



The Rock

"upon this rock I will build my church"

REMEMBER THE MOTHER'S UNION

The Mother's Union is still very strong in many countries. New Zealand was the first country outside of the United Kingdom for the Mothers Union to be established. Our church calendar commemorates the life of Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mother's Union. In NZ the AAW has largely replaced the MU.

Mary Sumner was born Mary Elizabeth Heywood on December 31st 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. Her family moved to Herefordshire in 1832.

Her father, Thomas Heywood was a banker and historian. Her mother was a woman of faith, charm and sympathy, qualities that Mary inherited.

Mary was educated at home. She learnt to speak three foreign languages, and to sing well. Whilst she was finishing her musical education in Rome she met a young man, George Sumner, the youngest son of Charles Richard Sumner, the Bishop of Winchester. Mary and George fell in love and were married at St James, Colwall in July 26th 1848 when he was twenty-four, just 18 months after his ordination.

Mary moved to Old Alresford with her husband in 1851 together with their two baby girls Margaret and Louise. Later the family was added to with the birth of a boy, Heywood.

In 1876, Mary, concerned to strengthen and support Christian family life, called a meeting at the Rectory, to which she invited not only those of her own social class but all the village mothers, something unusual in itself for that era. On this occasion, she became very nervous, and her husband had to stand in for her, inviting the ladies back the following week. This was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

Mary Sumner eventually saw Mothers' Union become a worldwide organisation, and was to live long enough to know that the Mothers' Union had held its first Conference of Overseas Workers in 1920. She passed away in August 11th 1921.

She is buried with her husband in the gardens at the rear of Winchester Cathedral. The inscription on the tombstone reads:

*In Memory of
George Henry Sumner, Bishop
Born July 1824, Died 1909
and of his wife Mary Elizabeth Sumner
Born December 1829, Died August 1921*

***I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me
Write Blessed are the dead which died in the Lord from henceforth.
Here, saith the Spirit, they may rest from their labours,
And their works do follow them.***

Thank you to Heather Brooks:

for an excellent article about the history of St Peter's Caversham that appeared in the Diocesan Magazine, 'The Southern See'.

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The Vicar Writes from Austria (Taken from his Blog)

Well, I have moaned and groaned about Austrian Masses (or at least the manner thereof) for long enough, so now for something just a little bit different. Last Sunday we went to the *Stift Heiligenkreuz*, otherwise the Cistercian Abbey of Our Lady of the Holy Cross in the Vienna Woods.



Heiligenkreuz was founded in 1133 by the Margrave of Austria, later canonised as St Leopold, and alone among Cistercian monasteries has been in continuous existence from that day to this. It is also the largest religious community in Austria, and is stuffed full of healthy-looking young monks, something which you wouldn't naturally expect these days, I do believe.

The Abbey Church itself is one of the wonders of the German-speaking world, and is acknowledged as such. After a high and narrow romanesque nave with its transept, comes a most magnificent gothic *Hallenchor*, as wide as the transept itself, and filled with the most beautiful thirteenth-century stained glass.

On our way into the Church one of the afore-mentioned healthy-looking young monks, nicely turned out in the full white cistercian choir habit gave each of us a bilingual service booklet (Latin and German) together with a "Gruess Gott" and a beaming smile. With Tim and Pip, and Tim's mother Elaine, I tottered rather precariously (helped however by my new walking stick) to our pew near the front of the nave, and just in front of the baroque choir stalls inhabited (no pun in-

tended) by the monks. Beyond them was the altar in the beautiful *Hallenchor*.

The priest in his green chasuble, assisted by two ministers in albs, arrived and stood before three low seats in front of (but not too close to) the altar

which itself sits under a rather magnificent neo-gothic baldachino raised on a couple of shallow steps above the level of the sanctuary floor and the seats of the sacred ministers.

The readings, sermon, and intercessions were (quite properly) in German, but the rest of the mass was in Latin - I'm delighted to tell you. Most of the liturgy was chanted very beautifully indeed - the monks of Heiligenkreuz have made a best-selling CD, which I was actually given last Christmas. Their singing sounds even better *in situ*.

The service was celebrated quite simply. At the offertory the sacred ministers stood behind the altar, facing the people. This was the only time at which incense was used.

The celebrant chanted the canon (in German they call it the *Hochgebet* - the Great Prayer) as he did the introductory rite (which included the the asperges) the collect, the prayer over the gifts, the post communion prayer, the blessing and the dismissal. Everything was done with great gravity and serenity. There were no cheery welcomes, the monks themselves read the lessons and the intercessions, and the only mu-

sic was the unaccompanied singing of the celebrant and the monks - assisted in the responses by the people in the pews.

