

7 pm Eucharist in the Church, and will then adjourn to the Vicarage to study the New Testament Mass readings for the following Sunday, followed by a period of silent prayer which will lead off from those readings, and will conclude with intercessory prayer for the parish.

Frances Hodgkin's Service The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist at Frances Hodgkin's retirement home on Thursday at 11am, a rescheduling away from the usual first Thursday of the month when he takes the Service.

Fellowship social group The March meeting will be at Lorraine Mitchell's home 23 Tainui Rd on Tuesday 25 March at 2 pm, afternoon tea and a sales table. Anyone wanting a ride please ring Raylene Ralston at 455 2389.

Garage sale We will be holding a garage sale for parish funds in the hall on a Saturday 29 March. Please set aside items that would be useful for sale. David Hoskins would be glad to hear from parishioners ready, willing and able to assist with this important fund raising event.

Parish AGM Notice is hereby given that the parish AGM will be on Sunday 30 March 2014 following the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of receiving reports and electing the People's Warden, the Vestry, and this year we elect the lay representatives to the Diocesan Synod.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and Wardens will meet next on Tuesday. Please mention any matters you want raised at that meeting to Tubby or Kate.

Thank you Helen Clements wishes to thank St Peters parishioners for their support as she celebrated and re-affirmed her Christian faith at her Confirmation Service last Sunday. The morning tea provided afterwards was much appreciated.

The Rock The deadline for this month's edition of the Rock is Sunday 23 March.

Caversham lecture date correction The final lecture in this series, the one on Michael Ramsey Archbishop of Canterbury, will be on Tuesday 3 June, not 6 June as advertised last week. Full details of the lecture programme can be found on the noticeboard in the Link.

Further development in Christchurch Cathedral saga

British businessman Hamish Ogston jetted in and out of Christchurch last week to re-iterate his offer of a \$4million gift to help rebuild the original Cathedral, which he suggested should become a publicly run project in loose association with but independent of the Diocese of Christchurch, who would presumably build their contemporary Cathedral elsewhere. This appears to be a rerun of what happened in Wellington when a public outcry over the diocesan abandonment of Old St Paul's in favour of the building of a new Cathedral up the road led to a private trust taking over Old St Paul's, which is now a very popular and expensive wedding and funeral venue. It is also open to the public, and is much visited because it looks and feels like a real Church, as opposed to the odd and unlovely Cathedral, which looks like a cross between a Moroccan and modernist fantasy. However, this scenario is highly unlikely for Christchurch as the Church Property Trustees and the Bishop are adamantly opposed to surrendering the site, or permitting the development of a nostalgia project in situ, and are most unimpressed with Mr Ogston not inviting them to his public briefing. This incident is another ploy by those fighting to the last to reinstate the original gothic Cathedral, not so much as a temple of the living God, but rather as a symbol of the what was of pre-earthquake Christchurch.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: John Hamer, Thomas Robbins, Claude Morris, Philip Hitchcox, Cecil Steel and Frederick Allen.

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