



# THE ROCK



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Dunedin, New Zealand

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## The man who saved the parish (i)

By The Vicar

**M**y research into the parish's history has focussed in recent weeks on Canon Bryan King, Vicar from 1892 to 1911, who transformed Saint Peter's into an Anglo-Catholic parish. Frustratingly the Vestry and AGM

minutes report nothing about worship or ritual matters so I will have to turn to other sources to resolve the mystery of how he brought the churchmanship revolution about. What preoccupied the Vestry for several decades were the financial problems of the parish.

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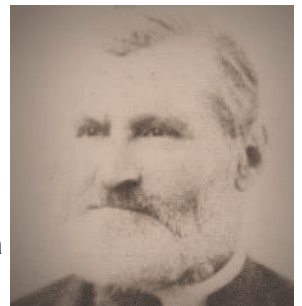
*Exploring and Exploiting the Secrets of Life itself:  
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Don Evans

### The Debt Legacy of the new Church

The decision in 1882—spearheaded by the then Vicar, the Reverend William Ronaldson—to move Saint Peter's to its present site and to build a church in brick with an adjacent hall was a fateful one. While it brought the Church closer to the population centres of the developing suburb and gave it a prime site location this was only achieved by a considerable amount of borrowing. No doubt the hope was that the parish would slowly reduce its debt burden while at the same time paying its current expenses. This turned out to be an optimistic assumption. Two possible reasons for this were that the South Dunedin Flat was a predominantly working class area of folk on modest incomes and that New Zealand went through the so called long depression from about the late 1870's until the mid 1890's.



The Rev. Ronaldson.

### Imposing Father Bryan King on the Parish

The debt problems came to a head after Ronaldson departed in 1887 leaving his successor, the Reverend Watson, to a desperate struggle which one suspects drove him from the parish four years later. There was a steady stream of resignations from the Vestry as its hapless members realised they faced an endless stream of financial crises and money worries. A low point was reached when the local manager of the Bank of New South Wales insisted that the overdraft be substantially reduced and threatened to call on the guarantors if there was no action. As Watson departed Bishop Nevill stepped in and imposed the Reverend Bryan King on the parish without consulting with the Vestry—to their evident chagrin.

Before recounting how King turned this desperate situation around it is worth pausing to consider some unusual church fund raising methods common at the time which we never hear of now.

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## Pew Rents

There was a pew rent system—the more you paid by annual subscription the more pew space was allocated to you and usually you got to choose your favourite pew. This explains the puzzling reference at every Vestry meeting after the AGM to a Vestryman being chosen to show parishioners to their seats. This would refer to not just ushering pew holders to their reserved seating but also pointing out to non-renters what was left for them. Usually the system was that if pew renters had failed to show up by the second bell (announcing the imminent start of the Service) they would forfeit their place to anyone turning up on spec., which is why navigational direction from the said Vestryman would be most useful.

Pew renting was fiercely controversial throughout the Victorian era. Not a few thought it was one of the principal reasons why working class people were seldom seen in Anglican churches. In the end Saint Peter's saw the light when Captain Esther RN retired, a long serving Vestryman, moved in 1896 that the Church become free. After a long think about it the parish abolished pew rents in 1898.

## Debentures

A frequently referred to debt instrument in Vestry minutes was the issuing of debentures. These appear to have been unsecured bonds taken out by parishioners or well wishers of the parish at an agreed interest rate for an agreed period of time, or at such time when the Vestry would cancel them having balloted which ones so to do. This was one of the principal ways of funding projects or dealing with pressing creditors. I have written before of the way in which Bishop Nevill used his private wealth to fund the Diocese of Dunedin. He was one of the principal debenture holders.

## Paying the Vicar in arrears

Another way to cover shortfalls was to pay the Vicar in arrears. Clergy were paid directly by Parishes then, not the diocese. So when collections were lean the treasurer would say to the Vicar, "Sorry, there isn't enough to pay your stipend in full this month—here is what we can afford, we will make up the difference when there is more cash available." What made this

particularly tricky for the King family was that they were living in rental accommodation, probably in Loyalty Street, there being no Vicarage then and there was no accommodation allowance to help out with keeping the landlord happy.

## The advantages of Bryan King

As Bryan King came to his problem plagued parish he had two aces up his sleeve. He had just finished a stint as the diocesan administrator and therefore had an intimate knowledge of how the system worked, together with a probable flair for administration and finance.