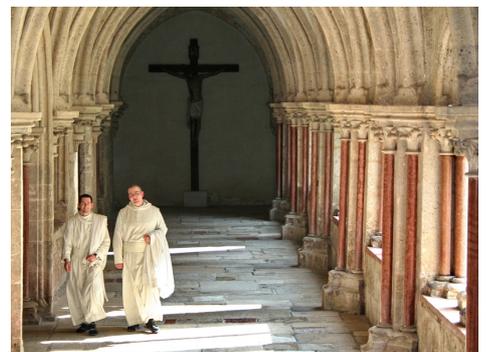
There was however, something of an exception to the gravity and serenity of it all, and that was the celebrant's sermon. It lasted for about fifteen minutes and was based on the gospel of the day, which featured (if that is the right word) the giving of the Lord's Prayer to the disciples. I was tremendously impressed. My German is not good enough to follow most of what was said, but it was clearly a very able, and at times quite passionate exposition of the meaning and significance of the Our Father, preached without notes.

The Church was almost full, including, of course, the usual young people, one young couple with their baby, the latter mercifully mute. Even now, some four days later, a sense of the holiness of the occasion and of the place itself remains quite vividly with me. It doesn't happen often enough.

<http://www.stift-heiligenkreuz.org/English.kinder-und-jugendfuehrungen.o.html>

The Crucified and Risen God bless you!

Father CARL.





Ladies Guild

At our July meeting we discussed business matters. We are having a raffle for two Sundays in August, after the Sung Eucharist. Our next meeting will be at 2.00pm sharp in the lounge on Tuesday, August 10th. We will have the pleasure of the company of Sister Anne from the Community of the Sacred Name in Christchurch. Sister Anne will bring a friend with her. Why don't we all bring a friend as well?

Mary Barton, Secretary



Latest news articles

[CWS welcomes international ban on Cluster Bombs](#)

[Open Letter to New Zealand MPs on Changes in Government Funding for Aid](#)

CWS released the text of a letter to New Zealand Members of Parliament regarding the funding changes announced by Foreign Minister, Murray McCully.

- [Read more](#)

*Helen Clark, head of the UNDP, will give a talk on progress on the Millennium Development Goals at ChristChurch Cathedral, Friday 13 August, 6.15pm. All welcome. Supported by the Cathedral, CWS and The Press.

** While much still needs to be done to help the people of Haiti recover and rebuild, the big achievement is the things that haven't happened - no political riots, no major food crisis, and no major outbreak of major diseases. Schools have re-opened, trauma counselling is ongoing and shelter is improving. [Read more](#) on ACT Alliance reports 6 months on. [Donations](#) for rebuilding are still urgently needed.*

Christian World Service (CWS) is the development, justice and aid agency of the New Zealand Churches. We work to end poverty and injustice throughout the world.

We support communities working for better lives and

livelihoods, support humanitarian relief in times of disaster and campaign against the causes of global poverty. We respond to people's needs regardless of race or religion.

CWS is registered with the New Zealand Charities Commission (#CC22288). We are a member of ACT Alliance, a global coalition of 100 churches and church-related organisations working together in humanitarian assistance and development.

Note: The underlined words like [Read more](#) are for the benefit of those people that read the Rock on-line. These underlined words give these readers direct links.

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near O king of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hand
Than if a host did round me stand.
(Columba, c.521 - 97)





ANGLICAN WORLD



[Anglican relief, development and advocacy alliance a step closer to becoming reality](#)

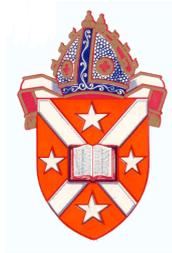
[Uganda – Archbishop Orombi's Message to the Nation after the bomb blasts of July 11th](#)

[South Africa – Churches and schools protecting thousands of youngsters from human trafficking during World Cup](#)

[Two new members to be welcomed onto the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion](#)

[Mexico – Mexico adopts the Anglican Communion Covenant](#)

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Diocesan Synod 2010

All Bills, Motions, Petitions and Reports should be into the Diocesan Office on or before **23 JULY 2010**.

A Guide to Synod Booklet available on our Website

For those of you who will be attending Synod for the first time this year, or for anyone wanting to refresh themselves on why we have a Synod and what happens there, “A Guide to Synod” booklet has been placed on our Diocesan website; to access it please right click on the following link:

http://www.dn.anglican.org.nz/resources/administrative/misc/Synod_hand_book.doc

Please feel free to read or download a copy for your information.

VESTRY IN BRIEF

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

- The Patronal Festival Evensong with the cathedral choir was a great success. There were 85 people at the service and 65 for tea afterwards.
- The hall teacups have been de-stained.
- We are not in a very good position financially but will be getting a rates rebate in August. Donations are holding up over the year. Our contribution to the diocese was approved for 2011.
- Unfortunately, Fr Carl has had an accident while on holiday.
- Parishioners parking in the cottage driveway are blocking the tenant's exit.



