Sunday raffle' to be held in June the proceeds from which will go to the vestry. our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11th at 2.00pm in the Parish Lounge.

Mary Barton,  
Secretary

A comment from a recent visitor to one of our services.

"Wow. I thought that this sort of thing was only found on the television. Do you do this every Sunday?"

## DUETS AND DESSERTS

**A musical extravaganza of beautiful duets sung and played by some of Dunedin's best.**

*Served up with scrumptious desserts and cakes from the kitchen of the Home of St Barnabas.*

Saturday 26th June 2010 - 7.00pm

St Peter's Church Hall  
Hillside Road - South Dunedin

\$20.00 per ticket

Tickets are available from the Home of St Barnabas - Ph 455 8298  
(Kaye)  
Arnold and Friends.

**Come along and enjoy the evening with Arnold Bachop and friends to help support the New Kitchen Project at the Home of St Barnabas**



St Barnabas Home for the Aged has completely redeveloped their kitchen at considerable cost. This concert by Arnold and Friends provides you with an opportunity to contribute towards the cost of the kitchen. Get in early and order your tickets now.

*The vicarage kitchen is at last finished. Pictures have been posted on the parish web site. What a change.*



**Foreign Affairs set to change overseas development funding**

Pauline McKay, national director Christian World Service, responds to proposed changes

**Official launch day for new global aid and development giant**

March 24 was the official launch day for ACT Alliance, the global partner for Christian World Service.

**Women's Day in Haiti**

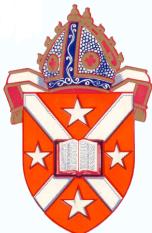
Many widowed women are now the main breadwinners for their families following the devastating January earthquake.

**Cluster Bomb ban reaches Ratification Milestone**

Treaty To Become Binding International Law on 1 August 2010



## DIOCESAN NEWS



- **Study.** If you are going to be studying theology next year then contact the Ministry Officer. Financial help may be available.
- **Candlelight Memorial 2010.** St Paul's Anglican Cathedral - The Octagon, Dunedin, 16 May 2010, 7 pm.
- **Preaching Well Seminar.** Preaching Well conference on 14th & 15th May at St Matthew's, Dunedin.
- **Seasons Program.** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.  
For information and referrals for the next programme, please contact Christine James - 03 454 5852 - 0274 489 690, or [christinejames@xtra.co.nz](mailto:christinejames@xtra.co.nz)
- **Fair Trade Fortnight.** Monday 3 May 2010 - 5.10pm - 6.00pm and repeated 6.40pm - 7.30pm. Academy Cinema, 50 Dundas Street, Dunedin.

## VESTRY IN BRIEF

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

- ☒ A new heating timer has been installed in the church to save power.
- ☒ The flag on top of our church, commonly called the Flag of St. George, is in fact the Flag of the Resurrection.
- ☒ The vicarage kitchen is almost finished.
- ☒ Following a successful planning meeting, David Hoskins presented a proposed calendar of events and strategic plan. There will be further discussions at the next meeting of Vestry.
- ☒ The hall window has been repaired.
- ☒ Kate Paterson consulted the Dunedin City Council about selling jams and cakes on market day. We can sell these items if we apply for a free, temporary food stall license. However, we are not allowed to sell cream or other perishable items.
- ☒ Vestry thanked the Ladies Guild for their donation of \$100 towards power.

*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."



## ANGLICAN WORLD

**Bishop of Durham to retire.** The Bishop of Durham, Dr N. T. Wright, has announced that he will be retiring from the See of Durham on August 31 to return to academia.

### Rio Grande diocese elects Michael Louis Vono as ninth bishop.

The Rev. Dr. Michael Louis Vono was elected April 24 as ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande.

### Scottish Churches prepare for World Mission Conference.

From 2-6 June, a broad partnership of Scottish churches is welcoming 300 delegates from over 60 countries for the Edinburgh 2010 conference.

### Bishop of Haiti to speak at annual general meeting of the Compass Rose Society.

Compass Rose Society President Bishop Philip Poole has announced that the Right Reverend Jean Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, will address the Society's 2010 Annual General Meeting.

**Anglican-Lutheran communion meeting proceeds despite air travel ban.** "Volcanic eruption won't stop us working to bring Lutherans and Anglicans closer to full communion," says Commission co-secretary.

### Fourth Anglican Global South to South Encounter begins in Singapore.

130 primates, bishops, clergy, senior lay leaders, associates and observers have met for a five-day Encounter.

**New Bishop in Auckland.** Representatives from throughout the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia gathered for the ordination and installation of the Very Rev Ross Bay as the 11th Bishop of Auckland.

