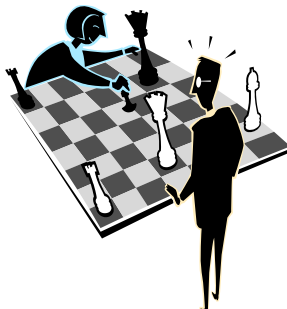
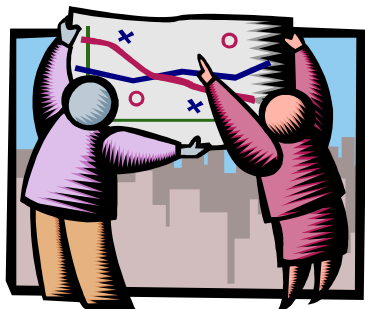




# The Rock

"upon this rock I will build my church"

## STRATEGIC PLANNING



This month's Rock is devoted to the Strategic Plan for the parish. Strategic Plans have the ring of corporate business about them which is most unfortunate. Without a plan to follow how will we ever know if we have reached where-ever it is that we are going. Have you seen a house built without a plan.

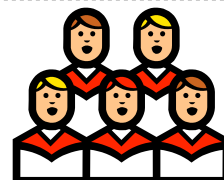
A Strategic Plan gives any organisation focus and sets priorities. Without a clear sense of who we are and why we are and what we believe and what we should be doing we leave ourselves vulnerable to being hijacked. Every politically correct cause and religious fad is ever on the lookout for a base upon which to establish a foothold and launch their campaigns. Parish churches are always likely takeover targets because they are eager to welcome new members and to support their communities. The cause being pushed may be a good thing in its self but it is not the fundamental reason for the parish's existence. Before long the real reason for which a parish exists is lost and terminal decline sets in as the real believers drift off to other churches. The hijackers couldn't care less because like all parasites they have achieved their goal of promoting their own interests.

When a parish has a Strategic Plan in place (which is dynamic and not static), parishioners and parish leadership know where they are going and why and how. Strategic Plans are a good thing and very hard to prepare but they MUST be followed to be of any use. Thank you David Hoskins for bringing this together.

Ray Sisley (editor).

**Book this date in your diary.**

Sunday 27 June 2010 at 5.00pm.  
Choral Evensong at St Peter's with  
the choir of St Paul's Cathedral.



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## The Vicar Writes

Every time the State of Israel takes action against the Palestinians someone tells me that the Bible proves that they are right to do so. God, I am informed, has given the Holy Land to his Chosen People for all time, because that's what the Bible says, and the Bible is infallible, inerrant, and (apparently) correctly interpreted by those who agree that the State of Israel is entitled to do virtually what it likes with people who have lived as the unchallenged majority in the country for more than a thousand years – until the United Nations decided otherwise. It's all about Divine Revelation – "God's Word written." But is it really as simple as that? Can the mind of God be reduced to words on a printed page – even when that page is to be found in Holy Scripture? As we are all discovering, the matter of divine revelation has taken on a whole new importance in recent years, especially where the adherents of Judaism, Christianity and Islam are concerned.

Like some other religions – such as that of the Native Americans – the semitic faiths believe that God has revealed himself in his creation for those who have eyes to see. But they go further. They believe that God has specifically revealed himself to certain chosen people, and charged them with the task of conveying this revelation to others. These chosen ones are the prophets of the Old Testament, like Moses and Elijah, Isaiah and Jeremiah. For the Jews, the prophets of the Old Testament are all there are. For the Muslims, Jesus is a prophet, and Mahomet is the last and greatest of the prophets.

Many of these are what is called *writing prophets*. They wrote down something of the revelation they received, and their writings in consequence have a divine authority – having been inspired by God (God's direct dictation) the first five books of the Bible, the *Pentateuch* – Genesis to Deuteronomy. Then would come Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel –



have had no part at all in their actual composition. (In this the *Qu'ran* is like the *Pentateuch* for Orthodox Jews.) Thus the *Qu'ran* is the Word of God, pure and simple. All other scriptures are either corrupt or merely man-made.

