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

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From the Temporary Interim Priest

"The spring is sprung, and so's the sun,
Let's have a hymn sing - make some
fun!"

I like my hymns! And I suspect many of
you do also. So.....David Hoskins
and I are planning a Community Hymn
Sing at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon,
October 16th.

A time to enjoy singing hymns old - and
new. Some national ones, some spiritual
ones, some gospel ones, with a few words
of explanation about how they came to be
written - maybe an anecdote or two.
Arnold Bachop is also sharing his talents
with us. All for free - but we'll invite a gold coin donation to the Daryl
Anne fund (Daryl is a four year old with huge medical problems that are
being treated in Mexico, and her supporters have worked very hard to
make this possible.. Let's help them.)

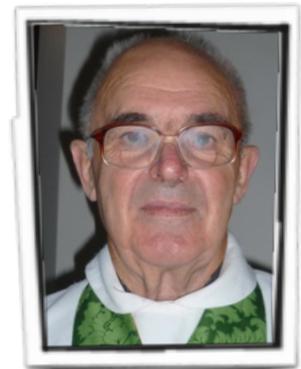
We'll send invitations to the other parishes in Caversham, maybe scatter a
few notices around, cast the net as wide as we can.

Relax - and enjoy. See you there.

Some of you may have read in "Talk of the Times" in the ODT of the
coming visit of Alan Jasper to S. Peter's. Alan, who comes from Hadleigh,
in Essex, has connections with the Hodgson family, and is keen to worship
in the church where the memorial windows to the Hodgsons are. I look
forward to welcoming him at 10.30 on Sunday, October 2nd

One of the best remarks I have heard for a long time: A new face
appeared at S. Peter's one Sunday. I asked, "What brought you to S.
Peter's?" And the answer: "I ran out of excuses". When God calls,
who can resist?

Bernard



Dear Friends

Thank you for your prayers and
support for the Horn of Africa
Appeal. Your contributions have
been much appreciated and helped
to provide food, water and shelter
to some of those affected by the

crisis that has spread across Somalia, Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia
and Yemen.

To date CWS has raised \$76,000 for the immediate response but
as the crisis continues to intensify much more will be
needed. The appeal leaflet is downloadable at [http://
www.cws.org.nz/files/Horn%20of%20Africa%20leaflet.pdf](http://www.cws.org.nz/files/Horn%20of%20Africa%20leaflet.pdf)



VESTRY IN BRIEF

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

- The new water-heater in the hall is working well, especially for large groups.
- Lights requiring attention in the church and vicarage have been fixed.
- The current vacancy at St. Peter's has been re-advertised in The Church Times.
- The Historic Places Trust application for registration of St. Peter's site (church, vicarage and cottage) has been submitted to Wellington.
- There will be another working-bee on the grounds in September or October.
- Vestry approved the idea of a Market Day in October.
- More advertising support is required for the Rock.

Heather Brooks

(Vestry Secretary)

A WARDEN'S WARBLE

Here we are in the middle of the long awaited (by some) Rugby World Cup tournament, I have the feeling already, as I write this, that in a few weeks time, we'll be ready to say goodbye to it. It's becoming difficult to look at any newspaper or television news programme without being "hit" with Rugby World Cup news. Don't get me wrong, I do enjoy watching a good game of rugby and I know the publicity of the worldwide sports media will probably be good for New Zealand but I sense that when it's all over, we'll be asking, "What's been happening in the rest of the world for the last few weeks"?

Back to St Peter's, as my fellow warden Joy wrote in her article last month, progress is very slow in our search for a new Vicar. Despite having had a number of initial expressions of interest in the position from various places overseas and from within New Zealand we are still looking. Many of them have looked promising and appeared very interested in the position. We've communicated with them by both email and telephone and spent considerable time in doing so. However, many of them despite their initial interest have decided against going any further with their negotiations because, and this is the disturbing part, in their inquiries and research of the Anglican church in New Zealand they have felt that the current style of worship and views in many churches and Diocese here in New Zealand would make life difficult being a Vicar in a minority Anglo Catholic church such as St Peter's. They had felt that they would struggle within themselves, having personal views which were not along the lines of the majority of other churches here. Despite assuring them that we do not spend all our life in battle with the other churches, they still appear to see it as a problem for themselves and unfortunately we can't change that.