The Vicar on Holiday

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.



WARDENS' WARBLE

Father Carl is at present away from our parish on his overseas trip. Unfortunately his travels have been curtailed by him having suffered a fall in Vienna. He has sprained his ankle and broken bones in his wrist. Father Carl is by all accounts coping well. He is staying with his longtime friends Tim and Pip Snell where he is recuperating. He has cancelled his planned visit to the United Kingdom. Tim's mother, Elaine, is also on holiday in Germany and the group will be all travelling to Bayreuth to hear Martin Snell sing Wagner.

Meanwhile back in the parish, David Hoskins is mining Claudio the vicarage cat.

Grateful thanks to the Ven. Bernard Wilkinson, Canon Alec Clark and Fr Wiremu Quedley, Fr Michael Wallace and Father Geoff Hughes for holding the fort until Father Carl returns.

Joy Henderson,

People's Warden



ST PETER'S PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR 2010-2011.

August

28: Fr. Carl's 25th Anniversary as Vicar of St. Peter's, Caversham.
Parish Party, Vicarage.

September

12: Claudio's Birthday. Photographic display of parish pets in Hall.

October

16: St Peter's Market Day: Hall, 9 am – 1pm.

November

21: Parish Pot Luck Luncheon.

December

12: Christmas Luncheon following 10.30 am. Solemn Eucharist.

19: 7pm. Festival of Nine Carols and Lessons & Festive Supper.

2011:

February

20: Garden Party for Parish and Friends, Vicarage,

AAW

Anne Bray and her team organized the successful visitor's afternoon where we were joined by representatives of the Women's Fellowships groups from all the Local Churches and other visitors.

a very entertaining and informative performance.

A beautiful afternoon tea, and plenty of conversation followed.

Our Visiting Clergy Did Well!



Once again Davide Hoskins delighted us with as he put it, "some J.S.Bach, a walk down The Strand, a little of the Ritz and plus for the first time some exploration of the Wohleister (sic) function of the organ". David's skill on the organ and his ability as a raconteur resulted in

GWEN HUDSON
Coordinator.



Parishioners have been astonished at how well and smoothly visiting clergy have fitted in (as if they had always been in the parish). Little did we know that Fr. Carl had left behind a detailed list of step by step instructions. A bit like painting by numbers.



The vicarage driveway must be kept clear to allow the residents to get their cars in and out. Please be considerate.

Gardeners wanted to help with maintaining the Church grounds. Contact any vestry member or Heather Brooks.



EDITORIAL.

More Strategic Planning

Bishop Kelvin has announced that he has prepared a first draft of a Strategic Plan for the Diocese. Quite a lot of consultation and tweaking has yet to be done before he presents it to Synod for support and approval. The draft plan is based around five broad areas.

1. Spirituality
2. Leadership
3. Ministry to the Under 40's
4. New Directions in Ministry
5. Reforming Diocesan Structures

What will this mean for St Peter's Caversham. How will our life change. How will we respond.

Our society is ever changing. Corner dairies have almost disappeared, going out for an evening now means leaving home at 10.00pm and not 7.00pm, we shop at malls and at large 'car friendly' precincts.

Our church in the meantime has plodded on seemingly unaware of the changes whirling around it. A disconnect between the church and contemporary society has resulted.

I will be keen to see how the plan that Bishop Kelvin presents will help St Peter's re-connect with its wider community. Strategic Plans are not magic potions but they do offer direction and purpose. Maybe it will help St Peter's Caversham to connect with the HUNDREDS of students attending schools within our patch. To re-connect with the business community of South Dunedin.

To re-connect with agencies and community groups in Caversham, St Clair, Corstorphine, Kew and South Dunedin. To better serve our community.

Just as shopping hours and shopping malls have changed and been modified, so too may the church need to reluctantly and belatedly change and modify. Maybe 'midnight church' will appeal to a younger generation; but if we are not somehow connected to them how will they ever know.

Ray Sisley



Fr. Carl's 25th Birthday!

On Saturday, August 28, in the Parish Hall, there will be a celebration of Fr. Carl's 25 years service at St Peter's, Caversham. Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to come along and enjoy this landmark.

If anyone requires transport please don't hesitate to contact Vicar's Warden, Tubby Hopkins (456-4455) or People's Warden, Joy Henderson (456-1141). They will ensure you get to and from the celebration.

The evening will 'unfold' thus...

5.30pm Conversation and Canapes

7.00pm Pot Luck Dinner.

