



THE ROCK



Anglican Parish of
Caversham Saint Peter,
Dunedin, New Zealand

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Church Earthquake Strengthening Measures

By The Vicar

Last month's *Rock* summarised the engineering report we received from Hanlon's on the state of the Church building.

At its last meeting the Vestry resolved to act on the findings of the report.

Vestry Resolutions

At its 1 May 2019 meeting the Saint Peter's Caversham Vestry passed the following resolutions:

- ◆ Noting the recent geo-technical and engineering report on the Church, together with its recommendations and costings, Vestry resolves to seek the necessary consents from the Dunedin City Council and approvals from the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Trust Board for the recommended work to proceed
- ◆ Noting the costings in the Hanlons report Vestry resolves to immediately draw down all its units from the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund referred to in the AGM accounts as the Saint Peter's Renovation Fund in preparation for funding the earthquake strengthening and renovation of the Church
- ◆ Noting the further funding required for these projects Vestry resolves to devote all of next year's grant from the D'Arcy Christopher estate to this purpose
- ◆ Noting the further funding required to finance these projects Vestry resolves to seek funding assistance from the Dunedin City Council Heritage Fund, the Lotteries Heritage Fund and the Community Trust to make up the shortfall—Father Hugh to file the DCC

Heritage Fund application, the Wardens the Lotteries Heritage Fund application and Tubby Hopkins the Community Trust application.

The problem

These are the issues the Hanlons report highlighted. The west wall of the church is leaning inwards exerting pressure on the roof and pushing it towards the east end of the church thus causing the concrete cladding in that area to crack.

The roof is in any case approaching the end of its life. This roof vulnerability is the main cause of the building being only at 20% of code. The chimney on the sacristy roof and the crosses on the church roof are a hazard for those attempting to rapidly exit the building as they could fall on fleeing congregants.

The crenelated fingers running along the top on

the bell tower, which look like medieval battlements, are a hazard as they are likely to fall on the Hillside Road footpath in the event of an earthquake.

Sections of the church floor are uneven with evident distress to the floor timbers, piles and packing.

The proposed solution

The Hanlons report proposed these solutions. Replace the roof slates, add a plywood roof diaphragm, anchor the strengthened roof diaphragm to the exterior brick walls, remove the roof crosses and the sacristy roof chimney,

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Expedition to Pukehiki Church

To celebrate the
feast of
St Bartholomew



24 August 2019

11am Eucharist

Followed by lunch

at the Portobello Hotel

By The Vicar

Saint Peter's often has an outing to a church of interest in the region to have a Service there and to follow up with a meal together. This year's expedition will be to the Pukehiki Church on Highcliff Road in the vicinity of Portobello.

This is an attractive and intriguing building. For most of its life it was a Presbyterian Church but in 1992 it was sold to a local conservation trust for 10 cents. Since then the trust has endeavoured to hold bi-monthly Services there, to encourage its use as a wedding chapel venue and to maintain the building to a high standard.

Our outing will be on Saturday 24 August when we will keep the feast of St Bartholomew with a Eucharist at 11 am and will then proceed to the Portobello Hotel for lunch. Please sign the booking notice on the Link noticeboard so we can book in to the restaurant.

In my visits to Britain I have been most impressed with the work of the Churches Conservation Trust, a

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reinforce the roof fingers with a steel ring beam, re-clad the east end exterior wall, replace the church floor.

Consultation with DCC Heritage Advisor

I have met with Dr Andrea Farminer, the DCC Heritage Advisor, on site to brief her on the project and have received a favourable response. I will shortly meet with her and the local Heritage New Zealand (HNZ) advisor to seek approval from HNZ for the details of the project. A copy of the Hanlons report has been issued to the DCC Heritage Committee.

Timing of DCC Consent Applications

When the drawdown of the parish's units from the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund has occurred the parish will lodge consent applications with the DCC for the project to proceed with Hanlons managing the paperwork required for this. The consenting process is expected to take six weeks to two months.

Operational Phase of the Project

We propose to execute the project in two stages.

The first stage—replacing the roof slates (acting on advice from Cameron Roofing we have decided to use traditional slates rather than Ecostar tile roofing as this latter American made product does not cope well with New Zealand UV rays), placing a ply diaphragm over existing roof framing, tying the roof to the walls, removing the crosses on the roof and the chimney over the sacristy, replacing the existing cladding to the east end wall, inserting a ring beam anchor around the crenelated fingers of the bell tower—will be carried out as soon as possible as this will take the building from 20% of the building code to 65%. It is estimated this work will take one to two months.