## EDITORIAL

**"Hullo. How nice to see you."** A research project conducted by the University of Otago a few years ago found that the greatest fear that we have is '**to go into a room of people whom we do not know**'. Every visitor or newcomer to our church must overcome that fear just to be able to sit in a pew for the first time and we are such nice people.

Welcoming people to our church is much much more than the greeting at the door, which is very important. How well do we maintain our welcome once people start to enter into the life of the church? And, what are we doing to avoid people leaving by the back door, once they have come in through the front door?

Of course every church everywhere would say that they always welcome people well. I have worshipped in many churches and the welcome has ranged from an over-the-top effusive in your face scary 'welcome' to a timid, embarrassed, tentative offering of a book to being total ignored. For some, ease of access may be unwelcoming but we have got that reasonably right. For some the ease of access to a toilet and we have got that right. And, inevitably, being in the Southern See we

need a warm church and we have got that right. The after service tea, coffee and gossip also offer an opportunity to reinforce the welcome - if we talk to new comers. People are unlikely to see Christ shining through us if his love isn't evident in the way we go about things.

But what about all those people who never darken our door? A large percentage of our population now has to work or to ferry children to umpteen different activities on Sundays and so we rarely if ever get to welcome them. An awful lot of people are just not able to attend worship at the times that we traditionally offer it. And these pressures impact upon our current members as well, some of whom may succumb. How can we welcome them all and sustain that welcome.

Over the centuries the church has adapted and changed (sometimes reluctantly) to offer a fresh expression of church life to meet changing community needs. This may involve trying different things, a lot of effort and a need to accept that things can be done differently, even if we don't yet know how. Maybe a 'market survey' of non churchgoers could be undertaken. A gigantic leap in faith would need to be made. The results may not be what we expect but if we can inject a new enthusiasm and energy into the life of the church we will have done well.

*Ray Sisley*



## WARDENS' WARBLE

To begin with this month, at long last we can report that the current upgrade at the Vicarage has been completed and what a huge difference it has made. No doubt parishioners will have a chance to see what has been done but in the mean time those of you with computers can visit this website and you'll be able to see a progressive pictorial view what has been going on, <http://www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz/>

News\_VicarageKitchen.html . I'm sure that you'll be impressed and it will be a huge difference for the vicarage residents.

In mid April a meeting was held with Father Carl along with representatives of vestry and the various parish groups with a view to come up with a long term plan for the parish which has been called A Strategic Plan and it covers the period from Now until December 2014 - seems a long time ahead but it won't be long before we have reached that date and it'll be time to set the objectives and goals for the next few years once again. Some of the contents of this plan are listed as, Core Values of St Peter's Church, A Vision for St Peter's Church, The Mission of St Peter's Church, these are followed by a list of Goals and Objectives. As part of this there is also a Calendar

of Events taking the Parish through to February 2011. It is not my intention to go into the details of these documents, they will be released in due course. The other thing to be remembered is that the contents are not set in concrete and they will be able to be adjusted or "tweaked" as time goes on should the need arise. At least we do now have a plan in place giving us all some goals and objectives to aim for.

I didn't attend this meeting but from feedback received it was a much appreciated opportunity for the the various groups to meet and to have some input into the general longer term planning of the Parish. This is something that to my knowledge has not happened at St Peter's previously and I'm sure it is a good idea, rather than simply moving along month to month with no real plan for the time ahead. This will help the parish with both the planning and budgeting for future.

Finally, a message from the Parish Recorder, a special thanks to all of those who use the Envelope System for adapting so well to the new envelopes, a whole month has gone by with none of the old envelopes being used - well done, keep it up.

*Tubby Hopkins, Vicar's Warden*

## AAW

Father Carl conducted the service at the April Meeting. Twenty members were welcomed, with a special welcome to Dawn's daughter Jill.

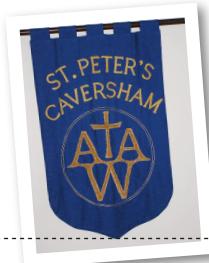
Following the usual meeting we were privileged to have Julie Woods as the guest speaker. Blind for ten years and now a motivational speaker and cook Julie, 'That Blind Women' as she likes to be known showed us how a positive attitude and saying "Why not? when offered a challenge has opened many doors for her. From taking part in the 100th Birthday Celebrations of Louis Braille, in Paris, to writ-

ing a book are among her many amazing achievements. An inspiration to all her heard her.

Many thanks to Helen and her group who organized the meeting.

Our next meeting on the 23rd of May will be a day-time gathering.

*Gwen Hudson  
Coordinator.*



**Thank you:** Arnold Bachop for enhancing our worship with your glorious singing.

**Thank you:** Everyone that contributed towards the Easter services including the behind the scenes 'brass cleaners', 'palm cross makers' etc.



