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**The Anglican/Episcopal Parish of St. Peter,
Caversham, Dunedin, NZ**

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From the Temporary Interim Priest

Some years ago, I found myself preaching in a church in the UK on Easter Day. I began my sermon with these words:

“You may not understand what a pleasure it is for Anne and I to be celebrating Easter here in the UK. At home, it is getting close to winter and all nature is shutting down. But here we are loving the spring growth, the signs of new life, new beginnings.. The message of Easter. And all the spring flowers - look how lovely this daffodil is *I picked one out of the vase on the altar.* This flower is so lovely, I could eat it. *And I did - right there and then.* The congregation gasped and one man even called out from the congregation “*I knew these Kiwis were crazy.* But then I went on to say. “When you go home, you will tell your friends that you went to church, and the vicar ate a daffodil.. They will reply, Don’t be silly, people don’t eat daffodils.. You will say, Yes he did. And again they will refuse to believe you. But you will be able to say to them: **I know** it is true. I was there. **I saw** it.”



John’s gospel speaks about the disciple who was with Simon Peter finding the tomb empty. It says, “He saw, and believed” When he told others, they may well have declined to believe him. Yet he might well have replied, “**I know** it is true. I was there. **I saw** it.”

Does that make you think about Easter ? It should.

Rev Bernard Wilkinson

For this Easter, I have changed the Easter services. It seems to me to be desirable that we join together as a parish for one service of celebration at Easter. After consulting with others, the following timetable of services for Holy Week and Easter is:-

Maundy Thursday	7 p.m.	Eucharist
Good Friday:	Noon:	Service of meditation
EASTER DAY	10 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist



VESTRY IN BRIEF

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

- ☒ A new flag has been purchased and installed.
- ☒ A skip is to be hired so that the sheds can be cleaned out.
- ☒ The problem of grounds maintenance was further discussed. Vestry members have offered to carry out weed spraying.
- ☒ Clergy arrangements for the next few months have been finalised.
- ☒ A leak in the vicarage roof has been repaired.
- ☒ Vestry formally thanked Tubby and Avril Hopkins for cleaning the vicarage; they are now organising furniture etc. so that Rev Bernard Wilkinson can stay there.
- ☒ A memorial service for the Christchurch earthquake victims to be held at St. Peter's on Friday March 18th at 12.30 pm.
- ☒ The Wardens and Nominators met with Alec Clark to finalise the Parish Consultation Report.

Heather Brooks (Vestry Secretary)

A WARDEN'S WARBLE

Slow progress is being made in the various procedures required to find a new Vicar.

Following the Parish Consultation meeting, Vestry received a report and comment from Rev Alec Clark. Further discussions have been held with him by Vestry members and the final report should be forwarded to the Bishop and nominators shortly. *(this now has been done. Ed)*

In the meantime, we are very fortunate to have the very willing and able assistance of Rev Bernard Wilkinson who has been travelling down weekly from Oamaru to officiate at our Sunday services and also a funeral last Saturday the 26th April.

Tubby and Averil Hopkins have been working long hours at the Vicarage preparing it for occupancy and we are very grateful for the household appliances, lounge suite, etc. supplied by Parishioners to provide accommodation up to motel standard. Rev Bernard and Mrs Wilkinson stayed at the Vicarage last weekend and enjoyed the experience. Bernard calls it his "townhouse". He will stay there every Saturday and Sunday.

We have also had an enquiry from a couple from Christchurch interested in having a quiet two days away from the trauma being experienced since the earthquake in that city.

On behalf of all, I wish to thank our organist, Vestry & Synod member, cleaner and general factotum, Mr David Hoskins, for the very valuable extra responsibilities he has taken on during the interregnum. In addition to the above he also opens up the church doors every day, preparing and printing the Pebble every week, co-ordinated the two commemorative services for the Christchurch earthquake, and prepares the Church for our Sunday services. He has taken on the duties of Sacristan and Jonathan Gillies the Verger duties. We very much appreciate their willing and able assistance.

Our deepest sympathy to Shirley Buxton and family. Fred Buxton passed away last Tuesday the 22nd March. Fr Cal officiated at his funeral service in St. Peter's on Friday 25th March. Many parishioners attended to honour the memory of our long-time member of our congregation.