The second stage—the floor repairs and replacement—will take place when the D'Arcy Christopher and funding application monies have been received.

Funding the Project

The parish has sufficient funds to hand to carry out stage one once its units invested in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund have been drawn down. There is one proviso to this. It assumes there will not be a major meltdown on world stock markets in the next three months. The parish must

give three months' notice to the Diocesan Trust Board before the units are valued, shares sold and the funds are transferred to the parish.

The parish will have sufficient funds to proceed to stage two once the next tranche of the D'Arcy Christopher money becomes available in March 2020 and funding applications with the above mentioned funding agencies have been processed. The parish will request \$20,000 from each.

Clarification of costings

The parish is currently requesting quotes from various tradesmen to see if the Flanders Marlow costings in the Hanlons report are accurate.

Church lighting

One set of the church lights is high up in the roof. Replacing light bulbs when they fail would be very difficult given current health and safety legislation. The parish will investigate alternative lighting possibilities which could be implemented when the roof is being replaced as stage one of the project is executed.

Selection of project manager

The parish is currently searching for an appropriate project manager.

This faculty application

In the three month waiting period before consent applications can be lodged with the DCC the parish has filed a faculty application for both stages of the project. This permission giving process must proceed through the Archdeacon, the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Trust Board, a cumbersome process.

The future

Saint Peter's Caversham is a going concern and is confident of its future. It is in this confident expectation that it has requested permission to carry out the necessary work to secure the safety of the church building in to the future.

This essential work is also a reminder of the importance of remembering your parish church in your will. The Saint Peter's Renovation Fund will need to be replenished after this work is done. You can be sure further work will need to be carried out on our beautiful church in the future. At a time when churches are being demolished all over Dunedin we need to make sure our parish church can sail confidently into the future. 📧

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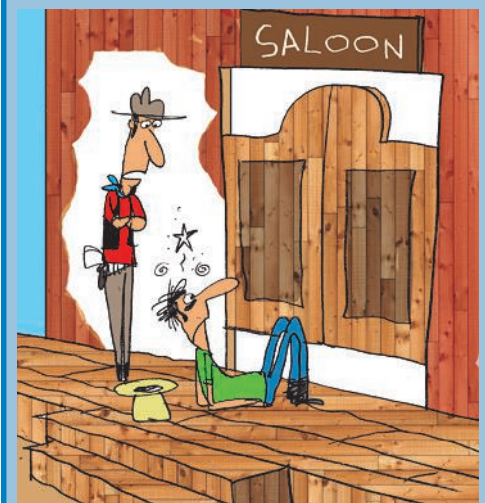
The Articles of Religion

ISSUED BY THE CONVOCATION OF CLERGY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN 1571

XXIV. Of Speaking in the Congregation in such a Tongue as the people understandeth.

It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the Primitive Church to have public Prayer in the Church, or to minister the Sacraments, in a tongue not understood of the people.

The Frolicsome Friar



"I see the exit interview didn't go well."

SOURCE: WWW.HOWTOGEEK.COM.

By Di Bunker,

People's Warden

Every time I go to England I try to visit Durham Cathedral.

David Best was confirmed there and it holds special memories for the Best family

The Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert of Durham, commonly known as Durham Cathedral and home of the Shrine of St Cuthbert, is the seat of the Bishop of Durham, the fourth-ranked bishop in the Church of England hierarchy. The present cathedral was begun in 1093 and is regarded as one of the finest examples of Romanesque.



Durham Cathedral from the north.

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The towers at the end of the nave.

The relics of Saint Cuthbert, transported to Durham by Lindisfarne monks in the ninth century, the head of Saint Oswald of Northumbria, and the remains of the Venerable Bede are in the Cathedral. In addition, its library contains one of the most complete sets of early printed books in England, the pre-Dissolution monastic accounts and three copies of the Magna Carta.

The Bishop was, until the mid 19th century, a prince-bishop as he held the title of Earl Palatine, with military and civil leadership to protect the Scottish Border.

The see of Durham takes its origins from the Diocese of Lindisfarne, founded by Saint Aidan at the behest of Oswald of Northumbria around 635. After repeated Viking raids, the monks fled Lindisfarne in 875, carrying Saint Cuthbert's relics with them. After some adventures they ended up in Durham.