Canon Bryan King.

He showed this soon after his arrival by

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taking out a mortgage for £500 from the Diocesan Trust Board, thus transferring a major share of the parish's debt onto the kinder and more benign administration of the Diocesan Trustees. He also had the unhesitating and unstinting support of his Bishop. This would be invaluable in his first showdown with the Vestry in 1894 over the substantial stipend in arrears situation. He threatened to resign unless the debenture holders made the stipend payments the first call on receipts received from this income source. The Bishop promptly backed this up with a letter ruling that this should be the case—and of course he was one of the debenture holders.☑

Next Month in Part ii:  
Further challenges, Women's  
Place and Appreciating  
Bryan King.

## The Articles of Religion

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

### VI. Of the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation.

**H**OLY Scriptures containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of Holy Scripture, we do understand those Canonical books of the Old and New testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church. Of the names and number of the Canonical Books.

*Genesis. Exodus. Leviticus. Numbers. Deuteronomy. Joshua. Judges. Ruth. The First Book of Samuel. The Second Book of Samuel. The First Book of Kings. The Second Book of Kings. The First Book of Chronicles. The Second Book of Chronicles. The First Book of Esdras. The Second Book of Esdras. The Book of Esther. The Book of Job. The Psalms. The Proverbs. Ecclesiastes, or the Preacher. Cantica, or Songs of Solomon. Four Prophets the Greater. Twelve Prophets the Less.*

And the other books (as Hierome saith) the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine; such are these following:

*The Third Book of Esdras. The Fourth Book of Esdras. The Book of Tobias. The Book of Judith. The rest of the Book of Esther. The Book of Wisdom. Jesus the Son of Sirach. Baruch the Prophet. The Song of the Three Children. The Story of Susanna. Of Bel and the Dragon. The Prayer of Manasses. The First Book of Maccabees. The Second Book of Maccabees.*

All the books of the New Testament, as they are commonly received, we do receive, and account them canonical.





# A Leap of Faiths

By Ian Condie

The Commonwealth Brigade did not spend all their relaxation time in country pubs. They went to most of the ancient cathedrals within reach of the college and in those far off days visitors were not badgered or dragooned or bombarded with electronic gadgetry. The cathedrals were open to all who wished to experience and wonder at the medieval architecture, to pray or just to sit. As long as they behaved with decency and decorum, nobody bothered them nor were entrance fees demanded of them. If they wished to make an offering there was a plate or box.

It did not occur to any of the band to enquire what church, if any, the others belonged to but most of the Brigade had at least a nodding acquaintance with English literature and history and in any case, one can hardly be in one of the great cathedrals without being affected by the ambience to some extent. Even to stand in front of the entrance and look up has an effect.

Therefore, it was with some surprise that the New Zealander noticed that one of the band, one of the Australians called, let us say, Sam, was hanging back as the others headed for the doors of Salisbury Cathedral. The New Zealander turned and asked why he was mucking about.

The response was vague and unsatisfactory. Something along the lines of "You go on; I'll wait for you here".

With the tactlessness normal between seafarers, the New Zealander asked what on earth he was talking about. "Come on, don't be daft. They



"Even to stand in front of the entrance and look up has an effect." Salisbury Cathedral.

don't charge an entrance fee." (I paraphrase the conversation).

To which the response was, "they wouldn't like me to go inside".

"Who wouldn't? Why not?"

After some humming and hawing Sam indicated that the cathedral authorities would object to his presence inside their building and he was again asked, why.

"Well," he said at last, "I'm a Jew."

This puzzled the New Zealander for a moment then he requested the Australian not to muck about and reminded him that his lot had started the whole thing anyway.

Sam accepted this and followed his friends inside where he seemed to get every bit as much benefit as they did. None of the clergy made the slightest objection nor did the roof fall in.

The Frolicsome Friar



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## Alpine Plants come to visit

By David Hoskins

The Otago Alpine Plants Group held their annual exhibition in Saint Peter's Hall over the weekend of 1 and 2 October, the first time the event has been held at Saint Peter's. Participants came



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from all over the South Island and included the Dunedin Botanic Garden which mounted a fine display (pictured). The public perception of alpine plants is that of lichens and mosses. In fact it was the sheer range of foliage and flowers which impressed at the exhibition and was much enjoyed by the many visitors.

