



Anglican Parish of  
Caversham Saint Peter,  
Dunedin, New Zealand

# THE ROCK

April 2013—Easter Eve



## Coach trip a notable success

By The Vicar

The excited chatter and warm conversation which accompanied the start of the recent bus trip was an early sign of how pleased people were with this mass parish outing. A last minute surge in bookings meant we had a bus full, with some additional support from Holy Cross St Kilda parishioners also.

Father Bernard Wilkinson joined us just short of our first destination, and rapidly took control of the expedition. He was our tour guide, and the preparations he and his wife had made meant that churches were open, and cups of tea were ready, as we arrived at our various points of interest.

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family, who were to have such a major influence on the life of the parish of Hampden Maheno. Father Bernard knows it well as Maheno parish church is now run from Oamaru. Our next port of call was **St Luke's Oamaru for a church tour, and then lunch.**

From there we proceeded down the coast road to Kakanui to inspect a diocese owned crib, which Anglicans can hire at very reasonable rates, and then on to the Maori Church at Moeraki, with its lovely east windows.

A contented and happy group returned to Dunedin just after 5. We owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Kate Paterson for initiating, organising and overseeing a most successful outing, which included some further fundraising by way of raffles for our recent hall interior redecoration. Now parishioner appetite has been whetted for more such expeditions. 

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Partying Parishioners. See further photo's on page 2.

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# Anglicans in Zimbabwe : an update

By Pamela Welch

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In July 2011, I wrote an article for The Rock entitled “Why aren’t you wearing flat shoes?” about the then state of the Anglican Church in Harare, Zimbabwe. If women did not wear flat shoes to services, they would be unable to run away from the riot police and their batons if the authorities decided to break up yet another Anglican attempt to worship.

Anglican churches and rectories, schools and offices, orphanages and clinics had been taken over, one by one, by a rogue former Bishop of Harare, Norbert Kunonga. He himself had been excommunicated by the Church of the Province of Central Africa in 2007 but he was protected by Zimbabwe’s rogue head of state, Robert Mugabe. Legitimate Anglicans have had a very tough time of it.

The lovely building in which we used to worship in the leafy Harare suburb of Borrowdale was one of the churches which Kunonga and his minions seized. Five years ago, the retired bishop, Sebastian Bakare, who was installed by the Province as the legitimate Bishop of Harare to replace Kunonga, arrived to take a service there on the Sunday before Christmas. He found the ‘rector’, one of Kunonga’s men, stamping up and down in the chancel of the church, in order to deny him access to the altar. He and the congregation were forcibly evicted and the

Bishop and the church wardens and several others were taken to the police station for questioning. The last person to be ‘bundled out’ of the church was my former headmistress, then some 85 years old.

Bishop Sebastian and the others were kept at the police station for at least two hours. When they were finally released, with no charges laid, and returned to the church, they found the entire congregation patiently waiting for them on the lawn outside the building. The Bishop was visibly moved and made a second visit, to be with these his people for the Christmas Eve service, which had to be held in the hall of a nearby school, as the church was now locked against them.

Last December, 2012, the Sunday before Christmas and so five years to the day since they were evicted, the Anglicans of Christchurch, Borrowdale, met once more for worship in their own, regained church. A very long and wearisome series of court battles had finally resulted in a decision of the Supreme Court which returned Anglican buildings and assets to their legitimate owners. Mrs Dorothy Twiss, my headmistress, said that ‘various squads of cleaners, restorers, gardeners and renovators of borehole, electrical system’ as well as the musicians had been able ‘to go about their multifarious businesses’ in peace, once the Supreme Court decision had been made.

This was not the case everywhere: in some places there was strong resistance and often thugs were hired to prevent re-possession of buildings. Most of the buildings were in poor repair and many lovely, local works of religious art have been destroyed or disappeared. Much hard work is going on to restore the buildings and make them fit for worship again.

The new Bishop of Harare, Chad Gandiya, who succeeded Sebastian Bakare in 2009, asked for the prayers of the Anglican Communion as the church was struggling to regain its sacred places. He called for a celebration of joy last November, when the Supreme Court decision was handed down.