Some of you may have noticed the flag is currently missing from St Peter's flagpole, it hasn't been stolen or anything like that, it'll be back. The flag, bearing the St George's Cross, and being the national flag of England, I felt that it was improper for the church to be seen as supporting a particular country during the Rugby World Cup, see there's those words again, that's my story anyway. I also felt that it may remove the temptation for any English revelers/supporters to souvenir it during their stay in Dunedin. What a horrible unchristian thought!

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Bishop's Warden

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Vicarage Workday

The next big push to tidy the grounds is scheduled for the 8th October. We plan to remove some old and diseased trees, some broadleaves which are damaging the garage, and some prolific elms at the northwest corner, as well as a tidy up of the rose garden and laying some mulch. Assistance will be needed in force. If any parishioner has a garden chipper to reduce the volume from the branches etc it would be appreciated. In order to assist with planning could you please let Dereck know if you can help on the day - 489-3520

I seems like spring is finally here and that brings with it the message of hope. Hope of renewal. This usually the message of Easter but because we live in the southern hemisphere we are a little out of sync. Still the message of hope is relevant at this time. We hope for a fruitful outcome of our search for a new Vicar, we hope for the continued valuable continuation of our temporary Vicar Ven Bernard, and we hope for a successful working bee.

Hope, it seems to me, is a very weak and aimless word, it lacks commitment and focus. Perhaps if we substitute the word pray or prayer for hope, we can add focus to our hope, because in order to fulfill our desires, we must have some degree of focus, and commitment. Prayer achieves this. It allows us to express and clarify our hopes. Add to prayer affirmative action and suddenly we have the means to overcome obstacles and achieve great tangible results. All power to prayer...!



The new parish contact list has been published recently. It has generated some discussion and feedback. Most of the feedback centers around the fact that addresses were not included.

Vestry spent some considerable time in discussion on this subject. They were aware that there was the possibility that there were a number of people who may not want their addresses made public. The list was to enable people to

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contact each other and to enable verbal contact. It was proposed to ring all people on the list to check on their wishes, but the time involved was thought to be excessive, considering that there were at least two appeals in the Rock for people to respond with their wishes.

I can report that only one person responded wishing to be removed from the roll and one other affirmative response. The fact that no other person responded does not give Vestry the right to assume that they have the right to publish.

The aim of the list was a contact list, pure and simple.

It is but an easy action to ring a person and ask an address should one need to know. I fail to see how the absence of an address suggests that we are not a caring, sharing community. On the contrary it shows that we respect an individuals right to their privacy.

It is not an option to publish lists of names and addresses without the express permission of the owner of that information. Similarly it is incumbent on the organization holding such information to retain it securely and not divulge it unless there are particular circumstances.

The Privacy Act applies to Church groups equally and states:-

An agency that holds personal information shall not disclose the information to a person or body or agency unless the agency believes, on reasonable grounds - Then follows a number of criteria under which information can be released one of which is (d) that the disclosure is authorised by the individual concerned;

I also found the following on the privacy commissioners web site which may also be of interest.

We also often define our relationships with people by what information we choose to share with them. So if we are unable to control who knows information about us, we will feel insecure - at least in part because the boundaries of our relationships become uncertain.

Human beings need security to be able to function normally in their social environment.

So privacy, which supports or creates feelings of security, is an important human right. If we feel secure, we're more likely to play a full part in society.

Although I can somewhat sympathize with those who had an expectation of a fuller list and see the PC brigade at work - I have often been vocal on this front myself and find difficulty accepting political correctness for the sake of it. However on this occasion I think Vestry got it right.

It is about respect for the individual, and it is about respecting the Laws of the land. We do need to comply, even if we do not always agree with them.

Yours in Christ
Dereck Gray
Editor



St. Peter's Caversham - Dunedin

Our Parishioners



Ruth & Rhonda Tatnell

I have been a parishioner at St Peters since 1966. For the past 20 years I have worked as a legal executive with a local law firm.

I was born in Dunedin and went to Queens High School. I joined the Women's Royal New Zealand Naval Service 2 years after leaving school, serving as a communications operator during my term of service. When that came to an end I took off to on my

"OE", spending the next 2 years working and traveling in the UK, Europe and Scandinavia. I came home in 1971 and got married at St. Peter's. In 1981 with my husband and 2 year old daughter, left for Australia where we spent 2/3 years traveling and working around Australia, from Cape Tribulation in Far North Queensland to Perth in Western Australia.

