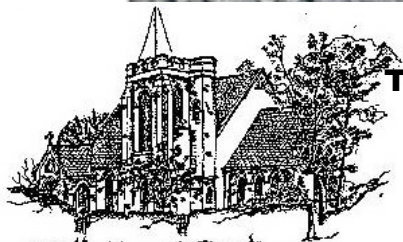




# THE ROCK



**The Anglican/Episcopal Parish of St. Peter,  
Caversham, Dunedin, NZ**

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## *An Invitation to a Parish Consultation Meeting*

This meeting is an opportunity for anyone interested in St. Peter's to be involved in the change to a new vicar following the retirement of Fr Carl Somers-Edgar. It will take place on:

**Sunday February 13th 2011 at 12.00 pm in the Church Hall**

We will break for a pot-luck lunch at 1.00 pm. The meeting is expected to finish between 3.30 and 4.00pm. Please feel free to come to part or all of the meeting.

The meeting will be led by the Rev Alec Clark (Diocesan Ministry Educator). Its purpose is:

- To assist the Parish in transition from one ordained ministry to the next.
- To help the Parish describe its own identity.
- To prepare a Parish Profile that will assist an appropriate appointment for future ordained ministry.

At the meeting we will not be discussing our ideal vicar, rather we will build up a picture of the Parish which will include its special character, needs and strengths, sense of ministry and direction. This will help in the selection of the most appropriate vicar. It will also provide information about the Parish for any priest interested in filling the vacancy. In addition it will help us to know what we value most at St. Peter's, so we will be able to work well with our new vicar.

Rev Alec Clarke looks forward to meeting with us. We hope as many of you as possible will come along so that a range of opinions can be heard.

*Authorised by the Vestry of St. Peter's*

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"one off" sponsor.**

## VESTRY IN BRIEF

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

- The new dishwasher racks are very satisfactory; we will purchase two more.
- A new first aid kit is to be purchased.
- Thanks to Croz, the bell cable has been repaired. Tubby has thanked Croz for fixing the altar rail.
- A new tenant has signed the lease for the cottage.
- A leak in the church hallway (facing Hillside Rd) occurred after the high wind before Christmas.
- A message giving the wardens' names and numbers will be installed on the vicarage answer-phone.
- In view of Fr Carl's departure, the website will be updated. Fr Carl's sermons will be archived on the website so they are still available.
- There was a discussion about security whilst the vicarage is empty and a subcommittee was formed to look into this matter.

**The AGM is scheduled for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. It will take place after the 10.30 am service before the pot-luck lunch.**

After the meeting, Alec Clarke (Ministry Educator) talked about the process of appointing a new vicar. Here are the important points:

- It is anticipated that it will take a minimum of 6 months to appoint a new vicar (vicars have to give 3 months notice in their old parish).
- Various arrangements can be made for the interregnum eg. a list of rotating clergy who will take services OR a half-time priest who would live in the vicarage OR a temporary priest who would stay for two years.
- We will be under the guidance of Archdeacon, Graham Langley during this time.
- The production of a Parish Profile is very important, as anyone interested in being the priest at St. Peter's must approach the Bishop and the profile is then sent to them.



- The vacancy notice will go to the Diocesan Office and be advertised in the monthly newsletter and weekly Email. The position can be advertised overseas and on the International Anglican website.
- We need to think about relocation costs for someone coming from overseas but a half-time priest or rotating clergy would give us stipend savings.

### Forming a Parish Profile:

- This will take place through a Future Ministry Consultation between the parish and Rev Alec Clarke. It will be a 3-hour meeting on Sunday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. The first hour will be before the pot-luck lunch. This will define who we are and where we want to go in the future, so a priest who is a good fit with the parish can be appointed.
- At the meeting we will also discuss the history of the parish, the constitution of the Anglican Church and there will be a S.W.O.T. analysis (strengths and weaknesses, opportunities, and threats).
- The meeting is to be advertised every week in the Pebble.
- A letter of invitation will be issued which can be delivered to everyone on the roll.
- At a subsequent meeting with the Parish Nominators a job description will be drawn up.
- Your Parish Nominators are: the wardens (Tubby Hopkins and Joy Henderson) and elected nominators (Ian Condie and Heather Brooks).

