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

From the Temporary Interim Priest

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I have been at Caversham long enough now to have a pretty good idea who are the regular members of the congregation on a Sunday - and who are visitors or newcomers. Scarcely a Sunday goes by without there being a new face or two in the congregation. Some are brought by friends. Some simply drop in "off the street".

I would like to tell you how I try to make them welcome. It is quite impossible, of course, to engage in much conversation as they leave the church after the service. There are others who are also waiting .

My practice is to greet them, enquire their names - and then I will introduce them , by name, to a member or two of the congregation. I hope that person will then look after them, get to know them, and see they are made welcome over a cup of tea in the hall.

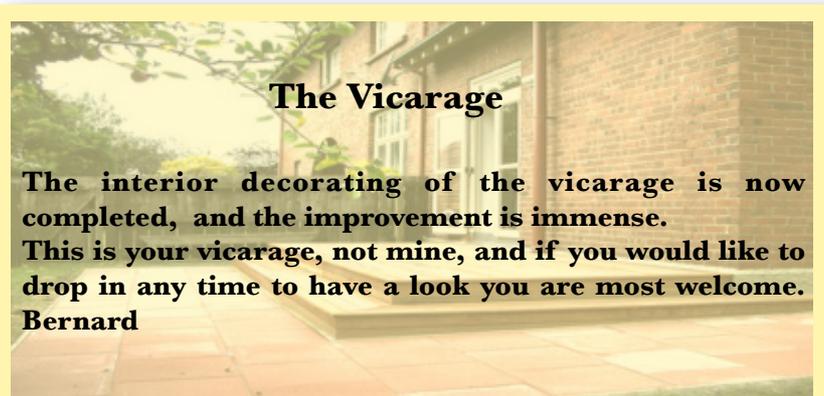
Then I can return in a more leisurely way to further the encounter.

And by the way - if you are shy about meeting new people - then don't be. it's the easiest thing in the world. All you need to do is to hold out your hand, say "Hello. I'm ----- And you are ? And they will tell you, every time. Try it some time.

S. Peter's is well placed for ministry to the community. May God give us the insight to see how best to fulfill it.

God be with you all,

Bernard



The Vicarage

The interior decorating of the vicarage is now completed, and the improvement is immense.

This is your vicarage, not mine, and if you would like to drop in any time to have a look you are most welcome.

Bernard



VESTRY IN BRIEF

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

- A new water heater has been installed in the hall kitchen. David Hoskins will post instructions for use.
- Redecoration of the vicarage has been completed, but there are still a few maintenance/repair jobs to do.
- Registration Report was received from the Historic Places Trust. Vestry thanked the Secretary and her husband (Ross McComish) for preparing and submitting the Historic Places Trust application for St. Peter's.
- Lyn Green has kindly offered to help with the vicarage rose bed.
- There is promotional material from the Bible Society in the Link.
- Joy has organised a card and gift for Fr Geoff who is in hospital.
- Fr Wiremu has offered to take the Thursday services in Fr Geoff's absence.
- Some hall users are leaving a mess, lights and/or heaters on or failing to secure the doors.
- We need a new hall secretary; David Hoskins will put a notice in the Pebble.
- Fr Carl asked to be remembered to Vestry.
- It is the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible; readings will be taken from this bible at a future Sunday 10.30 am service.

Heather Brooks
(Vestry Secretary)

A WARDEN'S WARBLE

On behalf of the nominators, we are continuing the search for a new Vicar for St. Peter's. This is an ongoing process with much frustration and disappointment. The vacancy has been advertised overseas as well as in New Zealand. We have had a number of enquiries over the past months but no firm applications for the vacancy. Several of those interested have been spoken to directly but none of these applicants have made a firm commitment to the position. And so the process goes on..! Accordingly the vacancy has been re-advertised once more.

The Vestry is very grateful indeed to Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson, Fr Geoff Hughes, Rev Peter Stapelton, and Rev Wiremu Quedley for their willing assistance in the interim.

Fr Geoff is out of hospital and recuperating at home. Our deepest sympathy goes to him and Michael upon the unexpected death of their faithful little friend Toby.