I returned with my daughter Ruth to Dunedin when she was 5 where we reconnected with the people of the parish of St. Peters Caversham. Ruth is now 33 !!! and lives in Melbourne Australia where she lives a very busy and interesting life. We have just returned from a holiday together in Thailand where we spent some time as volunteer carers at the Elephant Nature Park, an establishment where elephants who have been injured in the logging industry, by land mines on the borders of Thailand or who have been orphaned are taken care of - this was a most fabulous and enriching experience.

We took time also to visit the Tiger Kingdom where efforts are being undertaken to ensure the survival of the Tiger. We were given the opportunity, if we wished, to go into the cage with the tigers - well why not - a once in a lifetime opportunity ?

St Peter's Women's Group

The AAW has transformed into a Friendship group with a warm friendly atmosphere. Members have decided to open the group TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

Everyone is welcome to the Pot Luck Dinner, 6pm, Tuesday Sept 26 in the Parish Lounge.
 Contacts: Raylene Ralston (477-0022 (D/T) 455-9535), Dawn Bachop (455-3933), Gay Webb (476-1613) and Coral Paris (454-3735).

Diocesan Snippets

The Diocesan Synod

Do you think that someone who lives in a same-sex relationship with someone else should be ordained ? That's a question we'll be asked to decide at Synod, to assist the national - and world wide church - decide upon its policy.

What do you think about the Bishopric Endowment Fund ? (When our diocese was created in 1868, it was done so a bit prematurely - so some say - because there was no endowment to maintain a Bishop. Other dioceses in NZ have substantial reserves, but we are the poor relations. An attempt to do something about this some years ago has dragged on and on.) Should we press on to create an endowment of at least \$1 million ?

Have you heard of the Anglican Covenant ? A very complex motion to Synod seeks our opinion on it. A difficult issue, proposed to accommodate various viewpoints in the world-wide Anglican communion. I'll try to explain more in the next Rock.

Last year the diocese set itself a target of \$61,000 for overseas missions. We didn't reach this figure - instead we raised \$55,134. The proposal for the coming year is the target of \$61,000 again. Can we do it ?

One topic that will surely create a lot of debate this year is insurance !

Ven Bernard Wilkinson

WALNUTS

Anne Wilkinson, of Oamaru, sells walnuts for Save the Children. A big box full she sent down to S. Peter's disappeared faster than snow in a nor'wester. But if you missed out, there are still plenty more - just ask Ven Bernard.

Friendship Group

The St Peter's Friendship Group meets on Tuesday, 11 October in the Lounge at 2 pm. It would be appreciated if members could bring a grocery item suitable for a raffle to be drawn at the St Peter's Church Fair.

Gay Webb - Contact no. 476 1613

The Anglo-Catholics: 6: Troubled Times



Tracing the thread of the Anglo-Catholic faith, we pick up the story at the death of Oliver Cromwell in 1658. Cromwell's son, Richard, succeeded him as Lord Protector of England but he was unable to maintain his grip on a very divided nation. The lower classes and the aristocracy favoured the return of the monarchy and the Catholic faith. The aristocrats were pretty keen on the Divine Right of Kings (Kings rule by the will of God) as it supported their entitlement to own lands. Puritanism, established as the religion of England under Oliver, was the domain of the middle classes. Obviously, trouble was brewing so in 1660 Parliament decided Charles should be returned to the throne.

Not to be overlooked is the fact that life in Puritan England was (literally) not much fun. Hard work was the order of the day, inns and theaters were closed and most sports were banned. On Sundays, playing football invited a whipping, women found to be working could be put in the stocks and going for a walk was punished by a fine. Celebrations to honour the Saints were replaced by days of fasting and traditional Christmas celebrations were illegal. In London, soldiers were ordered to enter houses and remove any food being cooked for Christmas dinners. Surely even the most devoted Puritan must have been heartily sick of Oliver

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Cromwell by the end of his Protectorate. No wonder then, that there was great rejoicing at the restoration of the monarchy. Returning from France with his court, Charles II set about establishing a peaceful and tolerant church. Bishops were reinstated and the cathedrals, once used by the Puritan cavalry to stable their horses, were cleaned out and restored to their former glory. Some Puritan clergy were ejected from their livings but, in a spirit of religious tolerance, Presbyterians were included in the councils of the Church and Puritans allowed a certain amount of religious freedom. It seemed that the Anglican Church, Catholic and reformed, had returned to its glory days. Secular life rapidly improved also – theaters re-opened, sports were allowed and so was dancing.



