



The Rock

PENTECOST

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.

The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity.

Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is a happy festival. Priests wear vestments with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.

Hymns sung at Pentecost take the Holy Spirit as their theme, and include:

- Come down O Love Divine
- Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire
- Breathe on me breath of God
- O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us



- There's a spirit in the air
- Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Pentecost Symbols

The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a Dove.

The first Pentecost

Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot.

The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them.

It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire.

The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.

COME HOLY GHOST, OUR SOULS INSPIRE.



The Vicar Writes

At the end of May we have the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It occurs between Ascension Day and Pentecost in imitation of the time which the apostles spent praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit after the Lord had ascended into heaven at the end of his earthly ministry.



It is a fact that the Church has been plagued by divisions from the very start, as we can see from the pages of the New Testament. By the end of the fifth century two major and still existing Churches, the Oriental Orthodox (including Egyptian Copts, Ethiopians, Syrians and Armenians) along with the Assyrian Church of the East, were separate from the rest of Christendom, and have both remained so to this day. Then we have the schism between east and west (Rome and the Eastern Orthodox) more or less finalised in 1054, followed by the protestant reformation in the sixteenth century. And this is only the broad outline of events – mediaeval Lollards, seventeenth century Quakers, eighteenth century Methodists, nineteenth century Old Catholics, twentieth century Pentecostals – the list goes on and on!

So what to do? Indeed should anything be done about at all? Until the last hundred years or so, most of us we would have probably regarded reunion has highly undesirable – except, of course, on our own terms. We would expect to bask in a sense of our own rightness while others would be required to recognise the error of their ways. And there are still those who feel like that, but not nearly as many as there used to be. In fact, most of us now have a certain sense of unease, even guilt, about the disunity of the Church,

and a vague desire to do something about it – even if it is just taking part in an ecumenical carol service at Christmas time.

Nowadays we are working towards Christian unity, but will we achieve it? I don't think so –

certainly not in the institutional sense. While it is no doubt possible for those Churches with little to separate them already to unite in a single body, I can't see too many others doing the same when you consider the enormous theological and cultural gulf which divides (for example) the Russian Orthodox from the Exclusive Brethren.

We are very imperfect people in an imperfect world – sinners in a fallen world, if you like. We are no more capable of perfect unity than we are of perfect goodness, love, wisdom, honesty – or any other virtue. And too often we demand that others resemble us and share our views before we are prepared to recognise our kinship with them in the family of God. It seems to me that the real test is to accept others as they are, and to respect their reasons for being different from ourselves. It's certainly what we would wish from them, and it would show a much deeper and more profound unity than mere sameness could achieve.

I can't help thinking that our different religious understandings and practices are all part of a much larger pattern which we will only see and understand in

in the light of eternity. In the meantime, we have our work cut out just getting along together as fellow-members of the Body of Christ.

The Crucified and Risen God bless you!

Fr CARL

Thanks be to thee, my Lord
Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits thou hast
won for me,
For all the pains and insults
thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend, and Brother,
May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly:
For ever and ever.





Ladies Guild

Jan Crayston gave a very entertaining talk at our April meeting. Jan had fulfilled her childhood ambition of becoming a policewoman. She spoke of intensive training at Peel House London, going on the beat and many adventures, some not so exciting.

Results of the raffle drawn on Palm Sunday were: groceries - Rosemary Brown, doll - Michael Forrest, towel, soap etc - Joy Henderson. Michael kindly donated the doll back for future raffle purposes. Thanks to all who took part.

The Eucharist and luncheon will be held as usual in June.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 12th at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish

lounge. Kath Beattie will talk of her visit to China.

Mary Barton,
Secretary

Intincture

Our Archbishops have asked that we receive the consecrated wine by way of intincture during the time that the FLUVIRUS is active. This means that rather than taking a sip from the chalice we will gently dip our wafer into the wine and then consume the elements.

Many parishioners already receive the elements in this manner.



New Cornerstone Laid for the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in Jordan Diocese of Jerusalem, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

On February 12th in the heart of Jordan's third largest city, Irbid, the Right Rev'd Dr. Suheil Dawani, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem and Bishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem, laid the cornerstone for the *Church of Mary-the-Virgin*.

Being built on the site of *Arab Episcopal School* (the focus of AMB's Lent Appeal last year), the new St. Mary-the-Virgin

Church will comfortably seat 200 parishioners providing the space needed for congregational and school growth. The multi service Parish Hall on the lower ground floor of the Church will accommodate 250 persons seated for dinner and can also be utilized for meetings by community groups related to the school. Sunday attendance, according to Vicar Fr. Samir Esaid has averaged between 70 and 80 parishioners including children in the current small chapel.

