



# THE ROCK



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

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## Introducing Rev Bernard Wilkinson

Greetings to you all.

Perhaps by the time you read this we will have met, but for those who haven't I am Bernard Wilkinson, and am acting as locum priest for S. Peter's for the present.



It is a pleasure to be back in Caversham - I served my curacy here in the mid - sixties, and have very happy memories of the parish. I learned a great deal here. But the years have gone by, and I am now retired and my home is in Oamaru.

I anticipate sometimes leaving home early on a Sunday morning, and at other times arranging a motel for accommodation on the Saturday night. This will give me the opportunity to have Saturday in Dunedin, and if there is any way I can be of help to you, I hope you will let me know. My hope is to be as available as I would be if I lived in Dunedin (within reason.) The service roster continues unchanged - and I am grateful to the Revds Geoff Hughes and Wiremu Quedley for their help with mid-week services.

I promise I shall respect the traditions and customs of S. Peter's - you have so much of value here. Helped by a great team of people who play their part in many ways. And I do appreciate the concern for my care that has already been shown to me by many people. It is not a chore to be among you, but a privilege and pleasure.

If you would like to contact me, here are the details

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## VESTRY IN BRIEF

At the February meetings of Vestry (there were two), the following items were of note:

- David Hoskins has purchased a new First Aid kit.
- Vestry received an announcement from the Bishop that Cathedral music director David Burchell has had his contract terminated.
- Vestry received a request from Anglican Family Care for fresh food.
- Fr Geoff Hughes and Canon Wiremu Quedley will take the 10 am Thursday service.
- Evening services are on hold but we will have a sung Evensong for the Patronal Festival.
- Rev. Peter Stapleton is administering home communions.
- Notice boards outside the church are to be updated.
- During February and March, Alec ClarkClark and Bernard Wilkinson will alternate as presiding priests.
- There was a vote of thanks to David Scoular for producing personalised invitations for the Parish Consultation meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb. and for organising their delivery. Some updates have been made to the parish roll as a result.
- On arrival on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Vestry noted a bad leak from the tank above the kitchen. The plumber was called.
- Minor repairs to the cottage are required. Someone is blocking the tenant's car in.
- The church grounds will be tidied up.
- It was moved that a new flag be purchased, as previously agreed.

Heather Brooks (Vestry Secretary)

## A WARDEN'S WARBLE

Time & Place - A recent afternoon at S. Peter's.

David Hoskins and I, without too much thought or preparation had decided to mark the 2 minute silence for the Christchurch earthquake victims with him ringing the bell at 12.51pm and I'd lower the flag to half mast for the duration of the silence and I'm sure that neither of us had given too much more thought about it except we'd mark the occasion as was being done throughout the country, one week after the quake.

I arrived at about 12.40 to find a Motor Home parked outside the church and 3 young people from it went into the porch. Thinking that they wouldn't be able to get into the church, due to it being locked, I'd decided that seeing I was there I'd let them in. When I got there, they were in the church, kneeling in prayer, as David had already unlocked the door and he was going about lighting the candles around the church as well as the ones at the Christchurch Cathedral icon at the rear of the church which has been there in recent weeks.

Soon, another woman arrived, came in and knelt down in prayer.

I can assure you that there was a very serene and peaceful feeling in the church at that time, something that had to be felt to believe. The bell was subsequently rung and flag lowered and raised after 2 mins and David then read the prayer for the people of Canterbury as was used the previous Sunday and those people there, although complete strangers all joined in with the responses.

At the end of this the 6 of us just sat there in complete silence.

As the visitors gradually got up and left, after sitting in silence for a short time, one of them leaned over and gave David a very warm hug, and said "Thank you Father" - no, David is not our new vicar but he was briefly, for that particular guest anyway.

What would these people had done, had St Peter's not been open for that special moment for them?

This to me, was a very moving time and I'm sure I'm not exaggerating -- "there was not a dry eye in the house"

I felt very proud to be a parishioner of St Peter's that afternoon.

Tubby Hopkins, Bishop's Warden

## EDITORIAL



I am going to avoid making observations in my editorials from now on!