Charles II

Why is it that good things never last? The relaxation in moral values provided by the Restoration soon led to excesses, particularly at the court of Charles; that was evident in the fourteen illegitimate children he acknowledged. Driven by followers of the notorious High Church Archbishop Laud, the Anglican Church began to swing away from the peaceable inclusive way into a confined and less tolerant path. Between 1661 and 1670, four pieces of legislation, seemingly trivial to us, were approved by Parliament. These were jointly known as the Clarendon Code and it resulted in a substantial exodus from the church. The first, the Corporation Act, required all public officials to take communion in an Anglican Church. In 1662, the Prayer Book was revised and an Act of Uniformity

passed, making its use compulsory in all religious services. The Conventicle Act of 1664 forbade more than five people to gather for a church service, unless in an Anglican Church. Finally, the Five Mile Act (1665) made it illegal for dissenting ministers to preach or teach within five miles of their former livings; they were not even allowed to take in lodgers. Obviously, the Clarendon Code was meant to make life as difficult as possible for the Dissenters, who frequently defied the law, were fined to the point of financial ruin or spent long periods in jail; many never made it out alive. To be fair, Charles cannot be said to have been the author of these harsh rules. Early in 1663, he tried to make things easier for the dissenters but was blocked by Parliament. In 1672 he tried again, with a Declaration of Indulgence. Secretly leaning towards Roman Catholicism, Charles' Declaration allowed the Dissenters to obtain licences and Catholics to say the Roman mass in private. Parliament was outraged and insisted the Declaration be withdrawn. In retaliation, they passed the Test Act, prohibiting Roman Catholics from obtaining positions of public trust. The Test Act was not repealed until the 19th century.

Anglo-Catholicism was not only restored under Charles II, it positively flourished. Church music, art, architecture and theological scholarship all reached new levels of excellence. Unfortunately, all this came at a cost -- for the Dissenters the price was high enough, but for the Church the price was the exclusion of many of its most devout members.

Cheers, Heather and Ross

Parish News

Meg Dunbar, of Frances Hodgkin's, had a fall which caused severe damage, and necessitated a long spell in hospital. She has now transferred from her studio unit to the Rest home unit at Frances Hodgkin.

Penny Irvine has been a worshipper at S. Peter's for a long time. But now she has moved from her home in Musselburgh to Wakari, and decided to transfer her allegiance to the Cathedral, as she can arrange transport there. We will miss her, but wish her well in her new home and parish.

After Fr Carl retired, the ministry of Home Communion was undertaken by the Rev. Peter Stapleton, of the Anderson's Bay parish. Peter is now unable to continue this work, and I am most grateful that it has been picked up by the Rev Pamela Welch, of our parish.

Bruce and Elizabeth Moore, formerly of Mornington Parish, have chosen to become part of S. Peter's, and we are glad to welcome them.

Jenny Rufaut, of Macandrew Bay, is another new face - but rapidly becoming a regular one as she joins in the life and worship of S. Peter's

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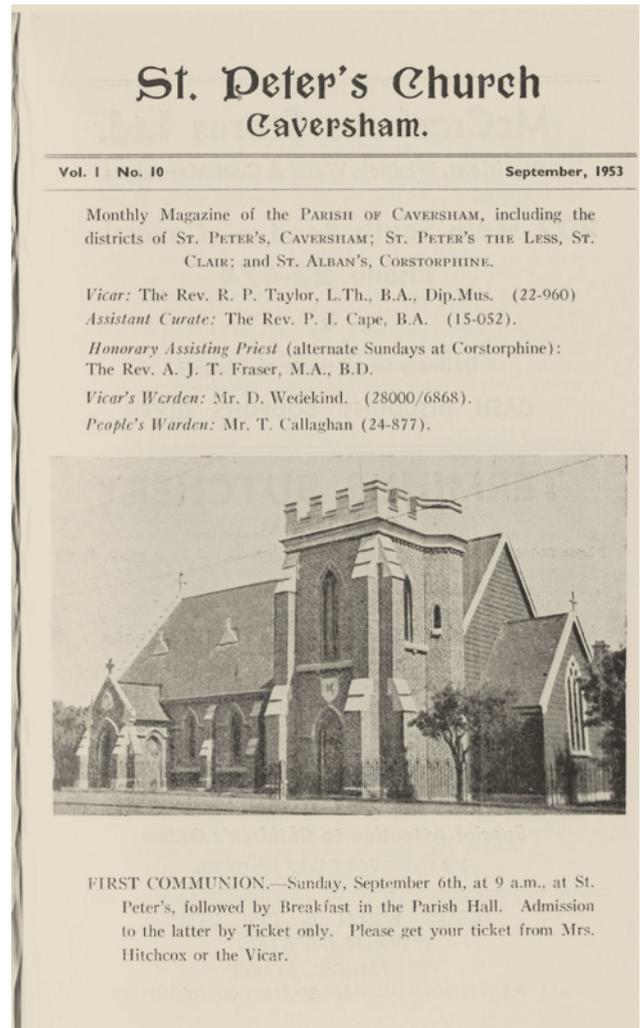
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History of St Peter's