**Heather Brooks (Vestry Secretary)**



## EDITORIAL

Well back into the halter for a second time as Editor of this venerable magazine and with pleasure it is too. I firmly believe that communication is essential between us as a community. One only has to look at successful communities, and families, but for a moment, to see that they communicate often, vigorously and on various levels. I hope to facilitate some of that communication through this publication, so please feel free to send me your thoughts. A letters to the Editor column could be a feature if indeed anyone did want to write. Pseudonyms would be allowed if needed.

Benjamin Franklin once said *"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."* I do not believe him to be completely correct. Perhaps he has missed one very important variable - **change**. Many other observers of life have noted that there is almost nothing more certain than change. For me change is the only constant of time that we can rely upon. I am paraphrasing Diogenes Laertius (a 3rd century biographer of the Greek philosophers), who actually wrote *"Change is the only constant"*, and so it is for us too. Whilst death and taxes are also certain, some are thankfully a good deal a time away, not so with change, it is constantly with us - always.

So as it is with Fr Carls resignation, whilst we feel a great sense of loss at

this change, at the same time we experience a great sense of joy that he is to take on other directions. Change not only for him but for us also.

So what changes are we in store for?

The Parish Nominators, together with the Diocesan Nominators, have the unenviable task of finding a permanent replacement. This will be a long process which can take several months or even as long as a year. We are to be guided through the initial stages by Rev Alec Clarke the Diocesan Educator. One of the immediate tasks to be done is the creation of a Parish profile which can be given to prospective candidates. This contains the usual information about the physical elements but also information about they type of community we are, the makeup of the various groups, our needs and desires for the future.

It is essential that as many parishioners as possible assemble to take part in the creation of this profile. Your views, needs, desires and thoughts on the direction of our Parish will form part of the profile, so you are encouraged to participate on Sunday the 13th of February after the morning Service. We are advised it will take up to 3 hours to complete but this is an entirely worthwhile exercise, so do not let the length of the meeting put you off. It **MUST** be done so we might as well do it correctly. Your voice is valued. And we will still manage to fit in a pot luck luncheon.

Some of the other changes this move has bought about need consideration also. Clearly we will have a number of visiting fill in clergy, but this creates limited capacity for pastoral care. If you

become aware of any particular need please contact the Wardens in the first instant or in an emergency the Diocesan office can be contacted. The responsibility for managing our liturgical needs rests with the Archdeacon in consultation with the Vestry. The Archdeacon is Ven Graham Langley who resides in Balclutha but accessible by telephone. The same applies for weddings and funerals. Wardens first and the Archdeacon second.

The Vestry is currently led by your Wardens and in particular the Vicar's Warden who now becomes the Bishop's Warden. Such lofty heights for Tubby...! This role creates a great deal of additional work on the Wardens, but thankfully they have a very supportive and talented Vestry to assist.

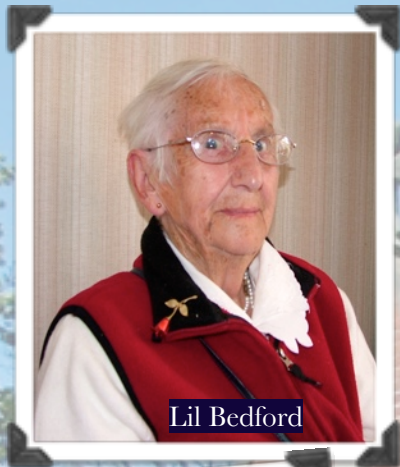
As a Parish St. Peters is a very cohesive and generous natured group. I am sure the Vestry will be assisted greatly by the various groups that operate within the Parish. With this I come back to my opening remarks about communication. Your Wardens will have an inordinate amount of work to do in the interregnum so please make your communication concise, considered and accurate.

The annual meeting this year will be held on the 13th of March after the morning Service, but before the pot luck luncheon. One could be forgiven for wondering if this is a deliberate tactic to keep the meeting short...! Please ensure that nominations for Vestry are submitted in plenty of time.