Christianity too has its Word of God, but this is primarily a *person* not a book, and Jesus Christ is that person. He is also a prophet, priest, teacher, rabbi, and so on. But first of all, he is the complete and perfect revelation of God. And once you have said that, you have to go further. Only God himself could perfectly reveal God. And that – rather to their surprise – is what the first Christians came to recognise and proclaim.

Christians vary in the authority they give to the various elements of God's revelation as it has been understood throughout the history of the Church. Clearly the Bible is part of it. But are both testaments equally inspired? Are all the books in each of the testaments equally inspired? Is the Book of Joshua as inspired as the Gospel of John? Even if it is, is it as valuable and necessary to Christian daily life? How can you tell, and perhaps more importantly, who is entitled to tell you?

From the beginning these revelations have taken place within the context of a community, whether it be the People of Israel, the followers of the Prophet, or those who broke bread with the Apostles. And the community has had a hand not just in interpreting the sacred books, but even in deciding which of the

though what they wrote would not necessarily be regarded as the very words of God Himself.

According to Islam, the chapters of the *Qu'ran* were simply dictated to Mahomet by an angel who read them off, as it were, from the eternal original in heaven. The prophet himself is believed to

writings were sacred, and which were not. Down the centuries different communities have taken different positions on these matters. Even today the Samaritans accept no more than the first six books of the Old Testament – Genesis to Joshua. The Ethiopian Orthodox have about *four* Books of the Maccabees. Extreme protestants think that *all* the books of the Bible (without the apocrypha of course) are equally inspired. Roman Catholics regard the tradition of the their Church as a form of revelation on a similar footing to Scripture. Pentecostals believe God can – and does – speak through them in "words of knowledge" on which they can rely.

Anglicans have traditionally maintained that Christ is the Word of God who most perfectly reveals the Heavenly Father in our time and space. They have also said that Scripture is the written Word of God and contains everything necessary for salvation – a rather minimalist view which does *not* maintain the infallibility and inerrancy of every last word. Indeed, most Anglicans would say that Scripture is made up of human words which somehow convey the Divine Word. And it is by means of the tradition of the Church, and a sanctified, prayerful, human reason, that we attempt to find the one in the other. Perhaps we could say that Scripture makes the mystery of God present to us – it doesn't necessarily explain it to us and in this, it is rather like a sacrament.

All of this is dependent on an understanding of God which sees Him as personal – and as wishing to communicate with other persons. It is the claim of Christianity that God has not just told us about Himself through books and words: in Jesus of Nazareth he has met us face to face.

The Crucified and Risen God bless you!

Father CARL.



## Ladies Guild

At our May meeting, after business matters were completed, we were delightfully entertained by Kat McBeath at the piano. Kat also sang for us. This was appreciated by all. For the June meeting we had our annual Eucharist and luncheon at The Home of St Barnabas. After the luncheon, Father Carl entertained us with a most interesting talk.

Mary Barton, Secretary



Both the Parish Strategic Plan and the events calendar are published in this edition of the Rock.

Vestry is desperate to get your feedback. Please study the plan and let a vestry member know what you think.



### FRIENDS' FORUM.

We greatly value you, at Christian World Service, and look forward to meeting you!

Make this 'story sharing time' a "must do" event.

Come and hear about: Our surprisingly big global story and results. What hap

pened in Haiti... a CWS eyewitness story The story of young New Zealanders learning to make a difference. Our future story and your part to play.

**Friday 18 June, 6.00 – 7.30 pm.**  
Highgate Presbyterian Church, cnr Drivers Road and Highgate - or -

**Saturday 19 June, 2.00 – 3.30 pm.**

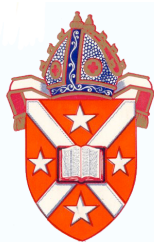
St Andrew's Street Church of Christ.

**RSVP:** to Christian World Service  
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### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### Prayer Books

St Barnabas, Warrington are in need of 20 extra Prayer Books. If you have a spare one or two available Alistair Wright would love to hear from you.

Please phone Alistair on 03 482-2726.

#### Dunstan Parish Mid Winter Market

Dunstan Parish Mid Winter Market is being held at St Aidan's Alexandra on Saturday July 24 from 11-2pm.