Initially, a very simple temporary structure was built from local timber to house the relics of Cuthbert. The shrine was transferred to a sturdier, wooden building known as the White Church. This church



By Deirdre Harris,

Vicar's Warden

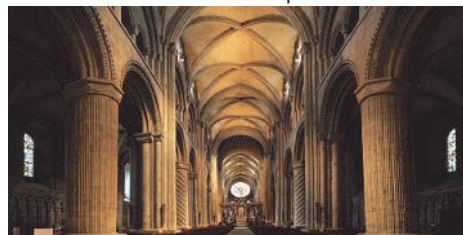
I have lived in five different countries and in at least twice as many towns. I am continually surprised that most people I meet here have been born in Dunedin. If they have not spent all their lives here but have been away for some years they have returned to work or to retire here.

Dunedin and Otago obviously have a special "something". Everyone is very welcoming and happy to find that I like Dunedin. I guess I will always be a "newcomer" here, but I enjoy meeting "locals" and hearing their stories and I look forward to continuing to meet all the parishioners at Saint Peter's. ☒

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was replaced three years later in 998 by a stone building also known as the White Church, which was complete apart from its tower by 1018. Durham soon became a site of pilgrimage, encouraged by the growing cult of Saint Cuthbert. King Canute was one early pilgrim.

The present cathedral was designed and built under William of St Carilef who was appointed as the first prince-bishop by King William the Conqueror in 1080. Since that time, there have been major additions and reconstructions of some parts of the building, but the greater part



Nave of Durham Cathedral in 2010.

of the structure remains true to the original design. Construction of the cathedral began in 1093 at the eastern end. The choir was completed by 1096 and work proceeded to completion in 1135.



The cloisters at Durham Cathedral.

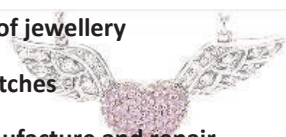
After the Battle of Dunbar on 3 September 1650, Durham Cathedral was used by Oliver Cromwell as a makeshift prison to hold Scottish prisoners of war. As many as 3,000 were imprisoned, of whom 1,700 died in the cathedral itself where they were kept in

inhumane conditions, largely without food, water or heat. The prisoners destroyed much of the cathedral woodwork for firewood. The survivors were shipped as slave labour to North America. ☒

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A versatile legume

By Alex Chisholm

Chickpeas are a very versatile legume with a healthy nutrient profile and are a rich source of fibre. As one of the most widely consumed legumes in the world, chickpeas have been eaten in the Middle East for almost 10,000 years. Chickpeas (*Cicer arietinum* L.), also known as garbanzo beans, or Bengal gram are an old world pulse (i.e., edible seeds) belonging to the legume family and have traditionally been incorporated into many culinary eating patterns. Chickpeas are thought to have originated in the Levant and ancient Egypt, as the plant prefers temperate and semiarid regions. Presently India is the world's leading



Chickpeas growing in Washington State.

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producer of chickpeas, producing around 8 million tons. Worldwide over 14.2 metric tons of chickpeas were harvested in 2014 according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Two main varieties of chickpeas exist: the light seeded Kabuli type and the smaller dark Desi type. Pulses are unique in comparison to other plant foods as they

contain higher proportions of protein (17%–30% by dry weight). The main proteins found in chickpeas are similar to other legumes. In general legumes are known to be an excellent source of dietary protein, though the proteins present in legumes are not considered “complete” when compared to protein from most animal sources. However when combined with foods such as wholegrains (e.g., whole grain bread), a balance of essential amino acids can be achieved.

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Nutrition Facts

Chickpeas ▾

Amount Per 100 grams ▾

Calories 364

	% Daily Value*		
Total Fat 6 g	9%		
Saturated fat 0.6 g	3%		
Polyunsaturated fat 2.7 g			
Monounsaturated fat 1.4 g			
Cholesterol 0 mg	0%		
Sodium 24 mg	1%		
Potassium 875 mg	25%		
Total Carbohydrate 61 g	20%		
Dietary fiber 17 g	68%		
Sugar 11 g			
Protein 19 g	38%		
Vitamin A	1%	Vitamin C	6%
Calcium	10%	Iron	34%
Vitamin D	0%	Vitamin B-6	25%
Cobalamin	0%	Magnesium	28%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture



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A versatile legume

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Consumption of chickpeas and/or hummus is in line with the healthy eating patterns recommended by the Mediterranean-style diet, the new Canadian Guidelines which emphasise plant proteins and whole grains (*The Rock* April 2019), New Zealand recommendations and the new Planetary Health Diet. The carbohydrate in chickpeas is known to have a lower glycaemic index (GI)—that is it causes a smaller rise in blood glucose levels. Eating chickpeas with foods which have a higher GI (e.g. white bread) has been shown to significantly lower blood glucose after 45 minutes, thus having a longer term effect.