**Yours in Christ**  
**Dereck Gray**  
Editor



# Some of our parishioners



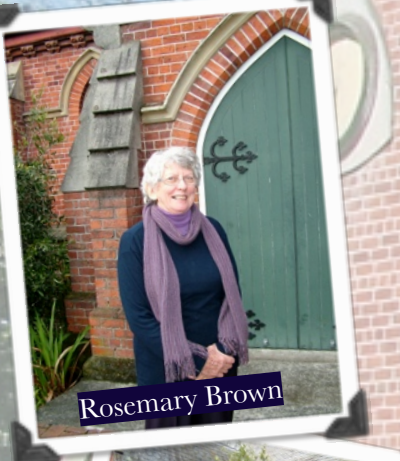
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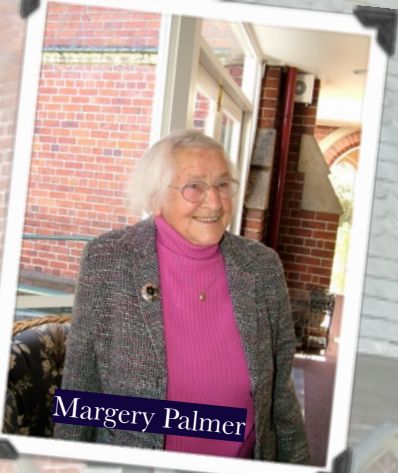
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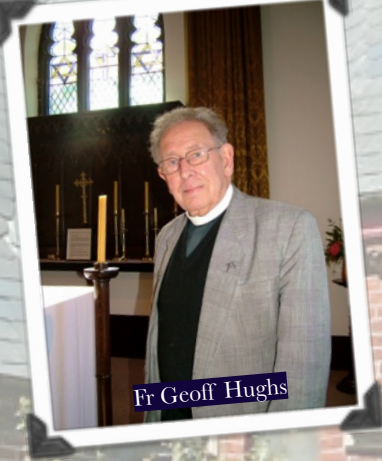
David Hoskins



Rosemary Brown



Margery Palmer



Fr Geoff Hughs



Joy Henderson



Heather Brooks & Kate Patterson



Faye Noel-Brown

## AAW Report



On Tuesday 2nd February eight members of A.A.W met to consider the future of our group and to develop a survey to enable the involvement of all members in our future direction.

Over the next few days a survey will be delivered to all our members and we ask that you give it your full consideration, fill it in and bring it to our next get together, a pot luck meal at 6.30p.m Tuesday 22nd February at St. Peter's. God Bless,

Gwen Hudson ( on behalf of the planning group) Ph 455-7100



**THE MINISTRY OF HEALING.** *reprinted from November 2008*

Recently my attention was drawn to an article in the magazine *Chrism* by Canon Nener, the Sub-Warden of the Guild of St Raphael, about the Ministry of Healing. He has some very interesting things to say and certainly got me thinking about the role of this ministry in our Church and in my own life. Canon Nener emphasizes how important the ministry of healing was to the Early Church. They realised how much of Jesus' ministry was spent in healing the sick in body, mind and spirit, and how he charged his disciples to do likewise.

Of course in those days illness was much less understood than it is today, and most ailments were put down to the work of malignant spirits, and so exorcism of various kinds seemed to be the way to help people recover. Certainly Jesus' healing activities are often described as the driving out of



evil spirits. Over the centuries we have learned much about germs, viruses and so on, and the scientific world tended to scoff at the power of prayer as childish superstition. However, in spite of our cleverness, recent research has shown statistically that those who pray or are prayed for have a greater chance of good recovery than those who just depend upon human skill, medication, etc. Of course such happenings can be dismissed as being psychosomatic, but on the

other hand physical illness is often a visible sign of mental or spiritual sickness; so I think we are back to Shakespeare's "There are more strange things in heaven and earth, than are dreamed of in your philosophy, Horatio". After Christianity became the official faith of the Roman world something of that early commitment and belief seems to have become lost as the Church became more formalised.

During the Middle Ages the great monastic Orders usually took over the care of the sick in their hospitals and infirmaries, but in the little parish churches intercession for the sick in mind, body or spirit was apparently still very much alive. Unfortunately with the Reformation this kind of thing tended to be frowned upon as yet another superstition to be obliterated –yet another case of throwing the baby out with the bath-water.

Strangely enough, during the twentieth century the emergence of the Pentacostal Churches with their emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit, saw the re-emergence of the belief in the efficacy of spiritual healing.

Now in many communities in all kinds of denominations the Healing Ministry has emerged again as a vital part of Christian witness and faith, and all kinds of liturgies and services have been developed. It has become evident that even if there are no miracles, and little or no physical improvement, there is often a tremendous growth in the sufferer's spiritual awareness and this surely is a wonderful thing.