#### Diocesan discussion site on the upcoming Sunday readings

The link to the diocesan discussion site on the upcoming Sunday readings is now on the home page of the diocesan web site, [www.dn.anglican.org.nz](http://www.dn.anglican.org.nz) so it's easy to get involved. Thanks to those who have already posted thoughts and ideas. You'll find the ideas on: [www.wordthisweek.wordpress.com](http://www.wordthisweek.wordpress.com).

**National Anglican Youth Forum: Tikanga Pakeha July 5-9 2010 in Napier.** Contact the Diocesan office for details.

#### Gluten free wafers

A while ago there was a query for the above. Margaret from St John's Roslyn has managed to track them down at St Vincent de Paul Society, Wellington. Their email address for queries etc is [svdp.wgtn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:svdp.wgtn@xtra.co.nz) or their web address is [www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz](http://www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz).

*Parish Garden Party: August 28th 2010 in the Parish grounds. Celebrating 25 years of Father Carl's ministry at St Peter's. The weather in August is great for a garden party in England or Scotland or Wales or Ireland so why not Caversham! Let us all be there.*



## ANGLICAN WORLD



### Theological – International Anglican Bible project aims to discover the church's role in battling climate change

Members of the worldwide Anglican Communion are working together on a project to discover what the Bible tells the church about saving the planet from environmental damage.

### Anglican Communion launches online shop and Twitter account

The Anglican Communion Office (ACO) has today launched its online shop where visitors can buy books, CDs and other products that support and reflect the work of the Instruments of Communion.

### Lambeth – Archbishop of Canterbury's Pentecost letter to the Anglican Communion

In his Pentecost letter to the Anglican Communion, the Archbishop of Canterbury encourages Anglicans to pray for renewal in the Spirit and focus on the priority of mission, so that 'we may

indeed do what God asks of us and let all people know that new and forgiven life in Christ is possible'.

### South Africa – Statement from the Anglican Bishops in Southern African

We, the Bishops of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa call upon the Government of South Africa to seek the release of Stephen Monjeza and Tiwonge Chimbalanga, who were recently sentenced in Malawi to 14 years imprisonment with hard labour, after they shared in a traditional ceremony of engagement.

### Christian Meditation Afternoon

A short talk on meditation and the mystics by Fr Michael Dooley followed by meditation.

All welcome Sunday, June 27th

2-4pm St Peter Chanel Parish Hall

242 Main South Road, Green Island

For more information contact: Moira Gallagher Ph: 477-4543

Email: [moirapgall@gmail.com](mailto:moirapgall@gmail.com)

It is a pity that this clashes with our Patronal festival but some may like to attend.

## VESTRY IN BRIEF

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

- ☒ The Lion's Club gardening day was a great success. Vestry Secretary will write and thank the Lion's Club.
- ☒ There has been a small rates increase.
- ☒ There was a discussion concerning the church heating systems and ways to save money.
- ☒ Parish events calendar and strategic plan to be put in the Rock for parish feedback.
- ☒ A performance of Mozart's Requiem to be held in Knox Church on 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- ☒ Fr Carl will be away from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July to the 10<sup>th</sup> of August.
- ☒ It was recommended that dilute bleach be used to remove stains from the teacups used in the hall.
- ☒ Vestry thanked Heather for preparing the Historic Places Trust application for registration.

*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.





## WARDENS' WARBLE

And then "*the rains came*". Thankfully the deluge ceased after several days. What a relief to enjoy fine sunny days again.

A most valuable part of our Parish life occurs when we participate in the 'get together' following the 10.30am Eucharist. Thank you to all those that prepare and set out our morning tea. Your help is very much appreciated as are the donations placed in the small brown box. Your donations mount up surprisingly and every month our treasurer, Rita-May, forwards quite a substantial sum to the Anglican Family Care Centre.



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On June 27th., we celebrate our Patronal Festival. At 10.30 am., Following the Solemn Eucharist there will be a 'pot luck' luncheon. At 5.00pm Choral Evensong and Benediction will be held with St Paul's Cathedral Choir. Supper with the choir will follow. I invite you all to join in the celebrations

*Joy Henderson,*

*People's Warden*



## ST PETER'S PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR 2010-2011.

### June

**26:** Duets and Desserts - Concert with Arnold Bachop and Friends, St Peter's Hall, 7pm. (In aid of the St Barnabas Home Kitchen Appeal. See Rock for details).