Despite the great deal of planning and setting up, the exhibition went very well, with organisers already planning the 2017 event, hopefully at St Peter's.

## Design Certificate exam.

By Faye-Noel Brown

On 5-6 November five members of the Floral Fun group which meets in the Hall at 11am on the first and third Thursdays of each month will sit for the Certificate of Practical Design.

The certificate is administered by the Floral Art Society of New Zealand (FASNZ) and is available to FASNZ members not wishing to study the theory of design to the level required by formal unit standards.

Candidates have to create eight set designs such as "The Gifts of Nature Excite the Soul" and "Egyptian" in eight hours.

Three judges from Wellington, South Canterbury and Southern Region will assess their efforts.

Saint Peter's congregation is invited to view the designs after morning tea in the church on the 6th, when there will be a break before final judging takes place.



# Nutritious



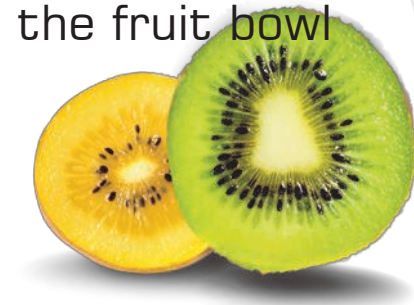
## The fabulous Kiwifruit—A hidden gem lurking in the fruit bowl

By Alex Chisholm

Although it has a long history and has been well known in New Zealand for decades, first as the ‘Chinese Gooseberry’, the considerable health benefits of the ‘Kiwifruit’ are just starting to be more widely recognised.

In comparison to other fruits common in New Zealand, kiwifruit have unique properties which provide positive effects on our health. They are nutrient dense, very high in vitamin C, high in magnesium and potassium, rich in carotenoids and phytochemicals and contain enzymes, folate, vitamins E and K and fibre. Kiwifruit can benefit our cardiovascular health, lower elevated blood pressure, strengthen our immunity, play a role in DNA repair, aid digestion and gut health and even have a positive effect on sleep!

The earliest recorded mentions of kiwifruit (*Actinidia deliciosa*) in the world beyond China were the result of adventurous European botanists traveling through China in the 1700s and 1800s. These explorers, among them the Scottish botanist Robert Fortune (famous for introducing tea from China to India) brought the earliest samples of the kiwifruit vine to Europe where the plant had novelty value for plant collectors. In the late 1800s and early 1900s the vine was gaining recognition among travellers and missionaries passing through China where the vine grew prolifically in the wild. A traveller from New Zealand, a schoolteacher named Isabel Fraser, brought seeds back to New Zealand in 1904. These formed the basis of the New Zealand kiwifruit industry, which started as novelty planting in a few orchards across the North Island. In the mid-1930s the domestic market began with kiwifruit being sold outside the production areas for the first time, marking the start of commercial production—the first small export consignment was shipped to London in 1952. Mainstay of the global kiwifruit industry is the green-fleshed ‘Hayward’ variety. In 1997 the New Zealand kiwifruit marketer Zespri commercialised the gold kiwifruit (*Actinidia chinensis* cv. ‘Hort 16A’). As it looked and tasted somewhat different to the ‘green’, kiwifruit it opened up the market to those looking for a different taste. Although kiwifruit is generally consumed fresh it has been used as the basis of jams, preserves, fruit juices, fruit leathers and fruit toppings. There were historical medicinal uses for kiwifruit in China including “aiding digestion, reduction of



irritability, relieving rheumatism, prevention of kidney disease, curing of dyspepsia and vomiting and the prevention of premature graying of hair”.

So what are the characteristics of kiwifruit which could lead to positive health outcomes and what has recent research shown in support of claims for health benefits?

Kiwifruit is considered to be a nutrient dense food—that is it provides a high level of nutrients, especially micronutrients, vitamins and minerals, but is relatively low in calories. Kiwifruit is also rich in the so-called minor compounds, such as phytonutrients, which appear to play a role in health maintenance, even if all the mechanisms for this have not been clarified.

Kiwifruit contain enzymes which break down protein, though the level is lower in gold Kiwifruit—so in the kitchen gold is a better choice if you want to set pieces of kiwifruit in jelly. Even so they will need to be heated to inactivate the enzyme. For tenderising meat, slices of green or a marinade with green Kiwifruit will produce the desired result.