In our own church, St.Peter's, the Ministry of Healing is fairly low key, but at least we show awareness of it, and offer assistance to those who wish to

benefit from it. However, I suspect that many of us really know little about what is going on down in the Lady Chapel during Holy Communion, even though Fr Carl draws attention to it every week in *The Pebble*. Well, what is it all about? In fact there are a few of us (far too few) who make ourselves available (in all humility) to pray with, or for, those who feel they would like the company of another believer to share their distress and help to ask our loving Creator to give us the strength and perhaps the healing we need. Those of us who offer to help are not miracle workers, but just ordinary people trying to serve God by following in the Master's footsteps and trying to help fellow believers in faith and Christian love.

Sometimes people bring their concern for the distress of others known to them rather than their own needs, and sometimes (how lovely it is) people want to share thanks for blessings showered upon them.

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Yes, St.Peter's has its modest Ministry of Healing. Perhaps you would like to help? Or

perhaps you would like to slip down to the back of the church and share your load of concern, in confidence with another Christian brother or sister.

At the end of St.Mark's Gospel there is an account of Jesus' final commission to his disciples; speaking of believers, his final saying is "They will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover". There are so many forms of sickness, and so many forms of recovery, you could help, and also you can use this ministry which Jesus has always blessed.

In Christ,  
Fr Geoff.



## Sponsor Needed

**“Let’s print the Rock in Colour”**

A discussion was had at the last Vestry meeting about the possibility of producing The Rock in colour. Clearly this is more expensive than the simple photocopies we have been used to in the past. Vestry felt that it would be a good idea if we were to gain some sponsorship in return for some discrete advertising to pay for the cost of producing it. The cost is very modest.

If any Parishioner has a contact that may be able to assist in this direction then please contact the Editor.

*Feedback on this months issue is encouraged.*

## Ladies Guild Report

We trust that you all had refreshing holidays. We wish Fr Carl well in his retirement.

The results of the 'Sunday' Raffle drawn at the Pot Luck Lunch on 12 December are - Grocery Basket - Jonathon Gillies; Grocery Carton - David Hoskins. Thank you to everyone who took part.

At the February meeting on the 8th of February we will discuss the future of the Guild as membership is so low.

**The AGM will be on Tuesday 8 March in the Lounge at 2 pm.**

**MARY BARTON Secretary Ph 455-8822**

## Diocesan News

### **The long-awaited news on the Pilgrimage Trail**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage, running from March 2011 until early 2012, is an opportunity for us to visit some of the places which have been spiritually and culturally significant as our church has developed in Otago and Southland.

Our first trail begins on Friday 11th March at 7 p.m., at the Te Rau Aroha Marae in Bluff. The following day we will visit Ruapuke Island and Stewart Island. We hope to be back in Bluff at about 5-6 p.m. on Saturday, after which we go our separate ways, until the next journey in early April.

The catamaran that is taking us to the islands has a capacity of 40 people, and the earliest bookings will be given priority. Costings' are being finalised now; the registration/information form and poster will be circulated shortly on the Diocesan e-mail list.

## A WARDEN'S WARBLE

Father Carl was farewelled on Sunday 23rd of January when he officiated at his last service for us. A gathering of over 60 parishoners came to the Parish centre to wish him every good wish upon his retirement and for good health.

It was a very special occasion albeit a rather sad one. Fr Carl will be living in Caversham and hopefully we will see him occasionally in the future. A presentation was made to Fr Carl, by David Hoskins, in appreciation of his 25 years of ministry at St. Peter's. We all enjoyed a special morning tea together.

For the Parish profile meeting because of the time involved it would be desirable that only light finger food be brought along for the pot-luck luncheon interlude. This avoids having to heat up dishes and taking people away from the meeting with kitchen duties.

Joy Henderson - Peoples Warden

## One Man's View

David Scoular

As a parish, we are embarked upon the most critical task we can face. It has happened before, and will happen again, but every time it is a make or break moment. Choosing a New Vicar.

Not all of us need to make the decision. Most of us, myself included, can do no more than make our views known to The Nominators, hope and pray for the best, and make the most of the result.

So, it is important that we *do* make our views known to The Nominators. They must act on our behalf, and I'd bet they are keen for any help they can get. And of course, we want them to be looking for the *right* things when choosing our New Vicar.