## ST PETER'S PEOPLE BY HEATHER BROOKS

### Ronaldson, Maori and the Masons

If the founders of St. Peter's, Caversham can be likened to a flotilla of boats rendezvousing at the corner of Baker Street and Hillside Road, then some of them had a perilous voyage. William Ronaldson's journey appears to have been both meandering and dangerous, as he travelled several times between England and the Antipodes. Nevertheless, his arrival was of the utmost importance in the establishment of St. Peter's in a new building in a new location. Born in London in 1823, he was the son of wine merchant John James Ronaldson and his wife, Sarah Huthwaite. John James must have excelled at his trade for he married into a prominent Nottinghamshire family. One of twelve children, William Ronaldson was educated privately at Hackney Grammar School.

His first adventure was to join the "Roxburgh Castle" at the tender age of 15 years and sail to Sydney. After a brief return to England, Ronaldson arrived in New Zealand to work on his uncle's Wanganui farm. A year later, we find him at the Church Missionary Society at Putiki as a catechist schoolmaster and his confirmation by Bishop Selwyn followed soon after. By order or by choice, he returned again to England in 1849 and, after studying at the Church Missionary College at Islington, was ordained priest by the Bishop of London (1855). His first posting was as assistant curate in Peterborough (Nottinghamshire) where he met his wife, Arabella Ridge. Of interest is the fact that Ronaldson attended Tamihana Te Rauparaha, a convert to Christianity, in an audience with Queen Victoria in 1852. Yet New Zealand must have had a strong attraction and, in 1855, Ronaldson returned as the first clergyman appointed to the Wairarapa district CMS mission at Papawai. His next move was to Motueka and Picton (1868-1877). It was not until 1877 that he arrived in Otago and, after three years in Milton, took up the position at St. Peter's, where he remained until 1890 overseeing the building of the present church. During this

time he was also priest-in-charge of Mornington and Green Island (now parishes), was Diocesan secretary on three occasions and Clerical Secretary of the General Synod.

Of particular interest, is Ronaldson's involvement with Maori. During his incumbencies in Otago, he was also diocesan secretary and bishop chaplain for ministry to Maori. As well as being a licensed minister for the Maori and English settlers in the Wairarapa valley, he was appointed to the Christian Missionary Society Maori College of St. Thomas at Papawai, centre of the Maori Parliament. It seems Ronaldson

had been a supporter of the Papawai development from the beginning, although as it turned out, the enterprise did not achieve the degree of success anticipated. He must have worked closely with Tamihana Te Rauparaha who arrived at Papawai in May 1860. In the later part of the 1860s, Te Rauparaha and Te Whiwhi used their influence to prevent the wars from reaching the Wellington area.

Coinciding with his departure from St. Peter's in 1890, Ronaldson became the First Grand Secretary of the newly formed Grand Lodge of New Zealand Freemasons and moved to Auckland

with his wife and two daughters. In this guise he continued to travel the country being licensed to ministry in the diocese of Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin as well as Auckland. Of all the places he visited and lived, Dunedin must have held a special attraction. The year 1908 finds him residing at 39 Castle Street, Dunedin. He died in his 94<sup>th</sup> year having had a long and productive life.



Rev Fr Wm Ronaldson

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Masterton District Library and Wairarapa Archive.

<http://mstn.govt.nz/history/papawai.html>



## CALENDAR

### MAY

- Sun 9 +EASTER 5 *Eastertide* 6  
Pot Luck Lunch  
5pm Compline by Candle light
- Mon 10 Monday Club 10am in the Hall
- Tue 11 Ladies Guild 2.00pm in the parish lounge
- Thu 13 Meditation Group after the Eucharist  
Games Night 7pm in the Hall
- Sun 16 +ASCENSION 1  
5pm Sung Evensong and Benediction
- Mon 17 Monday Club
- Wed 19 Vestry 7.30pm in the Vicarage
- Thu 20 Meditation Group  
Games Night
- Sun 23 +PENTECOST *Whitsunday*  
5pm Compline by Candlelight  
AAW
- Mon 24 Monday Club
- Thu 27 Meditation Group  
Games Night
- Sun 30 +TRINITY SUNDAY  
5pm Compline by Candlelight

### JUNE

- Mon 31 Monday Club

**Material for the June Magazine is due today**

- Mon 7 Monday Club
- Thu 10 Meditation Group  
Games Night
- Fri 11 BARNABAS
- Sun 13 +TRINITY 2 Ordinary 11  
5pm Compline by Candlelight  
Pot Luck Lunch  
Duets and Desserts



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[www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz](http://www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz)

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

## 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.



## Parish Directory

### Parish Priest:

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### Director of Music:

David Hoskins

### Churchwardens:

### Vicar's Warden:

Tubby Hopkins

### People's Warden:

Joy Henderson

### Vestry secretary:

Heather Brooks