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Caversham Saint Peter,
Dunedin, New Zealand.

THE ROCK

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Changing the Guard

By The Editors

Regular readers will have noticed in last month's issue of *The Rock* that Dereck Gray has decided to stand down as our Editor because of the press of other commitments. We are enormously grateful to **Dereck for his time "on post"**, and now, here is the first issue under new management.

Physical presentation has changed to better suit the tools and personal strengths of the new Editors.

Other changes will, we hope, come. We are very keen that our readers—both parishioners and others—contribute to *The Rock*. Partly to fit with the strengths and timetables of the new Editors, but also in the hope that in this way our publication will become an even greater conversation amongst our community.

Some of you—in time perhaps all of you—will be approached for contributions, but we encourage everyone to help get the conversation under way.

To this end, we introduce three new features: Ask The Vicar for questions of spirituality, doctrine, liturgy and Church polity; Ask The Vestry for your questions regarding the



management and fabric of the parish; and *Letters*, your opportunity to comment upon—well, just about anything.

You'll find more details of these features inside.

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Lectures Scheduled.

Dates and topics for the next in **Father Hugh Bowron's Caversham Lectures** have been announced.

On October 15 the topic is "Karl Rahner and the Concept of the

Anonymous Christian", and on December 4, "The Strange, Wonderful and Bleak Theological World of Rowan Williams".

On each occasion, the lecture will be presented at 2pm and again at 7.30pm. 📧

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Ask The Vicar

One of our new features, this is your chance to get answers to questions doctrinal, spiritual and liturgical. For example,

- ◆ What does our church teach on social issues?
- ◆ Why does the church teach as it does?
- ◆ What makes Anglo-Catholicism special?
- ◆ Why we do things one way rather than another during services?
- ◆ Why does God let us make our errors?
- ◆ Does it matter to whom I pray?

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Diocesan Day of Intercession

By The Vicar

In the most recent mail out received from the Diocese the Revd John Franklin, the Bishop's Chaplain, writes:

"Diocesan Prayer Weekend: 7 pm Friday 31 August – 7 pm 2 September

We are gathering together across our Diocese, to wait on God, to listen to God, to speak out our prayer for the Church. We are asking God how we can best cooperate with the action that is **God's Kingdom at work in our region, and be ready and active participants in what God is up to."**

The leaflet goes on to make it clear that it is up to each parish to decide how it will respond to this invitation. Our response is to set Saturday 1 September aside as a day of intercessory prayer for the diocese.

The Church will be well warmed before we gather at 10 am to celebrate a Eucharist, whose special intention will be to ask the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit in the testing days ahead for the diocese. The Church will remain open throughout the day so that parishioners can come and go as they have time available, to spend time in silent prayer to this end. A sign up sheet has gone up on the noticeboard so that parishioners can indicate which half hour slot they are available to come and spend time with God in this way. The day will conclude with Evening Prayer at 4pm.

An incidental benefit of the day is that our Church will be open to the public to visit as they please on the day in the week when they are most likely to have the leisure to do so. It is of course a great regret that the possibility of theft or vandalism prevents us doing this every day. In other churches I have served in we have located the parish office in the Church so it can remain open for prayer and meditation throughout the day. This also incidentally created useful opportunities for the Vicar to meet visitors in ways which can lead to their developing a relationship with their parish Church.

The diocesan office has provided a notebook in which we can write down what we think God has been saying to us as a way forward for the diocese. This notebook will be in a prominent place at the back of the Church, and will be sent in to the diocesan office at the end of the weekend. We can notice in passing that the day of intercession will helpfully precede and help to frame up the diocesan Synod, which will meet at St Hilda's school over the weekend of 14-16 September.

At the heart of our prayers on the day will be our heartfelt desire that our parish will come fully alive, with the ingathering of new parishioners, and the spread of the good news to many in our locality who want and need it. For this to happen we ourselves need to become deeply convinced **Christians. A useful prayer would be, "Lord, convert this parish, beginning with me."** ☩

THE CAVERSHAM LECTURES

Father Hugh Bowron—**Saint Peter's Parish Centre**



Monday, 15th October, 2pm and again at 7.30pm

Karl Rahner and the Concept of the Anonymous Christian

Can Atheists, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims be Implicit Christians?

Tuesday, 4th December, 2pm and again at 7.30pm

The Strange, Wonderful and Bleak Theological World of Rowan Williams



Characteristic Saint Peter's response

Saint Peter's has responded in a typically "Saint Peter's" way to The Bishop's request for special prayers for the future of the Diocese (see page 2).
But just what is a *Votive Mass*?