Joy Henderson - Peoples Warden

Works Update

There has been some concerted effort to tidy up the outbuildings at the rear of the Vicarage and some of the corners of the bell tower of the church. A considerable amount of material was removed. The overhanging tree to the Vicarage entrance has been removed and weeds sprayed. Some of the remaining trees on the front lawn of the Vicarage are old, gnarled, and in poor health. Their removal has been discussed, and they may be removed in the near future.

EDITORIAL



This publication is dedicated to one simple aim - Communication. As a Parish family which is geographically widespread, it is essential that we communicate. This publication is but one of the means available to us.



As an observation, I think it is fair to say that we all come to Church to give thanks to God and to pray for a great variety of things. Some personal and some spiritual. Then some go for a cup of tea afterwards but most depart after a few brief words with the Priest. Thus the whole process of belonging to a church is somewhat isolated, somewhat disjointed. Come - pray - go. Apart for communicating with God there seems to be little quality communication amongst us.

I have given some thought as to why this is so. Many people leave after service as it is lunch time for most, so apart from those that partake of the tea/coffee after service, there is little social interaction.

Yes there are various groups within the Church, such as AAW, and Ladies Guild that operate and communicate very well with a good fellowship, however they both suffer from declining numbers. In terms of human behavior most people are reticent at offering themselves to join such groups. People find it difficult to put their hands up and say "I would like to join your group". There is also the problem, if one were so inclined, as to whom to direct the request. I would further venture to suggest that waiting for

prospects to offer to join the group is a long shot. I doesn't happen

The next best method of expanding the ranks of interest groups, it seems, is to offer a direct invitation to join. The worst case scenario is that the invitation is rejected. The more people that are asked, the greater chance of some success.

This raises the question of whom to ask and how to contact them.

We have a Parish roll which is currently undergoing revision and it seems to me that this resource could well be of use to all in the Parish.

Putting aside privacy issues for just a moment, wouldn't it be nice to offer another parishioner the chance of joining you for a coffee and a chat some day, or perhaps just making contact with a friendly phone call. Perhaps there is the possibility of some more social events could be held, such as an afternoon tea, picnic etc. Organisers to the fore please...!

It is the custom of some organisations, upon joining, to receive a rule book and a membership list. Now to address the thorny issue of privacy - it should be a simple matter to indicate if you are agreeable for your name to be added to the public list, or retained only on the private list. The private list would, as it is now, only be available to Parish administrators. The public list could be circulated to all Parishioners to be used as a contact resource. By this means we should be able to communicate more.

There is a further note to the communication theme. It is the Pebble. David Hoskins has taken over the production of the Pebble and it is an important vehicle for

immediate notices in addition to the service notes. He is increasingly including all sorts of social news in it, so if you have a notice of any sort please do contact him to get it put in.

You can elect, via the web page, to access the Pebble online (both the current and previous editions). You simply elect to receive notification by email of when it is available. Very handy.

I can report that we have had some response to our offer of respite accommodation in the Vicarage for Canterbury clergy. One vicar and her husband have stayed and there may well be others in the near future. It seems such a little thing to do but it is certainly appreciated. It is a credit to the parishioners who have loaned furniture to make the Vicarage comfortable. Perhaps it may be possible to make another "Open Home" soon to let parishioners see what has been achieved. It is quite impressive.

I intend to resume the series of Parishioner Profiles in future editions. To make the process equitable, I believe the best method of selecting prospects it to work through the Parish Roll on an alphabetical basis. Clearly it is YOUR choice to participate or not, and you will not be badgered, hectorred, or cajoled into compliance...

Yours in Christ
Dereck Gray
Editor



Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal

The 2011 **Lenten Appeal** will be supporting ;

A Dinghy and Outboard Motor
for the Diocese of Popondota in Papua New Guinea

The Social Justice Land Acquisition Programme
of the Diocese of Polynesia

The work of the Church in
Jerusalem and the Middle East

Throughout Lent information will be sent to the parish about the background of these appeals.

One method that has been suggested is that during Lent we could use our mission boxes to raise funds for these projects. These can be handed in at Easter to our treasurer Rita May-Brown.

If you don't have a blue or green Anglican Missions box, look for one on the table in the Link. Lenten Appeal envelopes will also be made available as soon as they arrive.

AAW Report



On Tuesday the 22nd March 23 members of A.A.W gathered for a Pot Luck dinner and consideration of our groups future.

The meal was delicious and the fellowship within the group strong.

A survey of all members had given everyone the opportunity to consider and understand the challenges facing our group.