Tubby Hopkins has been in conversation with the staff at the Anglican Family Care. Their suggestions for goods very welcome at the centre include baking ingredients such as flour, sugar etc as well as noodles and rice.

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Editors note

It is with regret that I am unable to find space for all the material submitted, in particular some extracts from the St Christopher's Fiji Home and a newsletter from the Community of the Sacred Name (Ashburton), however the following extract from the Sacred Name will be of interest to many. The bulletins are in the Link for all to read.

"Now that we have resettled into our new home, we wish to thank each and every one of you both here in Aotearoa, and also overseas, for your prayers, your love, and your support shown to our community throughout this most difficult time as we journeyed as refugees through the after-shocks and the uncertainty. Thank you so much for standing with us in faith.."

As the months roll on I have been made very aware that we are all on a journey. As with any journey it is marked with events and waypoints. Suddenly we find the landscape has changed and we may be in unfamiliar territory. Yet we persevere and usually make our way against all manner of physical impediments to our journeys end.

So it is with life, comfortably cruising along, months ticking by, then suddenly we find ourselves in unfamiliar territory - an unexpected event - a twist of fate in our road. Uncharted waters, so to speak. What drives us onward, - what is it that some have, that enables them to overcome obstacles, and others to park up by the side of the road.

That quality is simple faith. Faith in our own abilities, faith in our peers, and most importantly faith in our Father.

So it is for Fr Geoff Hughes, his journey has been punctuated by a recent heart attack, and more recently the loss of his faithful companion Toby the hearing dog. Fr Geoff is a man of faith and so his journey continues. On a personal level I draw on the way he copes with his journey which strengthens my ability to cope with

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my own circumstances and waypoints on my personal journey.

Only when we have no faith do we pull over to the side of the road and give up.

My observation is thus: in order to have faith we must understand how others cope with their adversities, and further develop our relationship with Our Father. The closer we become to God the stronger our faith, and thus our ability to cope with the twists and turns in the journey of life.

Now from philosopher to pragmatist...!

The redecoration of the Vicarage is complete, and what a change! You will note Ven Bernard's

invitation to view the results in his front page comments. A very worthwhile thing to do. I commend you also to take a closer look.

This leads me to the exterior of the grounds. I have said it before in this column, that it is imperative, in order to attract a candidate, that not only the interior is shipshape, but the grounds also. I intend to raise the prospect of a further working bee with Vestry. If they agree details will be in the next Rock. Watch this space...

Now a space worthy of watching is our parish hall. I note that there is a concert scheduled for the 27th of August. This is to support the fundraising for a small child, Daryl-Ann, who from birth has been profoundly disabled. She has severe cerebral palsy and needs further stem cell therapy. Her father is climbing Baldwin Street to the equivalent height of Mt Everest - now that's commitment -, Please support this worthwhile event.

I would like to congratulate Joy Henderson for the update on the search for a new Vicar. I know many of you were as frustrated by the lack of communication as was I. Whilst the news is not encouraging it is very welcome - well done Joy.

Clearly there is a way to go yet in the search, therefore we must remain optimistic and add our prayerful weight behind the Nominators and affirm the Prayers of the People so elegantly expressed by Kate Paterson last Sunday.

Yours in Christ

Dereck Gray
Editor



This photograph was taken in 1947 - Dawn Bachop (Molloy) is the child angel in white.

Our Parishioners

**Dawn Bachop (nee Molloy] -
Born 1938**

Arnold Bachop - Born 1937

I first started at St. Peter's at age 5 years old and was baptised and later confirmed at St. Peter's.
I was presented to Bishop Johnston at the Anglican Ball at age 16 I took over teaching junior Sunday School from Joan Tubman (Chetwin) when she went to St. Barnabas home as Matron.
I was in girls Life Brigade under Peggy Bray. I was involved with musical groups and also Church nativity plays at Christmas as a baby angel !!!
(Oh how things have changed... Ed)



Dawn & Arnold Bachop

Educated - George St, Dunedin North Intermediate, King Edward Technical. Left school at 16.
Started work for Smith & Smith as an office boy, then worked in hardware, paint, wallpaper, and glass departments. Appointed as representative for Dunedin & South Otago - ended up Manager for South Dunedin glass glazing complex and in those days a thriving shop. Left after 31 years service when the business was taken over. I then started at Cargill Enterprises

promoted to workshop manager and stayed there for 22 years.