You may recall that in the last issue I observed "*Change is the only constant*". With the recent earthquake in Christchurch there has indeed been change. A catastrophic change with the most unimaginable and horrific consequences. We have all been affected by this event, the loss of life, the grief of families, the destruction of property, the efforts of rescuers, and the general disruption to our lives as well. From this distance it is easy to feel helpless and wonder what we can do to assist those in need. Many have given space in their homes or evacuated relatives to safety and made donations of food, money, goods and services. These are all good and immediate responses.

Thus you can see how I am reticent of making any further predictive observations...!

There have been some truly amazing efforts by individuals and groups to assist. We can only thank God for their individuality and the strength of spirit that binds our humanity and our Christian belief together. We remember them all in our prayers and pray that the power of our prayer will be of comfort to them. On a more pragmatic level people you know in Christchurch need to talk. They are stressed, tearful, and having difficulty in coping with the constant aftershocks. The simplest thing you can do is to pick up the phone and talk to them. I am sure that will answer some of their prayers at least.

We are also mindful of the loss of many Churches across many denominations and of the

Christchurch Cathedral and also thankful to those who have provided alternative places of worship to enable the community to come together for prayer and thanksgiving.

Our prayers and emotional support for our Christian brothers and sisters are of vital importance at this time. Vestry too is mindful of the stresses suffered by Clergy ministering to a grieving, stressed, and fearful community, so have resolved to offer the empty Vicarage to them for some short term respite accommodation. There is still some work to be done to bring it up to a better standard and Vestry has this in hand. There is a need for some basic furnishings and if you can assist by loaning some of these I am sure the Clergy will appreciate your assistance. A full list of what is needed appears elsewhere.

Since I started to write this we have witnessed the tragic and horrific damage as a result of the earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan. One cannot help but feel so helpless in the face of such dramatic events. These events can only serve to underline the need for all people to find faith in our Lord. Our prayers are needed for these people as well as our Christchurch neighbors.

Much has also happened on the home front since the last issue. Vestry has accepted an offer by Rev Bernard Wilkinson to provide leadership for most of our Sunday services for a period and we welcome him to this roll. There are some Sundays where he has previous commitments and arrangements are in place to cover these. Fr Geoff Hughes and Canon Wiremu Quedley are taking the mid-week services. We are thankful of their ministry to us also.

We have completed the "Parish Consultation"

meeting which took place on the 13th of March with some 50 plus parishioners taking part in a variety of exercises. This created some interesting view points which will be valuable in assisting with the future planning of the Parish. Each of us came away with a variety of views as to the effectiveness of the exercise. Some of the views are contentious and others complimentary of the process. It is one of the strengths of this Parish that a wide variety of views were able to be discussed at the meeting so from that standpoint it was healthy.

A full report, which includes comments of the facilitator, has been received by Vestry and this is to be displayed on a board in the hall for all parishioners to read. From this and other resources Vestry has prepared a Parish Profile and submitted this to Rev Alec Clark for development before it is submitted to the Bishop for approval. This is an important step in the search for a new Vicar.

You will also note that there is two "commercial" advertisements in this issue. We have been successful in securing to sponsors to pay for the cost of producing The Rock. They have agreed to advertise with us for period 3 months. We are very grateful of their support and in return encourage you to support their business as you can. I was going to put a rueful comment here but decided against it!..!

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

## Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal

The 2011 **Lenten Appeal** will be supporting ;

**A Dinghy and Outboard Motor**  
for the Diocese of Popondota in Papua New Guinea

**The Social Justice Land Acquisition Programme**  
of the Diocese of Polynesia

The work of the Church in  
**Jerusalem and the Middle East**

Throughout Lent information will be sent to the parish about the background of these appeals.

One method that has been suggested is that during Lent we could use our mission boxes to raise funds for these projects. These can be handed in at Easter to our treasurer Rita May-Brown.

If you don't have a blue or green Anglican Missions box, look for one on the table in the Link. Lenten Appeal envelopes will also be made available as soon as they arrive.

### Community of the Sacred Name Christchurch

This is a message from the Christchurch Diocese. I will let you know when I find an address. We knew the main building on Barbadoes Street was very badly damaged last September but it is so sad to hear that the Sisters have had to leave the Retreat House.