Chickpeas are sources of not only of protein, but also dietary fibre, resistant starch, polyunsaturated fatty acids, vitamins and minerals, especially folate, calcium, magnesium and potassium. They are also of interest for gluten free diets. It has been suggested that chickpea and hummus consumers have improved nutrient intakes and diet quality compared to non consumers. In Western culture, chickpea

For an absolutely fabulous treat try the Hazelnut Hummus from Uncle Joes walnuts and Hazelnuts <http://www.unclejoes.co.nz/recipes/hazelnut-hummus>



consumption is increased through the intake of hummus, though depending on the recipe this may be less healthy than chickpeas on their own. Traditional hummus is a dip or spread made from cooked, mashed chickpeas, blended with tahini, olive oil, lemon juice and spices. There are numerous websites with creative recipes for using chickpeas and I for one intend to try out a number of them in the near future. I'll let you know how that goes but meantime I'd better buy a few more cans or start cooking up dried chickpeas.

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Church Romanesque architecture

Rod Hamel

Nutifacts

- ◆ Chickpeas are available canned and ready to use, or raw requiring soaking and cooking before use. Instructions are available for various methods of cooking without prior soaking (see refs) but anyone who has digestive upsets with beans is advised to soak chickpeas before cooking. Cooking them from raw means they can then be divided into serving size portions and frozen.
- ◆ Adding chickpeas to 'moist cooking recipe' dishes helps to thicken them and add fibre. As chickpeas have a very bland flavour they can easily be added to recipes and take up the taste of the food be it vegetable curry or a meat casserole. I used to recommend them frequently when giving practical advice on diets for heart health as they are also good sources of soluble fibre—the type which may help to lower blood cholesterol.

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Memories of a Vicar's Warden

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house which is not very user friendly and is expensive to heat.

I'm pleased to say that I believe the current investigation into earthquake proofing the church building will be a good indication to all that we are here, we're not dying and we're moving forward to the years ahead with some positivity.

Enough about buildings, now my thoughts on the appointment of any future Vicars. When Father Carl advised us of his intention to retire he gave us four or five months' notice thinking that it would give us some valuable time to look for and appoint his replacement, a great and thoughtful idea, however, the powers that be in the administration of the Diocese refused to allow us to advertise the position until the incumbent Vicar had actually left the parish, effectively putting us about five months behind in our effort to appoint a new Vicar. (Not that we were unhappy at who was finally appointed, Father Hugh). The position was advertised world wide and there were a few applicants. One in particular who showed a bit of promise was Dean of an American Cathedral, who supplied about five referees along with their email addresses. One of these was his Bishop. There were no replies to my email seeking their comment after about two weeks so I decided to call his Bishop. One morning about 7.00am NZ Time, I asked for his comment. I did say to him that I was somewhat surprised that not one of them replied, his

response was, "Oh that doesn't surprise me, when I send an email, I'm lucky to have 10 – 15% who reply." Anyway, I explained why I had called him and he said "Just a minute while I close the door" sound of door closing, and he said, "That particular person's contracted time was up, he'd reapplied but he definitely will not be reappointed!" At that I decided I'd heard enough and thanked him for his time.

During the interregnum one of the things I had to do was make sure we had clergy arranged to take the two Services on Sunday morning. Bishop Kelvin did assist with arranging someone short term but we really needed something a bit more specific than that. One night I received a 'phone call from Father Bernard Wilkinson who was retired and living in Oamaru. He always seemed to have a soft spot for Saint Peter's, having served as curate here in the fifties and had also filled in in more recent times and he offered to take both services each Sunday until the appointment of another Vicar. He was happy to do this at no cost except reimbursement of travel expenses, and as the vicarage was

unoccupied at the time he was happy to camp there at the weekends. I say camp because that was literally what he was doing as he had to cope with tradesmen around as they were painting and papering the vicarage at the time. He incidentally undertook to visit every parishioner, which he did do except one who flatly refused a visit. Had it not been for Bernard's kind offer to help as required, my life would have been much more stressful during the interregnum.

In more recent times I served as one of the Parish Synod Representatives during which time we selected and later elected Steven Benford as our Bishop. I found this an interesting experience which was a first for me and most likely a last as well. I was also involved in the process of Father Brian being ordained at St Paul's Cathedral, again, an interesting and pleasing experience.