Followed by Entertainment and a '***Celebrity Roast***'. (Definitely not to be missed!!!)

Enquiries to David Hoskins (455-7537) or Kate Paterson (455-5384)



St. Peter's People: Captain John Easter By Heather Brooks

In addition to Canon Bryan Meyrick King, Captain John Easter is a signatory on the Certificate of Title for the land on which St. Peter's is built. Easter Crescent is named after him. Who was this man and how did his particular boat find its way to Caversham? A marine metaphor couldn't be more appropriate as John Easter was a sea captain in the Royal Navy. As commander of the paddle-steamer 'Avon' during the Maori Land Wars, he narrowly escaped an early death. Mr. George Ellis, who was the engineer, related the following incident:

"We carried out rather dangerous work in the later stages of the war when running up and down the Waipa River. Sometimes we took shots at anything that offered on the banks, and even landed to go pig hunting. One very warm summer day, when steaming up the Waipa near Whatawhata [Waikato], Mr. Mitchell declared that he would not be shot that day. He walked out on to the open part of the bridge-deck and Lieutenant Easter (in command) and Midshipman Foljambe (father of the present Lord Liverpool) followed him. They had not been long there before a sudden volley was fired from the scrub-covered bank of the river – the east or proper right bank. The three officers were close together with Mr. Mitchell in the middle and, curiously, it was only the man in the middle who was hit. The volley was fired at an oblique angle. Mr. Mitchell was shot right through the breast and died the next day."

Fortunately, and despite passing often through hostile country in the Waikato, the 'Avon' was not fired upon again although there were anxious moments. The Brisbane Courier of 29th September, 1864 records the presence of Lieutenant Easter aboard the H.M.S.S. Harrier headed for England being "ordered home by the Imperial Authorities."

Further information on the life of Captain Easter is patchy but we know he had a further narrow escape while in command of the schooner "Esther" in Tasmania. Apparently a gale disabled the vessel and washed his brother overboard. He drowned and the vessel was wrecked on rocks near Port Sorell (13th July 1871). Local newspaper records place Captain Easter at a Benevolent Institution meeting (as a nominee) in December 1906 and an Imperial Veterans meeting on July 20th 1907, where he presided. The Otago witness of 4th March 1908 has a picture of the attendees at a further Imperial Veterans meeting, including Captain Easter. We know from the parish histories that he was a member of the St. Peter's building committee. The Vestry Minutes of October 10th, 1917 recorded the passing of "that sturdy churchman, Captain Fredrick John Easter after 30 years as church warden and Vestryman." Pywell's parish history describe the very valuable contribution he made at St. Peter's:

"Again and again he shouldered hard tasks, making representatives or conducting negotiations of one sort or another, and he came out victorious in many a conflict, a credit to the famous services which in his professional capacity he represented."

This was a fitting tribute to an old sea captain who so very nearly didn't arrive. Some might say that it was a miracle that he did! Easter's daughter, Anna Constance, went on to marry Bernard Francis Petre (son of Francis William Petre and Margaret Cargill) on 20th November 1922. That Anna married into such an illustrious family (the Petres had a barony) is a mark of the standing and goodwill Captain Easter achieved during his lifetime.

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CALENDAR

August

- Sun 8 +TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
Pot Luck Lunch
- Mon 9 Monday Club
- Tue 10 Ladies' Guild 2pm in the Lounge
- Thu 12 Meditation Group after the Eucharist
- Sun 15 +CORONATION OF OUR LADY
5.30pm Sung Evensong and Benediction
- Mon 16 Monday Club
- Wed 18 Vestry 7.30pm in the Lounge
- Thu 19 Meditation Group
- Sun 22 +TRINITY 12 *Ordinary 21*
5.30pm Compline and Exposition
- Mon 23 Monday Club
- Thu 26 Meditation Group Games Night
- Sat 28 Fr Carl's Birthday
- Sun 29 +TRINITY 13 *Ordinary 22*
5.30pm Compline and Exposition

Material for the September Magazine is due today

- Mon 30 Monday Club

September

- Thu 2 Meditation Group
- Sun 5 +TRINITY 14 *Ordinary 23*
7pm Sung Evensong and Benediction
Monday Club
- Wed 8 NATIVITY OF OUR LADY
- Thu 9 Meditation Group
- Sun 12 +TRINITY 15 *Ordinary 24*
7pm Compline and Exposition
Pot Luck Lunch



We're on the Web!
See us at:

www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz

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

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WORSHIP SERVICES

All Sundays:

8am Eucharist.
10.30am Solemn Eucharist.

Sundays of the calendar month at 5.30 pm: (Jun, Jul, Aug)

2nd, 4th and 5th Compline and Exposition

1st and 3rd 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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Joy Henderson

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