The importance of gut health and the role of the microbionics in health is increasingly being recognised and investigated. Some of the beneficial properties of kiwifruit include their content of non starch polysaccharides, the fermentation of both green and gold kiwifruit (which helps adhesion of healthy gut bacteria to the gut wall) and their effect of increasing the quantity of healthy Bifidobacterium. Green kiwifruit aids digestion and laxation.

Tannins in tea can reduce the absorption of non-haem iron and kiwifruit can prevent this, which can be useful for vegetarians and important for vegans. (*The Rock*, May 2016). A recent study demonstrated that the addition of gold kiwifruit to a breakfast with an iron fortified breakfast cereal improved the iron status of women with low iron stores. However the addition of a banana to the same



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breakfast did not improve the iron uptake.

Epidemiological studies have shown an inverse association between fruit and vegetable intake and risks of cardiovascular disease (CVD), morbidity, and mortality. Diet can have a positive effect in treatment of CVD. Several studies with different groups of volunteers have shown that eating between one and three Kiwifruit regularly each day can have positive effects for cardiovascular health. HDL cholesterol (the ‘good’ cholesterol) has been increased and triglycerides (TG) lowered. Triglycerides are other blood fats which may have a detrimental effect on heart health if they are too high. It is not always easy to lower TG so the news that kiwifruit appears to do this is good. In addition kiwifruit influence platelet activity and prevent platelets from aggregating (clumping). This is beneficial as platelets are involved in the development of atherosclerotic disease and the reduction of platelet activity by medications reduces the incidence and severity of disease. Having a food which has this effect is a plus, as in some instances it may reduce the number or quantity of medications required. As a rich source of

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# In Saint Peter's Garden



By Warwick Harris

## Alpines come to Saint Peter's

**I**n the first weekend of October the Otago Alpine Garden Group came to Saint Peter's hall to show, share and sell their garden treasures. For them it was a busy venue with tables packed with many attractive potted alpine plants competing for awards and tempting would be buyers of fancied additions to their gardens.



**Japanese lady bell  
Adenophora triphylla at  
Appi.**

PHOTO'S: DEIRDRE HARRIS.

It was a long way from a visit to an alpine area of inland northern Honshu Japan near the city of Morioka on the first day of August this year. There, on a hot summer's day, we made the quick drive from Morioka, where our younger son and his wife and two children live, to Appi Kogen Ski Resort. The resort is located on a landscape dominated by the volcanic cone of Mt Iwate. In winter it is crowded by those attracted to ski on powder snow and to relax in geothermal



**Gondola and ski runs down to Appi Resort.**

waters of onsens.

The resort remains open in summer. Although there is no snow then and few people to occupy the large number of hotel beds, the resort continues to open shops and restaurants and provide a gondola ride to the top of a ski run down to the resort. We took this ride, viewing the ski paths cleared through forest. The ride had the added attraction for our six-year-old grandson to tick off a list of animal sculptures dotted along the route. As a bonus we saw a live raccoon fossicking around the base of a gondola pylon.

At the top of gondola we stepped out into lower scrubby vegetation amongst areas of bare scoria. Through this was scattered a variety of mostly unfamiliar naturally established alpine wild flowers. More surprisingly, there were also beds of planted, colourful and named alpine plants. Time was too short to give these beds the attention they deserved. Although Mt Iwate was covered in cloud looking across the landscape showed distant views of many other ski runs carved through forest covered slopes.

Two features of New Zealand's vegetation and plants which botanists have pondered are the low altitudes of the country's timberlines compared to those of other parts of the world and the great preponderance of white flowered species compared to those with brightly coloured flowers. Our ski runs mostly traverse low alpine vegetation, some threatened by invasion by exotic species,



**Raccoons at Morioka Zoo.**

most



**Boardwalk across alpine scrub and scoria.**

obviously wilding pines, adapted to survive and grow at higher altitudes.

Much as our alpine gardeners admire and cherish our native alpine plants they are strongly attracted to the exotic forms and bright colours of overseas alpine plants. This preference was clearly shown in the bright array of plants presented in Saint Peter's hall. This was truly evocative of "all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.....".

[an onsen is a hot spring, or a resort which has developed around a hot spring, in Japan—Ed.]