Samoa Mission Trip 2008

The catalyst for a joint Mission was the joint Youth group

started by the 2 Taupo parishes about 12 months ago. Their Co-Leader, Rachel Kereopa, is no stranger to Mission teams, having already been involved with Mission teams to Fiji and Tanzania. After 8 months of fundraising and preparation, 5 youth aged 15 to 17 embarked on the Mission adventure of a lifetime.

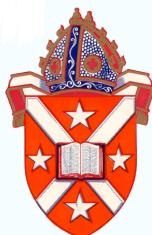
Al Ahli Arab Hospital Gaza

A record response. More than \$33,000.00 raised. Yippee!

Fiji Flood appeal

\$17,000.00 raised so far.
WOW!

Proceeds from the Market Day are to be given away. What a brilliant thing to do. Giving is so much better than taking.



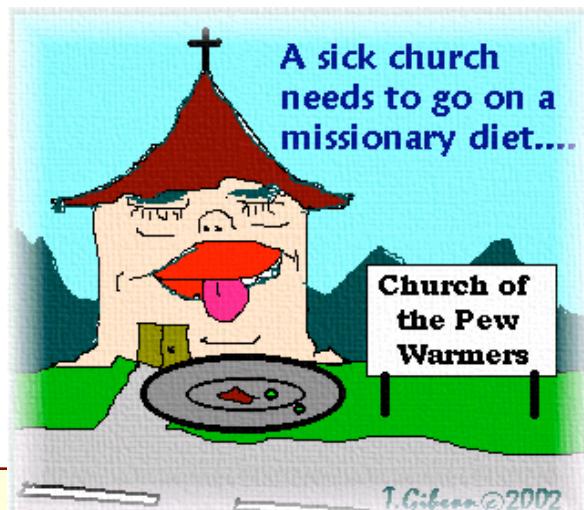
DIOCESAN NEWS

Strategic Planning

The Bishop has drawn together a group of people to start the process of establishing a strategic plan for the Diocese. Please pray for its success.

CALENDAR May 2009

22-24 Diocesan Synod, Holy Cross, Mosgiel



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Synod is the 'Parliament' of the Diocese. It makes the laws called 'statutes'. Synod is made up of three houses, Bishops, Clergy and Laity. The parliamentary system used in commonwealth countries evolved from the Church synod, not the other way around.

FREE HARVEST FESTIVAL PACK.

Self Help Africa's thought-provoking harvest pack 'Powers of Nature' has an inspirational, fresh approach focusing on the church's responsibility to serve the poor by preserving the natural environment. The pack shows how the changing climate is affecting the harvests of rural families of Africa, and how Self Help Africa is equipping

them with the skills and tools they need to cope with these conditions. The pack contains everything needed for a successful Harvest festival including hymns, sermon ideas, prayers and much more.

You can order a free pack by emailing

harvest@selfhelpafrica.net

VESTRY IN BRIEF

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

- Some repairs are still to be done (fire doors and kitchen cupboards in the hall). New header tanks are needed for the hall.
- Vicarage renovations are progressing slowly.
- A Green Acres franchise has been requested to carry out gardening requirements (at a very reasonable cost).
- Graham Myer was thanked for his work on our lawns and gardens, which has been much appreciated (to be conveyed in writing).
- May 9th will be Parish Market Day. There is no convener available. Rita-May has organized helpers.
- A cleanup and clear out of the hall storage rooms to be carried out in May after Market Day. Hirers who leave property in the rooms to be advised of our intentions. Rita-May will contact them.

Heather Brooks
(Vestry Secretary)



BEQUESTS "I GIVE TO THE DUNEDIN DIOCESAN TRUST BOARD, 1A HOWDEN STREET, GREEN ISLAND, DUNEDIN, PO BOX 13 170, GREEN ISLAND, DUNEDIN 9052. (% OF MY ESTATE, OR THE RESIDUE OF MY ESTATE, OR A SUM OF MONEY, OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND/OR ASSETS) FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE (OR FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE) OF ST PETERS PARISH, CAVERSHAM, FOR WHICH THE RECEIPT OF THE SECRETARY OR OTHER PROPER OFFICER SHALL BE FULL AND SUFFICIENT DISCHARGE TO MY TRUSTEES/EXECUTORS."