After the meal Coral Paris put her teaching and Toast masters skills top great use managing the informed and well-considered input from the members. Nothing was finalized but the outcomes in general were:

We want our groups to continue but acknowledges that change is necessary. However more exploration is required into the process for change before we finalize the new direction.

We acknowledge the need for a visible women's group at St Peters particularly at this time of other pending changes.

A Pot Luck meal at 6.30 on the 3rd May will be followed by further discussion and hopefully result in a definitive direction for the future.

Gwen Hudson. Ph 455-7100

The Anglo-Catholics: 1. Sects and Succession



If you ever wondered what a Phrygian is (antique refrigerator? small bird that can be cooked in an oven bag?), here's your chance to find out.

According to John Bowden's *Who's Who in Theology*, a Phrygian (aka Montanist) is a follower of the teachings of Montanus, a second century prophet who claimed the Holy Spirit spoke directly through him. Another early Christian sect followed Valentinus, who believed there was a hierarchy of divine persons and that everything material was evil. Marcionites, on the other hand, rejected the Old Testament and most of the New, allowing only a shortened version of Luke and ten of Paul's letters to form their bible.

So troublesome to the church and so numerous were these sects that the early Christian bishops spoke out against them. The bishops

ruled them heretical, which means false belief. Not that they were able to put a stop to the sects, for St. Epiphanius counted over 80 of them by the end of the fourth century AD. Clearly, a new word was required to describe members of the true and original Christian church as opposed to sect members. The word chosen was *katholikos*, derived from the Greek *kata* (according to) and *holos* (the whole). So in the early church, to be catholic was to belong to the universal or general, one true church. As St. Paccian of Barcelona wrote:

“Christian is my name, Catholic is my surname.....when we are called catholics it is by this name we are kept apart from any heretical name”.

Over the years, ‘catholic’ has expanded in meaning to include the idea of possessing the fullness and completeness of apostolic faith. In common with the Roman-Catholic and Orthodox Churches, we believe in the Apostolic Succession. When a priest is ordained as a bishop, other bishops lay their hands on him. This tradition stretches back in an unbroken line of hands to the apostles themselves. Yet this is more than a symbolic gesture, it is spiritual as well and also signifies the bishops are passing on the faith to succeeding generations as they received it from the apostles. At least, that's what is supposed

to happen. Paul says in one of his letters:

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand. By which also you are saved, if you keep in memory what I preached to you, unless you have believed in vain” (I Co 15:1–2).

Every Sunday we, and millions of other people, say the Nicene Creed, which includes the words ‘one holy, catholic and apostolic church’. As well as being a statement of our faith, it distinguishes us from heretical sects. Who decides which beliefs are true and which are false? This was the domain of the bishops attending the Ecumenical Councils. The first Council of Nicaea (325 AD) was convened to deal with the Arian heresy that Christ was not divine, just the first among God's creatures. It was at this Ecumenical Council that the Nicene Creed was agreed on.

So, if the universal, one true church (the Orthodox Church) and its Anglican and Roman-Catholic branches are all catholic, what's so special about being Anglo-Catholic? And what about the Protestants, are they catholic as well? Hopefully we will find some answers in time for next month's Rock.

Cheers, Heather and Ross

Easter Pilgrimage

I am advised of a Good Friday walk, arranged by combined churches of Caversham. It begins at the Shark Bell at S. Clair beach at 9 am, and makes its way to the Caversham Baptist church for a service at 10 a.m. I shall be there, and maybe some of you can also join us.

Rev Bernard Wilkinson



We are a group of General Practitioners working part-time within a close partnership. This is so that we can combine providing enthusiastic and good quality health care with family demands

and our desire to lead balanced lives.

New Doctors to the practice are Dr Tim Wilson and Dr Aimee Rondel. Both Tim and Aimee are accepting new patients.

With the flu season looming we are now offering flu vaccinations and recommend that everyone have one, remember they are free for people over 65 years of age.

We also recommend that all patients check their tetanus status, and update if needed

The practice runs a walking group at 1pm on Wednesdays and are looking to have more people join them, for a gold coin donation.

Our hours are from 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.
265 King Edward Street
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Ladies Guild Report

At the annual general meeting held in March it was decided the we close the Guild due to lack of numbers.

We have paid our commitments for the year to St. Christopher's orphanage, and the Anglican Family Care. Any left over money will be given to Vestry and the bank account closed. At this final meeting Kat McBeath played for us and most fittingly sang us out with "Memories".