The life of a Warden is never dull and in most cases interesting and enjoyable. 📺



**Father Carl Somers-Edgar—
"...gave us four or five months' notice..."**



**Father Bernard Wilkinson—
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**Bishop Steven Benford—
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cultural centres where they can play a part in regenerating local communities. Often neighbouring parishes have a regular cycle of Services in them. Usually they are open during the day to visit, for quiet reflection and for prayer. It would be wonderful if such an organisation came into existence in New Zealand. At Pukehiki this seems to have happened in microcosm. 📺

Regular Services

(for variations consult *The Pebble* or our website)
All services are held in Saint Peter's unless noted otherwise

SUNDAY:

8am: Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer
10.30am: Solemn Sung Eucharist
5pm: **every second Sunday:** Evensong and Benediction followed by a social gathering in the lounge.

THURSDAY:

10am: Eucharist

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

11am: Eucharist in the lounge of Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village, Fenton Crescent

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Vestry Notes

By Alex Chisholm

Vestry Secretary

Vestry meetings are generally held every two months. Major points from the May meeting are:

- ◆ Holy Week and the Pascal Tridium were carried out to a high standard
- ◆ It was pleasing to see members of the 8am congregation present at the Good Friday Service
- ◆ 20 people attended Evensong and Benediction on Easter Day
- ◆ There has been a number of new people present and some will return. In addition some congregation members from previous years returned
- ◆ Further steps to resolve the sound system problems are under way
- ◆ Plans for having the Church open on Saturdays and associated notices were finalised
- ◆ Plans for progressing earthquake strengthening were progressed [see story on page 1—Ed.]
- ◆ Steps are under way for additional defibrillator training. 📺

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Sunday, 23 June : Deadline for copy for the June edition of *The Rock*

Sunday, 30 June : Patronal Festival

Saturday 24 August : Expedition to Pukehiki Church for 11am Eucharist followed by lunch at the Portobello Hotel

Saturday, 7 September : Concert by The St Kilda Brass Band ("The Saints")

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Memories of a Vicar's Warden

By Tubby Hopkins

When I was originally elected to the vestry there were usually 10 or 12 people and they were elected, because nominations usually exceeded positions. Now we run very successfully with 7 or 8 people. Thinking back to who was on the vestry at that time, I think most of them have passed on. One I'll never forget was Grace McAllan, who was a marvellous worker for the church over many years, serving in many different roles during her time. The last item on the Agenda was always, "Any Further Business". You could guarantee Grace would have an item she wanted discussed, usually some insignificant item which could be dealt with in 30 seconds. When the Vicar, at that time Father Carl, asked "is there any further business?", all eyes turned to Grace waiting for her discussion point. When she finally retired and the question was asked, "Is there any further business?", all eyes would turn to the window, in the expectation of seeing "the ghost of Grace" peering in at us. It was always a great source of amusement for all.

In the 1980s when Saint Peter the Less was closed and that congregation joined us, the decision was made to sell off the church and property. We decided to sell it to the woman who leased the hall for her ballet dancing group, as she had expressed interest previously in the event the property was sold. A price was agreed and the deal was done. A few months later we had a letter from the Inland Revenue Department

(IRD) requesting payment of several thousand dollars for GST. "GST, what GST?" we asked. It turned out the purchaser, who was GST registered, had quite legitimately claimed her GST payment from IRD. The ruling was that because the negotiations of price for the property sale did not state "excluding GST" it had to be paid. We sought legal opinions and tried negotiating with IRD and whilst all were sympathetic to our situation the end result was that we had to



Tubby Hopkins, who retired at this year's AGM after many years as Vicar's Warden.

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pay. So what we had thought was a fair price, suddenly had 10 or 12% chopped off it. An expensive lesson learned and something to be remembered in future.

Talking of property brings to mind "the cottage". Old it may be and like all property, it does need some maintenance from time to time. Sometimes I've heard parishioners say it should be bowled over and fortunately that idea was never acted on. In the past 20 years, the rent received is in excess of \$140,000! Could we have earned that income if it was just a patch of lawn, which had to be mowed? I don't think so. Sure, we have had a number of tenants in that time, some of whom have let us down in rent payments, but that would probably amount to less than \$1000 overall.

One of the roles of a Warden is maintenance of church properties, which brings me to what I believe to be one of the biggest mistakes we made, the upgrade to the kitchen and bathrooms in the vicarage. I realise there are many, including me, who believe the Vicarage to be a great building which adds to the features and appeal of the church BUT just looking at the simple economics, for not a huge amount more than we paid for the upgrade at the time we could have demolished the Vicarage building and could have built a new, single level 4/5 bedroom house, garage included fully insulated and double/triple glazed and with modern heating. Now what have we got? A hundred year old property which still looks good but will continue to need on going maintenance and is extremely difficult to heat. It needs to be remembered that future Vicars would probably be attracted to a warm, modern home, rather than a lovely looking old

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The upgrade to the vicarage kitchen. "... one of the biggest mistakes we made".

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