While the Anglican Church in Harare and a couple of other dioceses where a similar seizure of power occurred have suffered material loss and perhaps need the help of the Communion for restoration work, and many people have indeed been traumatized by what has happened, there have also been stories coming in from all sides which show that the Church—which-is-the-people has grown not only in faithfulness and grace, but also in numbers. It is a familiar Christian story—persecution and suffering bringing out the true nature of the faith—but which of us thought we would see it unfold in our own Anglican Church, in our own time? 🇿🇼



A selection of photographs taken during the recent parish bus trip to North Otago.



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**Saint Peter's Caversham**

# The cook and the clergyman (2)



By Ian Condie

**O**n a previous occasion it was related how a clergyman, on board as a supernumerary, was pressed into serving as Ship's Cook. Perhaps fortunately his skill and repertoire was not tested extensively, for the official cook returned to consciousness within a day. He staggered out on deck and asked only two questions; what ship was he in and what time was it. On being told in no uncertain terms that it was nearly dinner time he went immediately to

the galley and set to work as if nothing untoward had happened.

Alas, a week later the cook broke into the bond locker. Full not only of whisky but bonhomie, he wandered out on deck offering to help clean the catch. As his presence was a danger both to himself and shipmates, he was told blasphemously what to do and where to go.

He chose to think he should go down to the Fish Room to help there, but the access was by means of a round

steel pillar with smooth steel brackets on each side as steps. Paddy managed to find the first rung, but fell the rest of the way to land at the feet of the men working below.

The concept of health and safety being far in the future, the body was heaved on top of the ten ton block of ice and left to recover, freeze or die and the clergyman resumed work in the galley. It should be recorded that the Cook and the rest of the crew survived to return safely to port. 🇳🇿

## CWS launches appeal for Syrian families



I am writing to ask for your help. Syria's bloody civil war is creating 5000 new refugees every day. With over five million affected that's more people than our total population. Four million people are internally displaced. Helping inside Syria is very hard, but for the 1.3 million refugees who have fled support is possible.



CWS partners in the ACT Alliance have been involved in Syria from the start. They have now been joined by our long time Middle Eastern partners, DSPR (Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees) providing practical support to refugees in Jordan and Lebanon. **It's support that gives both the basics, and**

some hope for the future, ranging from food and shelter through to school bags and stationery. It includes medical checks and care for people in desperate need of both.

Conditions in the Jordanian and Lebanese refugee camps are harsh but help can reach the families crammed into what available shelter there is. You can **help Syria's refugees both survive and build hope for the future.**

Please, if you can, give a gift—so our partners can turn concern into practical action.

Thank you for helping us carry on our tradition of helping where need is greatest.

*Pauline McKay*

Pauline McKay  
National Director 🇳🇿

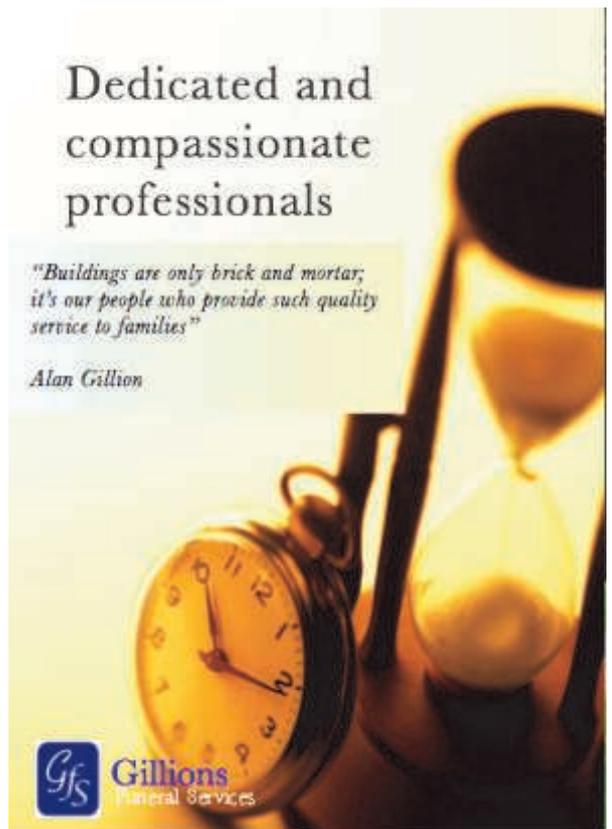
Part of a letter Parish Christian World Service contact, Joan Dutton, received recently from CWS.