**27:** 10.30am. Patronal Festival Solemn Eucharist & Pot Luck Luncheon.

5.00pm Choral Evensong and Benediction with the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral. Supper to follow in the Hall

### July

**11:** St. Peter's Winter Warmer Concert. Church, 2.30pm.

### August

**28:** Fr. Carl's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Vicar of St. Peter's, Caversham.

Parish Party, Vicarage.

### September

**12:** Claudio's Birthday. Photographic display of parish pets in Hall.

### October

**16:** St Peter's Market Day: Hall, 9 am – 1pm.

### November

**21:** Parish Pot Luck Luncheon.

### December

**12:** Christmas Luncheon following 10.30 am. Solemn Eucharist.

**19:** 7pm. Festival of Nine Carols and Lessons & Festive Supper.

### 2011:

### February

**20:** Garden Party for Parish and Friends, Vicarage, 2pm.

## AAW

Due to many of our members being out of town or experiencing ill health only a small group of members attended the first informal afternoon meeting on the 22nd May.

After our usual service and a short meeting Kat McBeath entertained us beautifully with a selection of Chopin pieces.

For most of us it transported us into times gone by when we sat around the piano with family

and friends and were entertained. An experience of fellowship no longer experienced by many today.

Sincere thanks go out to you Kat.

*GWEN HUDSON*



**Remember June 26:** Duets and Desserts - A Concert with Arnold Bachop and Friends, St Peter's Hall, 7pm. (In aid of the St Barnabas Home Kitchen Appeal.

**Thursday games night** has been put on hold until September when the weather warms up.



# A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH, CAVER- SHAM, DUNEDIN. 2010.

## CORE VALUES OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

- ST PETER'S IS CALLED TO WORSHIP GOD AND TO WITNESS TO HIS TRUTH.
- ST PETER'S IS AN INCLUSIVE, ANGLO-CATHOLIC COMMUNITY THAT EMBRACES THE RICHNESS OF TRADITIONAL WORSHIP AND THE BEAUTY OF SACRED MUSIC.
- ST PETER'S SUPPORTS AND NOURISHES ITS MEMBERS TO ENABLE THEM TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST.
- THE ST PETER'S CHURCH FAMILY RESPECTS THE INTEGRITY OF ALL PERSONS, WELCOMES DIVERSITY AND SEEKS TO INCLUDE ALL IN ITS LIFE AND WORSHIP.
- ST PETER'S SUPPORTS INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR LIFE OF PRAYER AND NURTURES THEIR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST AND TO ONE ANOTHER.

## A VISION FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTRED SANCTUARY IN WHICH ALL CAN FIND INSPIRATION, COMMUNION AND PURPOSE IN THEIR WORSHIP OF GOD AND THEIR SERVICE TO OTHERS.

## THE MISSION OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

TO BUILD UP A STRONG, WORSHIPING COMMUNITY OF CARING PEOPLE REACHING OUT TO OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST.



## OUR SHARED GOALS

### GOAL I

DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO HOSPITALITY BY DEVELOPING WAYS TO MAKE BOTH CURRENT MEMBERS AND NEWCOMERS FEEL WELCOME AND PROMOTE ST PETER'S TO COMMUNITIES NEAR AND FAR.

### OBJECTIVES

- OBJECTIVE 1: REVIEW ALL THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES THAT ADDRESS THE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL NEEDS OF GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS (E.G. INITIAL GREETING, SIGNAGE, SERVICE AND INFORMATION BULLETINS, INVITATIONS TO SOCIAL OCCASIONS, INFORMATION REGARDING CHILD CARE FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT DRIVE), SURVEY SIMILAR PROCEDURES IN SELECTED OTHER PARISHES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES (IF ANY REQUIRED) TO VESTRY BY FEBRUARY 2011.





- OBJECTIVE 2: DEVELOP A NEW, COORDINATED MARKETING PLAN FOR 2010 AND BEYOND, THAT WILL AUGMENT THE CURRENT PUBLICATIONS OF THE ROCK AND THE PEBBLE, TRADITIONAL PAID ADVERTISING AND THE WEBSITE. (ONGOING)

#### GOAL II

DEEPEN OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND EXPAND OUR CARING FOR EACH OTHER BY ENHANCING CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPING OTHER ACTIVITIES TO EXPRESS OUR COMPASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER.