**Gondola view across landscape.**



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## The fabulous Kiwifruit

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antioxidants, kiwifruit may protect the body from endogenous oxidative damage

Kiwifruit are allergenic, and although symptoms in most susceptible individuals are

mild, severe reactions have been reported. Allergies to kiwifruit tend to occur in persons allergic to birch pollen, natural latex, and there may be cross reactivity with grass pollen. Based on overseas figures the proportion of kiwifruit-allergic individuals can be estimated to be at least 1.75–2% of the

population.

Needless to say, research is ongoing. There are still gaps, but there are several good reasons to make kiwifruit part of our daily diet—or at least a frequent addition to our diet—for health.





## Looking back

By Ray Hargreaves

In the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, New Zealand welcomed a number of first class entertainers to its shores. One such visitor was Blondin—acclaimed as the world's greatest tight rope walker.

Blondin, whose real name was Jean Francis Gravelet (1826-97), won universal fame in 1859 by crossing the Niagara Falls on a rope nearly half a kilometre long which stretched about 50 metres above the water. He repeated the crossing a number of times before eventually returning to Europe and settling in Britain.

In 1876 Blondin visited New Zealand, performing in Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch. In Dunedin from 11 to 29 March he performed in a specially built enclosure at Kensington. The enclosure was too large to roof and while some seats were available at an increased price, spectators usually just walked around.

Blondin's feats included walking blindfold on a tight rope, lying on it, standing one-legged on the rope and carrying his secretary on his

back. He also performed on a chair which he balanced in various ways, such as sitting on it whilst only one chair leg was on the rope. Another showpiece was riding a bicycle on the rope. At times Blondin made as if he was going to fall, which excited his audience. No accident ever occurred, which was just as well as no safety net was ever used. Blondin did, however, carry a balancing pole for all his performances.

A particularly popular event was when Blondin stopped in the middle of the rope and cooked an omelette

on a small stove which he had carried out and placed on a wire contraption attached to the rope. After consuming the first omelette Blondin cooked a couple more which he lowered to the ground to be presented to one or two of the seated ladies in the audience.

Blondin was a great success, it being estimated that about 1400 people saw his initial performance in Dunedin. An occasional show was curtailed or largely abandoned due to high winds. Most nights also featured a fireworks display, one of which centred round Blondin as the "Fire King" in which he was surrounded by what the *Otago Daily Times* described as "a magnificent blaze of fantastic fire".



A regular part of the show—Blondin on the tight rope carrying his secretary.

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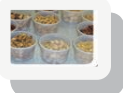
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## THE RECIPE : KIWIFRUIT AND NUT MUFFINS

### What you need

- ◆ 2 cups self-raising flour
- ◆ ½ cup wheat bran
- ◆ ½ tsp baking soda
- ◆ ½ cup brown sugar
- ◆ ½ tsp ground ginger (optional)
- ◆ 60gram (4Tbsp) butter or table spread
- ◆ 1 Tbsp honey or golden syrup
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 1 cup milk
- ◆ 1 cup or 3 medium kiwifruit peeled and chopped
- ◆ ½ cup chopped walnuts or hazelnut meal
- ◆ A few sultanas or cranberries (optional)

### Method

- ◆ Combine all dry ingredients in a large bowl and toss to mix. Set aside
- ◆ Gently heat the butter or table spread and honey or golden syrup until liquid in a saucepan or microwave bowl. Mix egg and milk then add to the warm (not hot) mixture and beat with a fork until combined
- ◆ Chop the kiwifruit into small chunks about 1 cm square. Pour the liquid mixture into the dry ingredients then add the kiwifruit, nuts and dried fruit if using
- ◆ Fold all together carefully using a metal spoon or flexible rubber scraper. Combine with as little mixing as possible
- ◆ Spoon in to 12 well greased muffin tins.
- ◆ Bake at 200°C for 12-15 minutes until the tops are golden and centres spring back when lightly pressed.

ADAPTED FROM AN ORIGINAL RECIPE BY ALISON HOLST  
PUBLISHED IN HER BOOK *MARVELLOUS MUFFINS*.