- ◆ A Mass offered for a votum, a special intention
- ◆ It is a very early practice. For example, in the fifth century, St Augustine, in *City of God*, tells the story of Hesperius, cured of an evil spirit by a private Mass with special prayers for him — a votive Mass for his cure
- ◆ You can find further information at <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15508b.htm> 

Margaret Fraser, RIP

An habitu e of our 8 o'clock service, Margaret Fraser died in Dunedin last month.



In his eulogy, Father Carl Somers-

Edgar paid tribute to Margaret's tireless work for the parish. Perhaps her longest-lasting legacy at Saint Peter's is the new Parish Centre, but she took an active part in many of our activities.

A parishioner profile appeared in The Rock of December 2011.

The parish's sympathies are extended to Margaret's family. 

Day of prayer in intercession for the Diocese

Saturday, 1 September

Saint Peter's Church

10am Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

4pm Evening Prayer

The Church will be open between these times
for private prayer

Sea Service

By Ian Condie

British cargo ships were monastic but secular establishments; women and clergy aboard being thought unlucky.

The two main catholic churches did not, however, abandon seafarers to their traditional lives of sin and debauchery. The Flying Angel and Stella Maris Missions to Seamen were established by the Anglican and Roman churches in major seaports. Their success depended largely on the character of the priest in charge although Stella Maris had a slight edge as it had bars.

That was counterbalanced by an unfounded suspicion that covert Jesuits lured unwary sailors into the clutches of Rome.

Canon Lawley Brown of the Auckland Flying Angel must have been known in all the Seven Seas. A good and loved figure along the waterfront and welcome aboard every ship, he would do his parish visitation around lunchtimes because that was when men had time to talk. He never 'preached', never condemned and never evaded an issue. I remember him walking along

the wharves exchanging badinage with the wharfies. On board he would be received with pleasure if he dropped in on a pre-lunch gathering.

Once when the officers were so gathered, one of them was telling a rabelaisian highly improper story and had just reached the very 'blue' punch line when there was a knock on the door frame. The curtain was pulled aside and the padre's face appeared.

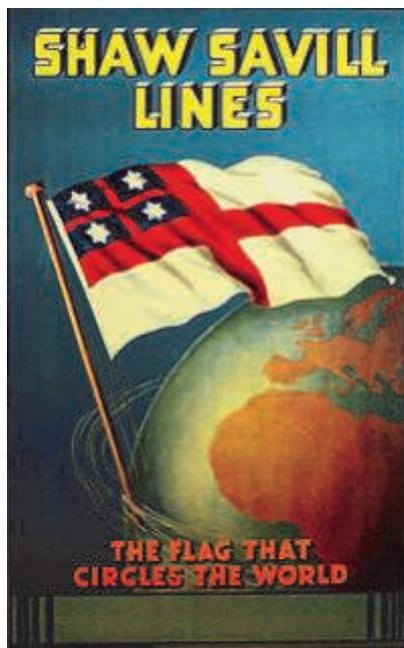
The sight of a clerical collar so shocked the storyteller that he ejaculated a blasphemy, taking the Lord's name firmly in vane.

Lawley Brown was not at all upset. His response, "no, just a humble follower," brought shouts of laughter and room was immediately

made for him.

When he retired, he and Mrs. Lawley Brown were given free return passages to England and were, I heard, much pampered during the voyages. ☒

Before becoming a stalwart of the 8am service, vestryman and synod representative of **Saint Peter's**, Ian Condie spent years at sea—and he has some stories to tell.

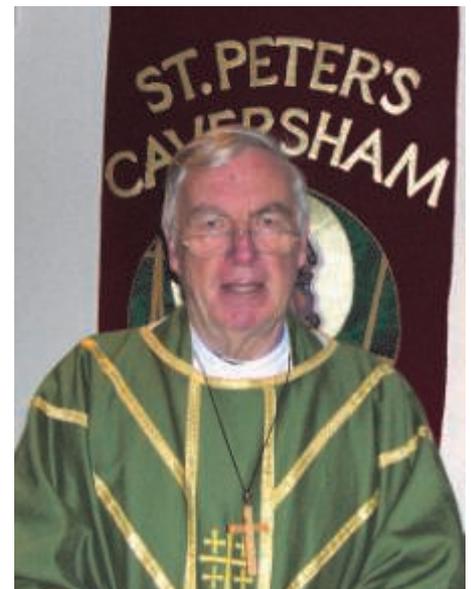


Retirement elusive

The Reverend Roger Barker (pictured below) took his first **services at Saint Peter's** while Father Hugh was on leave this month.