In place of the Guild we now have the St.Peters Friendship Group which will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month with a \$2.00 donation at every meeting. This will be open to all ladies of the Parish with definitely no onus for fundraising.

The Friendship Group first meeting will be held on April 19th at 2:00pm in the lounge.

MARY BARTON Secretary Ph 455-8822

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Alan Gillion



Diocesan News

At Synod last year, Bishop Kelvin expressed the hope we might undertake some pilgrimages to places of historical significance to the church in this diocese. The first, to Ruapuke (in Southland) and Stewart Island, has now happened. Here is a summary of the trip, as appeared in the Bishop's blog (see Google - Available light)

"After a brief service in the Cathedral, the twenty or so pilgrims from Dunedin drove to Bluff, arriving in time to be welcomed on to Te Rau Aroha Marae at 7 p.m. We were joined there by another twenty or so pilgrims from Southland, and spent the night in the building, which is one of New Zealand's great artistic treasures.....We gathered, prayed ,ate, arranged mattresses, and got ready for the night when we were met by Sir Tipene O'Reagan.

Next day we found our ship, and sailed across Foveaux Strait (flat as a billiard table) to Ruapuke Island. The island, now uninhabited, was once home to about 200 Maori, and was the site of the first mission station in the southern region. We stood on the site of the church built by J.H.Wohlens, first missionary, who also built a house and school there, and ministered in that region for forty years. We visited the graveyards of the local people, guided by three members of the families with continuing links to the island.

From Ruapuke by our boat to Stewart Island, where we strolled up to the recently restored S. Andrew's Church, and met some of the local people. Airdrey Leask, the local priest, talked about some of the Christian presence, and we planted a tree in the grounds. Too soon, it was back to Bluff and home.

This first section of the pilgrimage, which will, over the next couple of years, take us right round the diocese, went faultlessly. I look forward to the next leg at the end of April, when we commemorate our gold rush history with a trip from Milton to Arrowtown via Gabriel's Gully.

1. PARISH SUMMARY

St. Peter's is a traditional, Anglo-Catholic parish. Our theology and traditions are based on the Oxford Movement, drawing on the commonality between Eastern and Western Orthodoxy. At St. Peter's, Anglo-Catholicism is not just a tradition or style of worship but a living faith which parishioners practice in their own lives. This is reflected in both public and private acts of worship, through membership of various groups within the church and in active outreach and pastoral care in the community. Further details of these groups and activities can be found in the Parish Profile Form (Appendix 1).

Also in the Parish Profile Form are the statistics concerning the number of regular worshippers. While the majority live within the parish boundaries, St. Peter's attracts a diverse group many of whom travel from other parts of Dunedin and even other towns (e.g. Timaru).

Attendances at services are better than most Anglican churches in the region and numbers have been stable for a long time (see Parish Profile Form and Wardens' Report). The parish is both financially stable and debt free.

Information about services is presented in both the Parish Profile Form and the Wardens' Report. Until the interregnum, there were regularly three Sunday services and a Thursday Holy Eucharist with special services for Lent, Easter, Christmas and our Patronal Festival. Services are also held at St. Barnabas Home and Radius Fulton Home for the elderly.

The Parish Consultation Report documents the outcome of a meeting attended by 51 parishioners and led by the Diocesan Ministry Educator. The consultation used four different techniques to stimulate discussion. While some minor issues, such as maintenance of grounds, came to the fore, identification with Anglo-Catholicism was a consistent theme. In the first part of the consultation, where parishioners were encouraged to think of St. Peter's as a boat, previous "captains" were recognised as strong leaders and the need for a new captain was discussed. The SWOT analysis highlighted the rich heritage of traditional liturgical worship, our website, and the ability to welcome all whom God sends as strengths. The top two opportunities were identified as continuation of the Anglo-Catholic tradition and use of electronic technology in outreach to youth, while secularisation and political correctness were the top two threats. Although some younger people attend St. Peter's, an area of concern was the predominance of the older age groups, which reflects the demographics of the area. In a discussion of the Wardens' Report, there were many areas of agreement but also the recognition that there was room for improvement in the parish. The consultation also indicated that the parish would be resistant to any changes which compromise the Anglo-Catholic faith and traditional liturgy.

The parish Strategic Plan was prepared by a Vestry member in consultation with the previous vicar. It was discussed and adopted by Vestry in February last year. It is anticipated that this will be further developed by the future vicar of St. Pe-

ter's in accordance with the Bishop's new strategic plan for the Diocese, when it becomes available.