**THE ANGLICAN WORLD****ACC**

Today's podcast the first from the Anglican Consultative Council meeting in Kingston, Jamaica featured Canon Kenneth Kearon, the Secretary General of The Anglican Communion and Bishop John Paterson of Auckland, New Zealand the chair of ACC-14.

Appointment announced for Director for Unity, Faith and Order

Canon Kenneth Kearon, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion has announced that the ACO is seeking to appoint a Director for Unity Faith and Order. The Inter Anglican Standing Commission for Unity, Faith and Order (IASCUFO) was mandated by the Joint Standing Committee last November and will absorb the work undertaken by the previous Theological and Doctrinal Commission and The Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations.

Kenya – Bishop Eliud Wabukala elected as the new Archbishop of Kenya

The Rt Revd Dr. Eliud W. Wabukala was elected the 5th Primate and Archbishop of Kenya in a very peaceful, joyous and orderly election process by a 158 member Electoral College of the Anglican Church of Kenya that was gathered at the All Saints Cathedral on 24th April, 2009. Among him were other three contesting bishops namely: The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis, The Rt Revd Dr. Samson Mwaluda, The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga.

Archbishop of Canterbury: Easter Sermon – 'Proof of the resurrection has to be lived, not argued'

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams reminds Christians that belief in God is about living in the reality of faith and the unselfish life, and not about opinions or philosophical proofs. In his Easter sermon delivered at Canterbury Cathedral, Dr Williams identifies St Paul as an early example of someone living the brave reality of faith, putting his life at risk for the sake of his belief and witness to the resurrection:

Editorial**Money, Money, Money**

In days gone by, parishes did not exist on the weekly giving of parishioners. Weekly giving, 'alms', was for the poor. Running costs and major works like new churches or halls were often completely paid for by a wealthy family. You may notice in your travels that many church halls are named after such benefactors.

Today few parishes succeed solely on the weekly giving of parishioners and traditional fundraisers like fairs no longer produce the results they once did. Some parishes own property from which they receive rent, others like us have investments/endowments administered by the Diocesan Trust Board. It is likely that in the future we will be even more reliant on such income.

You can help. When the time comes for us to go to our heavenly reward, our properties and other assets are likely, even in these difficult times, to be valued at more than we realise. That gives each of us the opportunity to establish an endowment to benefit the parish.

We can leave funds either before or after we depart. Such endowments can be for a specific purpose or for the general use of the parish. Specific purposes might be: for clergy costs or for building maintenance (which are the two biggies in terms of parish costs) or for education or for pastoral care or something else.

Just think, one thousand years after you have passed by, your endowment will continue your work and imbed your name in the history of the parish.

Ray Sisley

**WARDENS' WARBLE**

The topic that we wish to bring to your attention this month is that "The Cottage" as we commonly refer to it, on the corner of Hillside Road and Eastbourne Street, will be coming vacant shortly. Steven, our tenant for the past couple of years is moving to accommodation in the north end which will be more suited to his changed circumstances.

There has been some interest expressed already by possible tenants but no definite decisions have been made as yet. We would invite interest from any parishioners or maybe someone you may know and could recommend who is looking for accommodation of this type. It comprises one bedroom, lounge, kitchen and combined laundry and bathroom with a shower. It is very tidy inside,

having been painted and recarpeted in recent years. Tenants would need to provide their own whiteware. There is off street parking and the hedge and lawn cutting is taken care of by the contractor who keeps the church grounds in order. Of special interest is a "ringing noise" which can normally be heard on a Sunday, shortly before 8.00 am and again shortly before 10.30 am and usually attracts a good crowd when heard.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact one of the wardens. Don't be put off by the exterior, it does need a tidy up and a paint and this will be one of our tasks to be considered in the near future. Like all rental properties, we need to ensure that whoever does rent it, that it is someone who will look after it carefully and pay the rent regularly.

Tubby Hopkins, Vicar's Warden

Joy Henderson, People's Warden

AAW

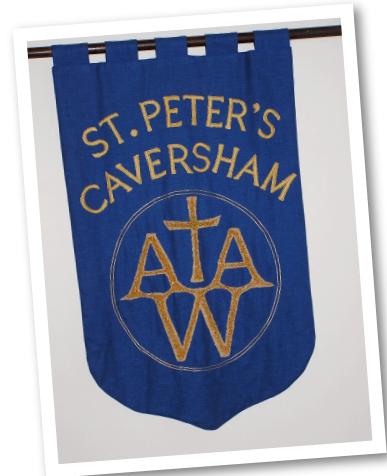
The AAW meeting on April 28 listened to tales of Jan Crayston's days in the London Metropolitan Police Force - greatly enjoyed.