They have had to abandon their site in Barbadoes Street - the old brick building has disintegrated, and the retreat centre where the sisters were living has been badly damaged. At present, some are living in Christchurch and some in Ashburton. Their intention is to find a house for their community "somewhere between Christchurch and Ashburton."

Adrienne Rodgers

### AAW Report

The February meeting was abandoned due to the Christchurch earthquake. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday 22nd March at St. Peter's together with a pot luck meal at 6:00pm.

The survey has been delivered to all our members and we ask that you fill it in and bring it to the meeting. God Bless,

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



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I was grateful for the Caversham Parish Consultation meeting, where members expressed individual feelings about St Peters. It was humbling to talk with people who had served in the Parish since 1940 and it was heartening to witness the active participation of younger members.

People were divided into groups and asked to describe our Church community by way of a drawing. A variety of pictures emerged some depicting an Ocean Liner, a Sailing Paddle Steamer and life boats. All were great analogies of our community. Then questions were put, for example:

**Where are we now?** Comments flowed, for example, We are like a ship; in a harbour, or tied to a wharf, or in a dry dock. Some thought we are inward looking while other feedback included wonderful comments like: **'A place of PEACE'** with traditional: Anglo Catholic Liturgy, theology and music. St Peters provides a sense of stability and security. We offer an open welcome to all and every-

body is affirmed.

**What do we want?** Some seek a new energy to continue navigating the secular sea and attract new families and youth. It was acknowledged to do this we need to introduce new elements. (Like; electronic technology, landscaping, an Internet Ministry. (Clearly no one wanted to change the existing traditional liturgy and Sunday morning Services.)

Personally I had great difficulty prioritising the Anglican Constitution statements and it was a relief when we came to a major-

ity, group decision that all elements were important. We are not told what to believe. **Every individual in our Parish has the freedom to choose one or more elements as their personal anchor.** The hard question being asked is: How does this Parish, want to advance its ministry to the community at large? For me, it was a little frustrating that we did not have time to answer:

**What more can we do?** Should anyone else feel the same way, let me know and I will be happy to facilitate another opportunity to chat about future options.

tions.

Thank you one and all for your participation. The high level of energy tells me the Parish is in great health and ready for whatever the future brings. To finish I emphasise these are just my thoughts and I would love to hear from others with different points of view. Yours in service to Christ

Nigel Westbrook.

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### WHO PUT THE 'CATHOLIC' INTO ANGLICO-CATHOLIC?

To many people outside the church, the term Anglo-Catholic is quite confusing. This is most likely because Roman-Catholic is often shortened to 'Catholic'. In the Nicene Creed we affirm our catholic faith in the words 'one holy catholic and apostolic church'. Does that mean all Anglicans are Anglo-Catholic at heart?

A quick peak at the Internet encyclopedia 'Wikipedia' informs us that:

The terms Anglo-Catholic and Anglo-Catholicism describe people, beliefs and practices within [Anglicanism](#) that affirm the [Catholic](#), rather than [Protestant](#), heritage and identity of the Anglican churches.

Catholics and Protestants, didn't they burn each other at the stake? Why was that?

Father Carl often talked about the Church Fathers and mentioned saints such as Basil the Great in his sermons. This is all part of our Orthodox faith.

At our Sunday services, we often remember in our prayers the Coptic and Antiochian Orthodox churches in Dunedin. Why do Anglo-Catholics have a special relationship with the Eastern Orthodox Churches?

With 80 million members, the Anglican Communion is both large and truly international. It is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Church of England, yet the Archbishop of Canterbury remains the symbolic head. During the Victorian era, it was out of the Church of England that the Anglo-Catholic branch arose. Who were the founders of the Oxford Movement and, more importantly, why did they want to branch out?

If you have forgotten all your childhood lessons about church history, or never had any in the first place, stay with us in future editions of the Rock as we try to answer all of these questions. Hopefully, we'll be able to discover not only who put the 'Catholic' in Anglo-Catholic, but why.

Heather Brooks and Ross McComish



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## Ladies Guild Report

Joy Henderson as Peoples Warden, chaired the Annual General Meeting.

The Guilds future was discussed thoroughly. Details of the discussions will appear later.