Contact her if you would like to help or to learn more.

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*"Buildings are only brick and mortar,  
it's our people who provide such quality  
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*Alan Gillion*



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# Easter in the Arche

By Alex Chisholm

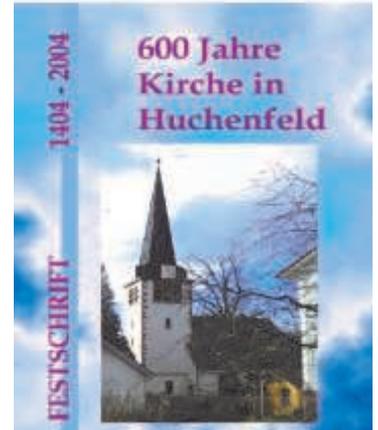
**T**he Easter celebrations in the Arche in Neckargemünd have similarities to those at Saint Peter's, but with certain differences due to the special character of the Arche. On Maundy Thursday (Gründonnerstag) evening the Catholic congregation celebrates Mass and the Protestant congregation a special Communion meal. Starting at 10pm there is a Prayer Night in the chapel for both congregations. On Good Friday (Karfreitag) there is an ecumenical service with communion at 10.45am, when the cross is decorated with flowers.



This is followed by an ecumenical **Young People's Way of the Cross**, which starts from two different chapels and finishes with the last three stations of the Cross in a local Closter church. Each year has a theme and in 2012 it was "Deliver us" ("Er-löse uns"). In the Easter Night there is an ecumenical service—with renewal of baptismal vows and an Easter fire—though this latter is a large outdoor event.



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On Easter Day there are separate services at 10.45am followed by combined morning coffee and a children's Easter egg hunt, then on Easter Monday, again at 10.45am, another Ecumenical service. The "Catholic half" of the Arche influences many of the features we would find familiar.

The services described for the Arche are rather different from my memories of the Evangelische Landeskirche in Baden (Protestant Church in Baden) with which we were involved for 7½ years. In our parish in Huchenfeld the Gründonnerstag (Maundy Thursday) service in the evening was a particularly solemn occasion—the women came dressed in black and sat on one side of the church while the men sat on the other. Having just looked at the very bright website of the parish now, I suspect there may well have been changes. However the "parish" itself has been there for a fair while and in 2004 celebrated 600 years of a church in that location.

The "children's Easter egg hunt" which takes place in and around the Arche on Easter

Day, after the service, is a widely popular custom in Germany. The popular myth has it that the Easter rabbit brings the Easter Eggs, and indeed we had a family version of this practice.

Waldemar the Steiff® hand puppet in the photo has been a part of our family since my



children had just started school and has gone on to "entertain" my grandchildren. Over the years Waldemar's "arrival" with his basket of eggs on Easter Day afternoon has been accompanied by short stories of his and his relative's adventures since last Easter, after which he remained for at least week or until all the eggs had been consumed.

The painted eggs hanging from the greenery are also a widely practised custom and the types and designs of the traditional hand painted eggs may vary from one region to another. 📺

Next: Pagan customs in relation to Christianity: pre-Lenten festivities, in Germany.




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# Nutritious

## Messengers of Autumn

By Alex Chisholm



Every season has characteristics we treasure and that are often associated with special memories. If the weather is being kind Autumn often arrives quite slowly. The leaves on the trees gradually change colour and it becomes progressively cooler as the days draw in. If you are fortunate to have a large walnut tree in your

fats, which are otherwise found pre-formed in fish. For people (vegans) who eat no animal products of any kind, walnuts can be very beneficial. One end product of all this metabolic activity is compounds called eicosanoids, which can be produced by all the cells in our bodies and act near where **they are produced as “chemical messengers”**. They have various roles in



“Walnuts are a very special nut”

PHOTO: SUPPLIED

garden then the gentle plop of the nuts landing on the ground may be an announcement of Autumn. Walnuts are a very special nut as they contain an essential fatty acid—alpha linolenic acid (ALA)—which is not found in many foods. Fatty acids are the building blocks of the fats in our foods and the way they are put together determines their function. Our bodies can use this ALA fatty acid to make “long chain”

inflammation, fever, regulation of blood pressure, blood clotting, the immune system, tissue growth, and regulation of the sleep/wake cycle.