The previous vicar of St. Peter's, who recently retired after 25 years of service, followed a succession of Anglo-Catholic priests dating back to 1892. We are very grateful to him for a sound education in the teachings of the Church Fathers and for consistent, traditional forms of worship. However, we must now look to the future and the appointment of a new vicar. We have a strong need for continuation of the Anglo-Catholic tradition, for a priest who can build on the firm foundation of faith provided by previous vicars, and a leader who can inspire, educate and satisfy our need to continue our own understanding of the Word of God.

2. THE CHURCH BUILDING AND VICARAGE

Caversham is one of Dunedin's oldest suburbs. On the western edge of the city's central plain, it is situated at the mouth of Caversham Valley, which rises to Lookout Point. The main trunk railway line runs through the suburb and alongside the Southern Motorway. Founded by wealthy pioneer William Henry Valpy, Caversham grew rapidly during the Central Otago gold rush of the 1860s. During the 19th century, the area became heavily industrialized but it is now largely residential with some industrial premises to the east (eg. Hillside Railway Workshops).

Hillside Road has a mix of newer and older Victorian buildings; St Peter's Church is nicely set within a grassed area with flower borders, shrubs and trees.

The present church building dates from 1882 with the more recent additions of the Parish Centre (church hall) and connecting Link. The style of the church conforms to a colonial version of Gothic design known as 'Early English'. There is an impressive kauri vaulted ceiling offset with plain, off-white plastered walls into which are set a number of stained glass windows. The sanctuary is in a simple style with a wooden altar and there is a small Lady Chapel at the rear of the church. The interior furnishings, altar linen and vestments have recently been renewed. The present organ is a three-manual digital organ made by Johannus of the Netherlands. This replaced the old organ, which was in a poor state and too costly to repair. The exterior of the church is cloaked in slate and brick. An application has been made to the Historic Places Trust to register St. Peter's Church as a historic building.

The vicarage is adjacent to the church and was built in 1912. It is a large two storey brick and render house with five bedrooms. Renovation of the ground floor, including a new toilet and kitchen, has just been completed and upstairs, there are two new bathrooms. Additional redecoration work is still to be attended to. The grounds of both the church and vicarage are soon to be tidied up.

Further photographs of the church are to be found in the Strategic Plan (Appendix 2).

The reader is encouraged to visit St. Peter's website for more photographs, including vicarage photos, and to find out more about the parish and the buildings at <http://www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz/>

THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ST. PETER, CAVERSHAM, DUNEDIN. NZ.

Regular Worship Services

please consult calendar for variations

ALL SUNDAYS: 8am Holy Eucharist
10.30am Solemn Eucharist

ALL THURSDAYS 10:00am Eucharist

SUNDAYS OF THE CALENDAR MONTH AT 7pm:

These services are not being held for the next month at this stage

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CALENDAR

with festivals and observances

**Sun 17th April - Sixth Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday**

Mon 18th April - Monday of Holy week

**Tue 19th April - Tuesday of Holy week
Alphege**

Wed 20th April - Wednesday of Holy week

**Thur 21st April - Maundy Thursday
7pm Holy Eucharist
Stripping of the Altar and Vigil.
Anselm - Archbishop of Canterbury - 1109**

**Fri 22nd April - Good Friday
12 noon Veneration of the Cross.**

Sat 23rd April - George the Martyr - c304

**Sunday 24th April - Easter Day - The day of
Resurrection
10am Solemn Eucharist
Toyohiko Kagawa - Teacher Japan - 1960**

**Mon 25th April - Anzac Day
St Mark the Evangelist**

**29th April - Catherine of Siena - 1380
Sat 30th April - Heni Te Kirikaramu of Gate Pa**

**Sun 1st May - Low Sunday
St. Philip and St. James**

**Mon 2nd May - Athanasius - B. Alexandria
Tue 3rd May - Invention of the Cross
Wed 4th May - John Houghton and Companions
Sat 7th May - John of Beverley**

**Sun 8th May - 2nd Sunday after Easter
Julian of Norwich - 1417**

Mon 9th May - Gregory of Nazianzus - 389

Sun 15th May - 3rd Sunday after Easter

Thu 19th May - Dunstan - AB. Canterbury

Sun 22nd May - 4th Sunday after Easter

**Wed 25th May - Bede of Jarrow - 735
Thu 26th May - Augustine of Canterbury**