**MARY BARTON Secretary Ph 455-8822**

*The tribute appearing below was received by the Bishops Warden and is reprinted with permission. (Ed)*

### A Tribute to Pilot Officer WH (Bill) Hodgson, DFC

Prepared by Tony Eyre and read on his behalf by his sister Maggie Eyre – 13 March, 1941

Today, in Pilot-Officer Bill Hodgson's home town of Dunedin, New Zealand, I am attending the Sunday service at St Peter's Anglican Church to commemorate, as you are doing, his tragic death 70 years ago to the day. This church has special significance to the Hodgsons. It was their family church and it was here that Bill served as an altar boy, was a member of the Boy's Life Brigade and assisted as a Sunday School teacher.

Before me is a magnificent stained-glass window, unveiled in October, 1941 seven months after his death to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice he gave for his country. The window depicts Bill Hodgson in his blue RAF uniform, with head raised, kneeling before the figure of a beckoning Christ whose hand rests gently on his shoulder, calling him to eternal life. I am often drawn to this window. For me it is an ever present reminder of the link between his Dunedin home and his final resting place, many thousands of miles away in the beautiful English village cemetery of Saffron Walden.

Bill's parent's Harry and Leonora Hodgson never did get to visit their son's grave. Their grief would have been unimaginable. They had lost their 20 year old son who was never to return home, never to grow old.

And two years later, their only other son Jim, a second-lieutenant in the New Zealand Army was to be killed in a military accident, not far from his home town of Dunedin.

Last year, thanks to the hospitality of Alan and Marilyn Jasper, I was fortunate enough to visit Saffron Walden Cemetery in Essex and pay my respects at the graveside where Bill Hodgson and his 85 Squadron comrades, Flight Lieutenant Sammy Allard and Pilot Officer Frank Walker-Smith, lay side by side. From Dunedin I brought a beautiful abalone shell that we call paua and buried it in the soil in front of Bill's headstone. For me, this was bringing a little bit of New Zealand to his final resting place as a symbol of the link that he will always have with the land of his birth.

I would like to pay special tribute to Trevor Williams and Alan Jasper for the part they have both played in keeping alive the memory of Bill Hodgson over many years. They have regularly made the trip to Saffron Walden on Remembrance Day to place a wreath on his grave. Trevor and Alan's detailed research of Bill's role in the Battle of Britain has greatly assisted in the telling of his story. And their seeking out of many of Bill's New Zealand relatives over the years has led to a number of Hodgson cousins making the long journey to visit his grave.

I would also like to say a special thank-you to Chris Allard for all the hard work he has put into organising this 70th anniversary commemoration of the deaths of these three young wartime pilots. Today, you have brought together the Hodgson, Allard and Walker-Smith families who are forever bonded by the tragedy that took the lives of their loved ones on March 13th, 1941.

Finally, let me recall those immortal words of Winston Churchill about the Battle of Britain: "Never in the field of human conflict, has so much been owed, by so many, to so few." As members of the Hodgson family in New Zealand, we are proud to say that Pilot Officer Bill Hodgson, from Macandrew Road, Dunedin, was indeed one of "The Few."

## PREPARING THE PARISH PROFILE

On Sunday February 13th the Diocesan Ministry Educator, Alec Clark, met with 51 parishioners in a Parish Consultation Meeting. This was held to help Vestry to construct a Parish Profile, which will be forwarded to anyone interested in becoming our new vicar.

This Parish Profile begins with a statement about our faith and a summary of (1) The Parish Profile Form, prepared by Vestry (2) The Parish Consultation Report, prepared by Alec Clark which includes the Wardens Report, (3) The Parish Strategic Plan. The last paragraph of the summary focuses on our needs as a Parish. It has not been possible to include all of the comments from the Parish Consultation in the summary, but be assured they are recorded in full elsewhere. The whole Profile is too big to reproduce in the Rock, but the summary (below) gives a good indication of what is in it.

### SUMMARY

St. Peter's is a traditional, Anglo-Catholic parish. This is reflected in both public and private acts of worship, through membership of various groups within the church and in active outreach and pastoral care in the community. While the majority of worshippers live within the parish boundaries, St. Peter's attracts a diverse group many of whom travel from other parts of Dunedin and even other towns (e.g. Timaru). Our statistics indicate attendances at services are better than most Anglican churches in the region and numbers have been stable for a long time. The parish is both financially stable and debt free.