However, one of the pleasant aspects of really fresh walnuts is that they taste so good, make a wonderful snack and are beneficial not just for vegans.

Also autumn favourites are grapes and one of their products, wine. In Germany the grape harvest and first pressings are celebrated with “Neuer Wein und Zwiebelkuchen” (new wine and onion tart). The new wine is literally that and has a much lower alcohol content, does not store well and has to be consumed shortly after production.

I don't know how the new wine would go down here—but I think it's time I went in search of some onion tart recipes. 📧



“Autumn favourite”

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### Psalm 104:14-15

English Standard Version (ESV)

14 You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth  
15 and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.



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Send your recipe for onion tart to The Rock and we'll print it for Alex and our readers

# Saint Peter's People

## Coral Paris' story

As told to Michael Forrest

**C**oral Paris was born and raised in Waipawa, Central Hawkes Bay. Her parents were English, her father coming to New Zealand as a teenager and her mother as a child of 9 with her family.

She has lived in Waverley now for fifteen years. Her family comprises three sons and a daughter and nine grandchildren. Two of her sons live in Dunedin and one in Hamilton, while her daughter lives in Christchurch. She appreciates the fact that at least they are still all in New Zealand.

Coral left Hawkes Bay in 1955 and lived in a girls' hostel for a year's study at Victoria University in Wellington in order to pass Medical Intermediate exams which permitted her to study for a further three years and obtain a Bachelor of Home Science (now Consumer and Applied Science) degree from the University of Otago. She specialised in mathematics and put this to use as a secondary teacher, firstly for two years at Kaikorai Valley High School in its second and third years of existence. She then took nine years off to raise her children. Being rung up and asked to teach part-time at Saint Dominic's Roman Catholic girls' school (which merged with St Philomena's to become Moreau College, which then merged with St Paul's boys' school to become the present-day Kavanagh College) led to 25 years of teaching in Catholic schools in Dunedin. At Kavanagh she rose to the level of Assistant Principal, a senior administrative position where Coral was in charge of teacher development. After her retirement she was recalled to relieve the Deputy Principal—another step up—who was on sick leave for six months.

Coral's mother was a devout Anglican who attended church every Sunday morning and evening and Coral naturally followed suit. She sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. This was at Saint Peter's, but in Waipawa, not Dunedin. She



These parishioners, who all joined Saint Peter's during the 1960's, are pictured at parish anniversary celebrations held over Labour Weekend, 1969.

**Back row:** Alex Holmes, Allan Paris, Ern Powell, Father Roger Taylor (Vicar)

**Middle row:** Leith Johnston, unidentified parishioner, Kath Holmes, Mrs. Taylor, Doreen Fraser, Coral Paris, Mrs. Powell, unidentified parishioner

**Front row:** David, Mark, Stephanie and Grant Paris, unidentified parishioner

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and her late husband Allan were married there too. When they settled in Dunedin as newly-weds they lived first in an old cottage in Canongate and attended the Cathedral. As a student Coral had attended All Saints', Dunedin North. They became parishioners of Saint Peter's Caversham in 1961, so Coral has been one of our people for 52 years. During this time she has been a member of the Mothers' Union then the AAW, a Vestry-member and People's Warden, and still serves on

the readers', intercessors', sides persons', sanctuary-guild and morning-tea rosters.

These days Coral plays bridge "a lot" and paints "in fits and starts" - acrylics on paper or canvas. She belongs to an Art Society and is a committee member of a Probus club which she enjoys. Our parish is enriched by having talented and interesting parishioners like Coral. ☑

**You can help**

We are keen to put names to the unidentified parishioners in the caption of the photograph above. If you can help, please let us know by emailing

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or non-electronically care of the vicarage.

## Regular Services

*please consult The Pebble 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



## Special Services

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

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## Vestry In Brief:

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

- ⇒ Father Hugh noted we may be the last true Anglo-Catholic church in New Zealand
- ⇒ We have accepted the diocesan offer of service for our IEP report concerning the earthquake susceptibility of the church building
- ⇒ Uniprint will provide posters for the church noticeboard at very reasonable cost
- ⇒ Our treasurer has advised us to delay the AGM until the last Sunday in April
- ⇒ Father Hugh will be taking a few days' break after Easter
- ⇒ We are currently running a budget deficit, which is being covered by interest from bequest funds. It is hoped that financial equilibrium can be restored
- ⇒ Our giving will be redistributed as follows: Anglican Care \$200/month + food baskets; Anglican missions \$80/month + coins collected on Sundays. Mission boxes are not collected regularly but this money will continue to go to Anglican Missions. We also support the CWS Christmas appeal
- ⇒ The sum of \$1000 per annum from interest on the Warrington bequest will be reserved to pay specialist musicians for certain services
- ⇒ Father Hugh has prepared a leaflet explaining the changes to the 10.30 am Sunday service.