Mr Barker knew Father Hugh when they were colleagues in Wellington. He retired in 2009, but has since filled in for various parishes locally. In fact he says he has retired three times in the past two years.

He will return to take our Sunday services while Father Hugh is attending Synod and again later in the year. ☒



The Reverend Roger Barker after the 8am service on Sunday, 22nd August

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The Culinary Cleric

Chicken and vegetable lattice pie

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Serves four

Introducing The Culinary Cleric

Dear Readers,

First let me confess that I didn't volunteer for this job, I was shanghaied! However, having agreed to have a go I will try to be informative. I must make it clear though that I don't see myself as a Master Chef, I'm just a bloke whose marriage and family collapsed about twenty-five years ago and who found himself left with a sixteen year old schoolgirl daughter, a parish and a vicarage to look after. When the initial trauma was over I decided that I had a life of my own to live and that things would go on as normally as possible. In other words I decided that "A man can do anything" (except bear babies of course!) and this included the kitchen: so I began to build on what I remembered from my pre-married batching days. Now, all these years later, some people are kind enough to say I am a good cook. So, that's what I offer you.

I warn you that I am an old-fashioned cook, I tend to start from scratch and don't use many pre-made things. Also I don't over fuss about calories etc. I just try to present palatable food, some of it remembered from what my mother used to dish up in the days of the Depression in Britain. Most of my recipes come from various cookbooks, newspaper articles or friends; many have been adapted and changed.

Father Hugh is anxious that I kick-off with the recipe for a chicken and vegetable lattice pie that I offered at one of the church's recent pot-luck affairs, so here goes:-

Ingredients

- 1 sheet of frozen pre-rolled butter puff pastry (actually I use my own rough puff pastry for this, made with about 2 cups of flour etc.:.....recipe next time perhaps)

Filling:

- 125gms broccoli florets (about 1 3/4 cups)
- 2 medium carrots, sliced fairly thinly
- 2 celery sticks, sliced
- 60gms butter
- 60gms (1/2 cup) plain flour
- 300mls (1 & a quarter cups) milk
- 300mls (1 & a quarter cups) chicken stock
- 500gms cooked chicken, cubed (I use chicken breasts, but a cheaper substitute such as thighs would do)
- Pinch of dried tarragon (or 1tbsp. fresh chopped)
- Salt & pepper

Method:

Cook broccoli, celery and carrots in small amount of slightly salted water until just tender. Drain. Melt butter in medium sized saucepan; add the flour, stir the mixture, or roux, for a couple of minutes on moderate heat. Add the milk and stock and stir until the mixture boils and thickens, reduce heat to low and simmer for 1 minute.

Add the cooked chicken, tarragon and vegetables to the sauce. Season to taste. Transfer the mixture to a deep 1.5 litre (roughly two and a half pints) pie dish. Preheat oven to 220 degrees Celsius. Roll pastry to slightly larger area than pie dish. Cut into 1cm strips. Stick strips round rim of pie dish with water. Weave the rest of the strips over the chicken mixture. (If you are not sure how to do this ask me and I'll do a sketch and photocopy it for you. I'm not clever enough to do it on the computer!). Stick the ends of the lattice to the pastry covered rim with a dab of water and press down with finger tip. Beat a small egg and brush over pastry (milk would probably do if you feel this is too extravagant!). Bake for 25-30 minutes until golden. Serve hot.

There we are then, offering No. 1. Recently I was asked for the recipe of my short-crust pastry by a well established matron of our congregation, which surprised me a little. So perhaps a couple of pastry recipes may have something in them that not everyone knows. God Bless, and happy baking. ☑



Vestry In Brief

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

- ⇒ A notice has been installed *re* entry for visitors when the church is normally locked.
- ⇒ Documentation for the fire-wardens and a new fire plan have been completed.
- ⇒ David Hoskins has agreed to take over hall-bookings.
- ⇒ Father Hugh is on leave from 7–14th of August.
- ⇒ **The dinner at Frances Hodgkin's Retirement Village** was successful.
- ⇒ Parishioners are encouraged to use bank transfer instead of envelopes for giving.
- ⇒ David Scoular has offered to compile **The Rock in Dereck's absence**. Parishioners will be encouraged to provide short articles such as book and film reviews. Biographies and obituaries will be included in future editions. Letters to the editor are particularly encouraged. Vestry thanked Dereck for his work on the magazine.
- ⇒ Father Hugh reported on a number of contentious issues discussed at General Synod.