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# Vestry Notes

By Alex Chisholm,  
Secretary to the meeting

At the October meeting the following items were of note:

- ◆ The date for the next Garage Sale was fixed as Saturday, 12 November
- ◆ A skip will be ordered for Monday, 14 November for immediate loading with garden detritus and Garage Sale remnants
- ◆ Dunedin roofing systems will realign and replace Church roof tiles displaced in recent high winds
- ◆ It was noted that the parish now has a new lawn mowing contractor, who has already made a start
- ◆ The details of a Covenant agreement between Vicar and Vestry to do with allowances, leave and study opportunities was worked through
- ◆ It was decided to call a special general meeting of parishioners to decide on the possibility of receiving four stained glass windows from the now redundant Holy Cross St Kilda (additional information is available on the parish website and in printed form in Church)
- ◆ It was noted that Heather Brooks has resigned as a Vestryperson and parish nominator. Alex Chisholm was elected as the replacement parish nominator
- ◆ Health and safety for major parish outings was discussed. 📄



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# For your diary

**Tuesday, 1 November** : 7.30pm : first of the Caversham Lectures, *What makes for a good doctor?*—Dr Stephen Tripp

**Sunday, 6 November** : Viewing of Certificate of Practical Design arrangements—see page 3

**Tuesday, 8 November** : 7.30pm : second of the Caversham Lectures, *Child Welfare—Can We Deliver and How Will We Know?*—Len Cook, Families Commissioner and Chairman of the Social Policy Research and Evaluation Unit

**Saturday, 12 November** : Parish Garage Sale

**Tuesday, 15 November** : 7.30pm : third Caversham Lecture, *Practical End of Life Issues*—a panel discussion including Keith Gillion, Dr Tony Fitchett, Professor Peter Skegg and a palliative care nurse

**Tuesday, 22 November** : 7.30pm : fourth Caversham Lecture, *The New Zealand Youth Justice System: leading the world*—Brian Kilkelly, Dunedin Barrister

**Tuesday, 29 November** : 7.30pm : fifth Caversham Lecture, *Exploring and Exploiting the Secrets of Life itself: the wonderful possibilities and potential perils of breakthroughs in medical research*—Don Evans, a bio-ethicist and a parishioner of St Matthews Dunedin

**Sunday 18 December** : 10.30am : Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Saturday 30 December** : 10.30pm : New Year's Eve Watchnight Service

**Sunday, 15 January 2017** : Hospital chapel assistance ("bed-pushing").

# A Saturday in October :

## Teschemakers and Oamaru

By Ronda Tatnell

**T**It was a very misty morning as we went over the motorway on our way to Teschemakers at the start of our day. The bus was almost full, carrying the usual suspects together with friends and relations who had agreed to join us for the day. After stopping at Palmerston for a walk, selling



raffle tickets and drawing the raffle on the bus we arrived at our destination in what appeared to be very quick time. The Bus driver, Richard, was very pleased to have won the first prize in the raffle—a \$20 scratchie selection.

Many of us had been to Teschemakers at various times during the past 20+ years. The renewed building following the fire in 2003 however was very different from the one we remembered. The accommodation provided for weddings, conferences and the like is very luxurious, a far cry from that enjoyed when the estate was home to a Dominican Sisters Congregation and then later a boarding school for girls.



Top: Walking in the grounds; Above : In the historic precinct.

PHOTO'S: RONDA TATNELL.



Top: The coach arrives at Teschemakers; Above: Celebrating Mass in the chapel.

PHOTO'S: WENDY STOCKS.



"a very good and abundant lunch".

PHOTO: RONDA TATNELL.

Following a mass held in the very beautiful chapel in remembrance of St Theresa of Lisieux a very good and abundant lunch was served in the dining room. Many of us took time to walk in the quiet gardens before heading off to the historic precinct in Oamaru where German bakery items were purchased by a few of us.

The time to return home via the coast road and Kakanui came around very quickly. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Father Hugh and Raylene Ralston for making this happen. 🙏



Justin Welby  
The Archbishop of Canterbury

Recording the *Thought for the week* on BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester in early October.

“Who was most important to God in all those meetings in Rome? Or in all the meetings I have had in this wonderful area in the last two days? Everyone and no-one. Everyone because through the life and death of Jesus Christ—God Himself—we know that every human being is loved and given dignity by God. No one because all status and position counts for nothing before God. What counts is love: His for us, ours for Him, and our sharing of His love and mercy in the world. And both the Pope and I know that!” 🙏



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