Until the interregnum, there were regularly three Sunday services and a Thursday Holy Eucharist with special services for Lent, Easter, Christmas and our Patronal Festival. Services are also held at St. Barnabas Home and Radius Fulton Home for the elderly.

In the Parish Consultation, four different techniques were used to stimulate discussion. While some minor issues, such as maintenance of grounds, came to the fore, identification with Anglo-Catholicism was a consistent theme. In the first part of the Consultation, where parishioners were encouraged to think of St. Peter's as a boat, previous "captains" were recognised as strong leaders and the need for a new captain was discussed. The SWOT analysis highlighted the rich heritage of traditional liturgical worship, our website, and the ability to welcome all whom God sends as strengths. The top two opportunities were identified as continuation of the Anglo-Catholic tradition and use of electronic technology in outreach to youth, while secularisation and political correctness were the top two threats. Although some younger people attend St. Peter's, an area of concern was the predominance of the older age groups, which reflects the demographics of the area. In a discussion of the Wardens' Report, there were many areas of agreement but also the recognition that there was room for improvement in the parish.



The Consultation also indicated that the parish would be resistant to any changes which compromise the Anglo-Catholic faith and traditional liturgy.

The parish Strategic Plan was prepared by a Vestry member in consultation with the previous vicar. It was discussed and adopted by Vestry in February last year. It is anticipated that this will be further developed by the future vicar of St. Peter's in accordance with the Bishop's new strategic plan for the Diocese, when it becomes available.

Our previous vicar, who recently retired after 25 years service, followed a succession of Anglo-Catholic priests dating back to 1892.

We are very grateful to him for a sound education in the teachings of the Church Fathers and for consistent, traditional forms of worship. However, we must now look to the future and the appointment of a new vicar. We have a strong need for continuation of the Anglo-Catholic tradition, for a priest who can build on the firm foundation of faith provided by the previous vicar and a leader who can inspire, educate and satisfy our need to continue our own understanding of the Word of God.

### What does the Vicarage need?

*(apart from a new Vicar)..*

The list is:

- Queen bed and bedding, bedside tables, bedside lights.
- A compactum or set of drawers
- Pots & pans, crockery, cutlery, cups, glasses etc
- Occasional table.
- Electric jug

*All of these items need to be in good modern order and it must be noted that the strictly on loan - they will be returned to you.*

## Parish AGM

The Parish AGM was held on **Sunday 13th March** after the 10:30am Service.

The following were elected to the Vestry.

Bishops Warden: Tubby Hopkins

Peoples Warden: Joy Henderson

Vestry Members: Rita May-Brown, Heather Brooks, David Hoskins, David Scoular, Ian Condie, Jonathan Gillies, Kate Paterson, Nigel Westbrook, Dereck Gray

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## 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 20th Mar:**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**Mon 21st March: Thomas Cramer -  
Archbishop Of Canterbury 1556**

**Thur 24th March - Archangel Gabriel**

**Fri 25th March - The Annunciation of our  
Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sun 27th Mar:**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Tue 29th March - John Keble of Oxford, 1886**

**Fri 1st April - Frederick Denison Maurice, 1872**

**Sunday April 3rd - 4th Sunday in Lent  
Mothering Sunday  
Richard of Chichester, Bishop 1253**

**Mon 4th April - Martin Luther King, 1968**

**8th April - Saints and Martyrs of the Americas**

**Sat 9th April - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor,  
1945**

**Sunday 10th April - 5th Sunday in Lent  
Passion Sunday  
William Law, Priest & Mystic, 1761**

**Mon 11th April - George Augustus Selwyn,  
Bishop, 1878**

**Sunday 17th April - Sixth Sunday of Lent  
Palm Sunday**

**Monday 18th April - Monday of Holy week**

**Tuesday 19th April - Tuesday of Holy week**

**Wed 20th April - Wednesday of Holy week**

**Thur 21st April - Maundy Thursday**

**Fri 22nd April - Good Friday**

**Sunday 24th April - Easter Day - The day of  
Resurrection**

**Mon 25th April - St Mark the Evangelist  
Anzac Day**