#### OBJECTIVES

- OBJECTIVE 1: DEVELOP A PLAN FOR A SERIES OF PARISH-WIDE EVENTS INCLUDING STUDY GROUPS, SUPPERS, VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HELP BOND THE MEMBERS OF ST PETER'S CHURCH TOGETHER AS AN EXTENDED FAMILY AND PRESENT THIS PLAN TO THE VESTRY FOR REVIEW AND ACTION BY MAY 2010.
- OBJECTIVE 2: BEING CARING. A PASTORAL CARE TEAM (IN WHATEVER FORM SUCH AN AGREED GROUPING MIGHT TAKE) WILL SEEK TO SERVE AND TO ENHANCE EXISTING PASTORAL STRUCTURES – INCLUDING MORE PARISHIONERS IN SUCH BROADENED CARE AND SERVICE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE VICAR. THIS PLAN AND MODEL TO BE COMMUNICATED TO VESTRY BY JANUARY 31, 2011.

#### GOAL III

DEVELOP OUTREACH PROGRAMMES APPROPRIATE TO OUR RESOURCES AND URBAN LOCATION.

#### OBJECTIVES

- OBJECTIVE 1: CONDUCT A STUDY OF POSSIBLE PROGRAMMES OF OUTREACH TO THE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD THAT WOULD BE FEASIBLE FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH TO UNDERTAKE, INCLUDING A SURVEY OF CURRENT PROGRAMMES BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO VESTRY BY NOVEMBER 2010.
- OBJECTIVE 2: CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE CLELLAND HALL AND LOUNGE, INCLUDING A SURVEY OF BOTH CURRENT AND POTENTIAL USER GROUPS. THIS TO BE REPORTED, RECOMMENDATIONS TO VESTRY BY OCTOBER, 2010.

#### GOAL IV

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLANNED AND STAGED PROGRAMME OF MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARISH COMPLEX ENSURING ALL PROJECTS ARE AGREED AND BUDGETED FOR WITHIN OUR FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES.

#### OBJECTIVES

- OBJECTIVE 1: CONDUCT A SURVEY OF PARISH BUILDINGS AND PLANT IN ORDER TO LOCATE AREAS FOR MAINTENANCE AND/OR DEVELOPMENT AND REPORT PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION TO VESTRY BY NOVEMBER 2010.
- OBJECTIVE 2: INFORM PARISHIONERS OF PROJECTS AND OUTCOMES, COST AND PROJECTED TIMEFRAME. (ONGOING)



David Hoskins: Author



## CALENDAR

- Sun 13 **✚**TRINITY 2 *Ordinary 11*  
10.30am Solemn Eucharist  
5.30pm Compline by Candle-light
- Mon 14 Monday Club from 10am in the Hall
- Wed 16 7.30pm Vestry in the Lounge
- Thu 17 Meditation Group after Mass
- Sun 20 **✚**TRINITY 3 *Ordinary 12*  
10.30am Solemn Eucharist  
5.30pm Sung Evensong and Benediction.
- Mon 21 Monday Club
- Thu 24 JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Meditation Group
- Sun 27 **✚**PETER AND PAUL  
**10.30am Solemn Eucharist**  
**5pm Festal Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir followed by supper**
- Mon 28 Monday Club
- Tue 29 *Later Learning*
- Thu 1 Meditation Group
- Fri 2 VISITATION OF OUR LADY
- Sun 4 **✚**TRINITY 5 *Ordinary 14*  
10.30am Solemn Eucharist  
No evening Service



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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**

**Material for the July magazine is due today!**

- Mon 5 Monday Club
- Thu 8 Meditation Group
- Fri 9 *The Rock* collated in the Lounge
- Sun 11 **✚**TRINITY 6 *Ordinary 15*  
10.30am Solemn Eucharist  
No evening Service

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### **All Sundays:**

8am Eucharist.  
10.30am Solemn Eucharist.

**Sundays of the calendar month at 5.30 pm: (Jun, Jul, Aug)**

*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.



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Joy Henderson

#### **Vestry secretary:**

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