That's why it is so important that we each give some thought to what we think is important, what we want - and make sure The Nominators know what we think.

There are many considerations. Here are some I think most important.

### God centred, not people centred

The parish's - and therefore the Vicar's - primary purpose is to worship God and better understand Him and our preparation for the next life. Social concerns are of course important, but not paramount. They are means to an end, not the end in themselves. A vicar who looks after earthly matters in the present, at the expense of helping us prepare for our future, is second best.

### An Anglo-Catholic traditionalist

It is important that our Vicar support our traditional Anglican liturgy and doctrine, most especially the Book of Common Prayer. Apart from personal preference, we must continue to offer an alternative to the many (often failing) parishes and other groups which provide more modern services and attitudes. To be unbearably modern, we are "maintaining diversity" in a crucial aspect of religious life. The commercial world calls this our "point of differentiation" - the thing which sets us apart from the mob - the reason to join us rather than some other group.

### Academically sound but human

And it is important we have a Vicar who has an understanding of, and who can explain to us, the wide canvas of religious life and thinking and how we fit in to it. This width should cross geographies, societies, faiths and history. So we need someone with great understanding, great faith and great teaching skill. We have been used to this for 25 years. Let's not lose it.

It therefore almost (almost!) goes without saying that we must have a person who has been properly trained - not an enthusiastic layman who has been "schooled" in a parish somewhere.

### Parish centred, not community centred

We need someone for whom St. Peter's is the primary concern, not simply a base for good works in the wider community.

### Business generator, not poacher

Of course no organisation has a long term future if it comprises only older members, so it is critical that we attract the interest of younger members. For many years, the pervasive approach to this problem has been to "embrace change" - perhaps even be "cutting edge" in the change arena. This technique has met with mixed results. One thing is for sure though, if we follow that path, we will simply be trying to take young members from other church groups. What is required is to grab the interest some of the thousands of youngsters who have not been attracted by the modern (though no longer new) thinking - to market our traditional style.

As the commercial world would say, we need to generate new business, not just poach business someone else already has. I'm sure God would like that too.

On February the 13<sup>th</sup>, when the "Future Ministry Consultation" is held, you have a formal opportunity to contribute your ideas about what really matters to St. Peter's. You may or may not be able to attend - the more who do, the better - but one way or another, you must give these things some thought and make sure your ideas are circulated. Perhaps you will not take pen to paper and write to The Rock (the Editor would love it I'm sure); you may not take fingers to keyboard and email the website (The Webmaster would love it I know). But *do* think about this. *Do* make sure The Nominators know what you think.

This matters to all of us.

*This view is one persons opinion and does not necessarily represent the views of Vestry*



## Parish AGM

The Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday 13th of March** after the 10:30am Service. The pot luck lunch will follow the election of Vestry and the conclusion of the meeting.

Not to be missed

# THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ST. PETER, CAVERSHAM, DUNEDIN. NZ.

## Worship Services

ALL SUNDAYS: 8am Holy Eucharist  
10.30am Solemn Eucharist

ALL THURSDAYS 10:00am Eucharist

SUNDAYS OF THE CALENDAR MONTH AT 7pm:  
These services are not being held for the next month at this stage

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## CALENDAR

*with festivals and observances*

Sun 6th Feb:  
5th Sunday before Lent / Waitangi Day

Sun 13th Feb:  
4th Sunday before Lent

Wed 16th Holy Innocents

Thu 17th Janani Luwum, Archbishop,  
Martyr of Uganda

Sun 20th Feb:  
The Saints & Martyrs of Africa  
3rd Sunday before Lent

Tue 22nd The Confession of St. Peter

Wed 23rd Polycarp of Smyrna

Thu 24th St. Matthias, the Apostle

Sun 27th Feb:  
2nd Sunday before Lent

### MARCH

Tue 1st David, Patron Saint of Wales

Thu 3rd John & Charles Wesley

Sun 6th Mar:  
1st Sunday before Lent

Tue 8th Shrove Tuesday

Wed 9th Mar:  
Ash Wednesday - 1st day of Lent

Sat 12th Gregory the Great,  
Bishop of Rome

Sun 13th Mar:  
1st Sunday in Lent

Sun 20th Mar:  
2nd Sunday in Lent

Sun 27th Mar:  
3rd Sunday in Lent