On Saturday 2 May we hosted the AAW Diocesan AGM including preparing the hall and providing morning and afternoon teas. A service in the Church was

presided over by the Bishop. It was a successful day with approx 60 attendees - our ladies were thanked most heartily for a terrific spread.

Next meeting will be held on May 26 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Further details will follow in the Pebble.

Ronda Tatnell
Coordinator.

**A Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy; Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too, may be holy; Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy; Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend that is holy; Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)



THE BANK OF HAPPINESS, ESTONIA

Now here is something different in these economically troubled times. An interesting aspect of this scheme is that one person's time is valued exactly the same as everyone else's, no matter what the skill.

"Unlike Eesti Pank (the Bank of Estonia) — a giant, gravel-coloured building that evokes the stern spirit of the Soviet Union — the Bank of Happiness has no carved wooden doors, imposing pillars or marble floors. Not a single Estonian kroon will sully its accounts, for it is a virtual bank that will trade purely on good deeds.

To become a client, an Estonian must register online, listing the useful things that he/she can do for others (eg, grocery shopping, walking a dog, fixing cars) and those that they would like done unto them (e.g, having a suit darned or windows cleaned). The "bank" — really an internet portal to allow the civic-minded across Estonia to network altruistically with each other. Professor Martin Seligman, a psychologist at the University of Pennsylvania, calls it "a creative idea, worth following closely".

The concept is being pursued by people in New Zealand where it is known as time banking.



The Rock On-line.

The Rock and the Pebble may both be viewed on-line. A new development is also being added to enable parishioners to contribute comment, articles and letters on-line.

THE MINISTRY OF PEOPLE MOVING

Twice each year a group of parishioners meet at the public hospital to assist with the moving of patients to attend the chapel service. This group that has been ministering to patients for many years, previously at Wakari hospital and now at Dunedin public hospital, is ever eager to welcome new 'movers'. Michael Forrest is the convenor and he would be delighted to hear from everyone who would like to join in this ministry.

THANK YOU. Brass cleaners. Palm cross manufacturers. Harvest Festival display workers. People movers.



Harvest Festival. Once again the Church looked splendid for this celebration.



CWS is appealing for funds to provide food, shelter and medical care for people displaced by the fighting in Sri Lanka. They have fled with no belongings and are suffering trauma and severe injuries.



CALENDAR

MAY

- Sun 10 EASTER 5
Pot Luck Lunch
7pm Compline and Exposition
- Mon 11 Monday Club 10.15am in the Hall
- Tue 12 Ladies' Guild 2pm in the Lounge
Later Learning 7.30pm in the Vicarage
- Thu 14 Meditation Group after the Eucharist
Games Night 7pm in the Hall
- Sun 17 +EASTER 6
7pm Sung Evensong and Benediction
- Mon 18 Monday Club
- Tue 19 *Later Learning*
- Wed 20 Vestry 7.30pm in the Lounge
- Thu 21 +ASCENSION DAY
Meditation Group
Games Night
- Sun 24 +ASCENSION 1
7pm Compline and Exposition
This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be a short lunch-time Service in a different local Church each day, Monday to Friday. Details later.
- Mon 25 Monday Club
- Tue 26 AAW 7.30pm in the Lounge
- Wed 27 *Later Learning*
- Thu 28 Meditation Group
Games Night
- Sun 31 +PENTECOST Whit sunday
7pm Compline and Exposition

JUNE

- Mon 1 Monday Club
- Tue 2 *Later Learning*
- Thu 4 Meditation



Group Games Night
Sun 7 +TRINITY SUNDAY
7pm Sung Evensong and Benediction

Material for the June Magazine is due today

- Mon 8 Monday Club
- Tue 9 Ladies' Guild 2pm in the Lounge
Later Learning
- Thu 11 BARNABAS
Meditation Group
Games Night
- Sun 14 +CORPUS CHRISTI
Pot Luck Lunch
7pm Compline and Exposition

We're on the Web!
See us at:

www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz

**Baptisms, Weddings, House Blessings,
Burials and Confessions by arrangement with the Vicar**

WORSHIP SERVICES

All Sundays:

8am Eucharist.
10.30am Solemn Eucharist.

Sundays of the calendar month at 7pm:

1st, 3rd and 5th Compline and Exposition

2nd and 4th Sung Evensong and Benediction.

First and third Tuesdays of the month: 11am Eucharist at St Barnabas' Home.

All Wednesdays and Fridays (except when the Vicar is away): 8am Eucharist.

All Thursdays: 10am Eucharist.



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