Heather Brooks (Vestry Secretary)

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

- ⇒ Father Hugh reported Holy Week and the first of the year's Caversham Lectures went well. During winter he will concentrate on a stewardship campaign and getting house groups under way
- ⇒ We may be able to avoid drawing from capital for this month's running expenses
- ⇒ New arrangements were agreed for remunerating David Hoskins as Hall Custodian/Manager
- ⇒ The draft budget for the coming year was approved for submission to the AGM.

David Scoular (Minute taker in the secretary's absence)

## For your diary

Tuesday 30 April: The Caversham Lectures at 2pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. *Framers of Anglican Identity: John Donne.*

Sunday, 5 May: The Red Cross Choir joins us for the 10.30 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 7 May: The Caversham Lectures at 2pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. *Framers of Anglican Identity: Richard Baxter.*

Tuesday 14 May: The Caversham Lectures at 2pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. *Framers of Anglican Identity: F D Maurice.*

Saturday, 11 May: 'Saturday Serenade' concert at 2pm. See page 8.

Tuesday, 18 June: Friendship Group's midwinter lunch at St Barnabas at 12 noon following 11am Eucharist.

# Help!

We can't decide on a caption for this photograph of parish identities, but we're sure there is one—or more—to suit it admirably.

Send your ideas to The Editors, by email to

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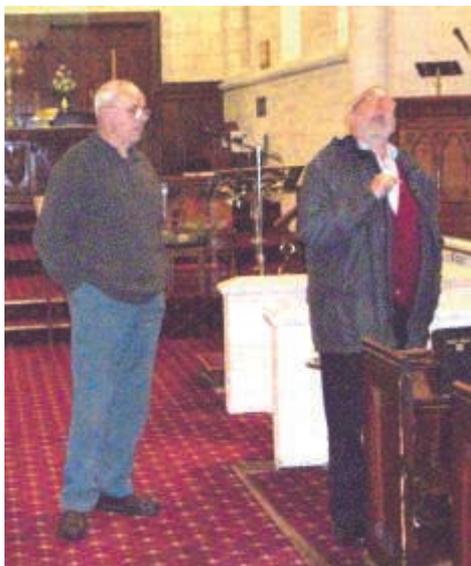


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## THE CAVERSHAM LECTURES

### Flying start to 2013

By Alex Chisholm

On 9 April 2013, this year's Caversham Lectures got off to a flying start with an address by Professor Bill Harris, University of Otago Department of Politics, entitled "The Disintegration of Syria and Lebanon, and where this leaves the Christian minority". Prof Harris explained the historical background of the Levant, the effect of a common dialect among several regions, the geographical distribution of different ethnic and religious groups (Druse, Sunni and Shia) and the settlement of Maronite Christians around Mt Lebanon. The complex political situation, the rise to power of a small group, the Alawites, who support the present regime in Syria, the persecution of Sunni Muslims, the movement of Christians into the Lebanon, and a discussion of the present situation in Syria rounded out the presentation. There was then time for the small but appreciative audience to ask questions over supper. 📧



Professor Bill Harris getting The Caversham Lectures under way for 2013

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## Saturday Serenade

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**Allan Edwards**—Organ    **William Smaile**—Baritone  
**David Hoskins**—Organ  
**Helen Scott**—Soprano

**Peter Chin**—Master of Ceremonies

**Saturday May 11, 2013. 2pm**  
**in Saint Peter's Church,**  
**Hillside Road**



John Lewis

Entry by Programme at door: \$10 (In aid of the Parish Centre refurbishment.)

The Vicar's series on *Framers of Anglican Identity* began in April and will be reported later, probably when the series is complete.

## Coming Up

*Framers of Anglican Identity* continues, with John Donne on 30 April, Richard Baxter on 7 May, F D Maurice on 14 May and Charles Gore on 28 May.



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