David Scoular, who administers our web site, has begun to put on the web, copies of the very old Church magazines which were found recently in the Vicarage. These date from 1953 onwards. They make interesting reading and of note is the large number of sponsor adverts which appear. Almost 50% of the magazine is paid advertising, something to be envious of...! You can read the full text at [/www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz](http://www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz) then select "Our Printed Heritage"



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Remember

*to mark this in your
diary NOW !!*

Community Hymn Sing at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, October 16th.

*come, enjoy and sing some of the
popular old favorites*

An appreciation.

It is reported that over \$900 was raised by Arnold Bachop and the recent concert held at the hall for the Darryl Ann appeal - well done Arnold..

**“There are no strangers here, only friends we
have not yet met”**

Submitted by Marjorie Palmer

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Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage, which began in March 2011 and will continue this year and in 2012, is an opportunity for us to visit some of the places which have been spiritually and culturally significant as our church has developed in Otago and Southland. We will hear the stories of the past and learn more about who we are in the present. We hope that the Pilgrimage will help to draw us together as one people. It will also be a chance for the Anglican Church in this region to be “a light to the world”, showing the wider community that we are here and that we stand for something that matters.

This stage of the Pilgrimage begins at 6.00pm on 28th October at St. Michael's and All Angels, Andersons Bay, with the evening focussing on the stories of the Peninsula Parish. Saturday will see us meet at 8.30am at All Saints, Dunedin, for morning prayer, before setting off at 9.00am, journeying to Otakau, the Heads, and then back to Dunedin, where we will stop at the memorial to hear the story of the Parihaka Maori. We will travel on to Holy Trinity Port Chalmers, learn some of their story as the gateway to Otago, and then continue to Aramoana.

On the Saturday we will be traveling together as pilgrims on a bus – gathering at All Saints, Dunedin for morning prayer, and finishing the day there with evening prayer.

Accommodation: Friday night – some billets available. Please indicate if you would like to be billeted. Otherwise there is accommodation in Dunedin to suit all requirements..

Food: Friday – evening meal at St. Michael's Saturday lunch & afternoon tea provided

Transport: Pilgrims will need to arrange their own transport to and from Dunedin. We can help with co-ordinating this. On the Saturday we travel together on the bus provided

Cost: \$60 per person (includes bus & food).

Please register with Debbie Flintoff by the **14th of October 2011**, using the form above. Cheques should be made payable to “Diocese of Dunedin”. Payment can

alternatively be made to:

06-0901-0015680-000

Reference – your name Code 1780-250-385

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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:

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CALENDAR

with festivals and observances

Note: There are too many observances in the month of July to list them all, thus these are a selection - the full list appears on page 21 of the New Zealand Prayer Book

Sun 18th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity

Wed 21st September - St Matthew, Apostle

Fri 23rd September - Churchill Julius, 1st
Archbishop of NZ

Sun 25th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

Thu 29th September - St Michael and All Angels

Fri 30th September - Jerome, Priest, Translator of
the Scriptures, 420

Sat 1st October - Mother Marie-Joseph Aubert

Sun 2nd October - 15th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Guardian Angels

Tue 4th October - St Francis of Assisi - 1226

Thu 6th October - Saints & Martyrs of Asia

Fri 7th October - William Tyndale, 1536

Sun 9th October - 16th Sunday after Trinity

Wed 12th October - Elizabeth Fry, Reformer, 1845

Sat 15th October - Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582

Sun 16 October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

Mon 17th October - Ignatius. B. of Antioch, c.107

Tue 18th October - St Luke, Evangelist

Wed 19th October - Tarore of Waharoa

Sun 23rd October - 18th Sunday after Trinity
St James of Jerusalem

Mon 24th October - Raphael, Archangel
United Nations Day

Thu 28th October - St Simon & St Jude, Apostles

Sun 31st October - 19th Sunday after Trinity