Heather Brooks (Vestry Secretary)

Fellowship

By Gwen Hudson and Gay Webb

Last month

The Fellowship's visitors' afternoon on Saturday, 28th July, saw a large group of visitors, parishioners,

was innovative and very well received.

Thanks go to our members who provided the sumptuous afternoon tea and also for the generous response to the raffle where over \$120 was made to go to missions.



David Hoskins 'on the job'

friends and family join together for an afternoon of musical entertainment, conversation and afternoon tea.

Once again we explored the organ's capabilities with David Hoskins and enjoyed not only his marvelous music but also his prowess as a teacher and raconteur. The grand finale where audience members made personal choices out of which David created a new organ composition

This month

The next Fellowship meeting is a Pot Luck Dinner on the 21st August at 6.30pm. Our guest speaker is Barbara Turnbull, a Red Cross nurse who has recently returned from Afghanistan. All are welcome to hear first hand what is really happening in this troubled part of the world. A gold coin donation for Red Cross would be welcome.



All Fellowship members are asked to assist. ☒

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*"Buildings are only brick and mortar;
it's our people who provide such quality
service to families"*

Alan Gillion

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Funeral Services

For parish updates between issues of
The Rock, visit our website at
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Regular Services

please consult the calendar or our website for variations

All services are held at Saint Peter's unless noted otherwise

SUNDAY:	8am	Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer
	10.30am	Solemn Eucharist
TUESDAY:	11am	Eucharist in the Chapel of St Barnabas' Home, Ings Avenue
THURSDAY:	10am	Eucharist
FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:	11am	Eucharist in the lounge of Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village, Fenton Crescent

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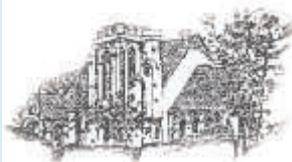
- ⇒ Meditation at Saint Peter's—how it's done and what it can do
- ⇒ Synod Snippets
- ⇒ More details on The Caversham Lectures scheduled for later this year
- ⇒ News, reviews and more

Thank you to all those who have contributed material for this issue and our store for the next. Keep it coming!

Special Services



Contact The Vicar to arrange baptisms, weddings, house blessings, burials, confessions and other special services.



CALENDAR

with festivals and observances

- Thu 23rd August
Rose of Lima, Mystic, 1617
- Fri 24th August
St Bartholomew, Apostle
- Sun 26th August
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th Sunday after Trinity
- Tue 28th August
Augustine, B. of Hippo, 430
- Sat 1st September
Builders of the Church of this Province
- Sun 2nd September
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th Sunday after Trinity
- Thu 6th September
Charles Fox, Scholar, 1977
- Fri 7th September
Saints & Martyrs of the Pacific
- Sat 8th September
Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sun 9th September
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th Sunday after Trinity
- Thu 13th September
Cyprian, B. of Carthage, 258
- Sun 16th September
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Cross Day
- Fri 21st September
St Matthew, Apostle
- Sun 23rd September
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th Sunday after Trinity
Churchill Julius, 1st Archbishop of NZ
- Sat 29th September
St Michael and All Angels
- Sun 30th September
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th Sunday after Trinity
Jerome, Priest, Translator of the Scriptures, 420

For your diary

- Tuesday, 21st August: **Saint Peter's Fellowship Pot Luck Tea**—see pg. 6.
Saturday, 1st September: Diocesan day of prayer—see pages 2 & 3.
Monday, 15th October: Caversham Lecture—**"Karl Rahner"**—see pg. 2.
Tuesday, 14th December: Caversham Lecture—**"Rowan Williams"**—see pg. 2.

Parish Centre Changes

One of our parish's greatest assets, the Parish Centre, has undergone a change of minder.

For many years Rita-May Brown has undertaken the duties of Hall Secretary, controlling bookings and making sure hall users have what they need.

She has now decided enough is enough though and has relinquished the position. We, and we are sure her many



A view from the lounge to the Clelland Hall and well equipped kitchen.

hall users, are most grateful for Rita-May's work over the years. The late Margaret Fraser also made a major contribution in "the hall".

The duties of Hall Secretary have been taken on by David Hoskins (no, he didn't have enough to do already!). Both David and The Vicar say this is a sensible arrangement as David's other duties as Director of Music and general master of all trades mean he already has a good idea of "who does what when" in the Parish Centre and of other parish activities which may be affected by a requested booking.

If you want to use the hall, or know someone outside the parish who is looking for a rental venue, David would love to hear from you. 📧



View from the Clelland Hall, through the lounge to the sun-drenched patio.

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