Met and married Arnold in February 1959, then moved to our Anderson Bay home where we lived for 47 years. Now we are back to South Dunedin where it all started, felt like coming home!
We have 3 children, 8 grand children. and 2.5 great grand children. I lead a busy life with singing and music as our main theme.

I started singing when I walked onto a stage at age 10 and haven't stopped since. My tenor voice was nurtured for 8 years by Mary Pratt and then Vincente Major. There have been many highlights. I have recorded many broadcasts for concert, national, and local radio stations. Early TV work included Music Hall, Songs from the Shows, and some recital work. There have been countless shows, too many to mention, Gilbert & Sullivan, operettas, and a Town Hall concert for the Duke & Duchess of Kent. I have taught singing to many young singers, and directed Opera Alive for 6 years. I was President and Life Member of Dunedin Competitions Society.

None of the children are blessed with singing - they are too busy at sports...! Arnold and I celebrated our Golden wedding nearly 3 years ago - not bad eh!!

I am married to Dawn (Molloy) for 53 years and we have 3 children, Steven, Brent, & Jill.

Diocesan Snippets

I wonder how many of you know about the Diocesan crib at Kakanui. It was built on what is surely the best section in Kakanui, right next to, and looking right along the huge beach, by Archdeacon Walter Southward. When he died, the property eventually came into the hands of the diocese. It is care for by Elgar Waugh, of S. Luke's Oamaru.

It has accommodation for six, full facilities, septic tank and all home comforts.. It is available to anyone, for a modest koha - suggested rate is \$40 per night for two, a little more for families.

If you would like to book it, ring Elgar Waugh, 03 - 4347274, or speak to Fr Bernard

St Peter's Women's Group

On the 23rd of July, 12 members enjoyed an informal fun afternoon together.

Hats made from newspaper provided much amusement and some interesting styles.

The bone china teacups bought along by members each had a special story attached. These stories were shared over an attractively presented Christmas themed afternoon tea. What a lot of history was covered, from a 200 year old christening cup to more recent Royal Dalton fine china.

Thanks to Raylene and Groups 1 and 2 for an afternoon of great fellowship.

On the 23rd August our group is holding a Dutch Auction to raise money for missions. We hope to see you there, with a wrapped item to auction, and some money to bid for the goods.

Gwen Hudson

Friendship Group

The Guild 130 year celebration was held in St Barnabas on the 9th of August- Fr Carl conducted a service followed with an enjoyable meal. Next month we will meet on Tuesday the 13th of September in the Hall at 2:00pm for afternoon tea.

Gay Webb - Contact no. 476 1613



The Anglo-Catholics: 5: The French Connection

In the last 20 years, at the end of James I's reign, everything

in the Church of England was as it should be. Catholic, but independent of the Pope, reformed by Protestant influences but still retaining its bishops and archbishops, the church had become truly Anglican.

Moreover, it allowed for a greater degree of freedom in individual religious belief than ever before. Still, there were tensions. Perhaps this was inevitable, as James not only ruled England but also Roman Catholic Ireland and Presbyterian Scotland.

James's son, Charles I, was not nearly as wise as his father and made a profound mistake in appointing William Laud as the new Archbishop of Canterbury; Laud was Catholic but extremely authoritarian. Parliament, meanwhile, had become increasingly Protestant and opposed Charles' attempts to raise taxes. Charles countered by not calling another Parliament for 23 years, after dissolving the 1629 one. The individual freedom of religious belief, dispensed with by Laud, and representation in parliament, done away with by the King, must have been an unbearable loss for the ordinary person. Moreover, it suggested an intent to return the Church of England to the Roman Catholic fold. The middle way had vanished and the Anglo-Catholics had become the bad guys! To make matters worse, Laud set about bringing Scotland into line, imposing bishops and the Book of Common Prayer on the Scottish Kirk. However, the Covenanters had the upper hand in the General Assembly and a bill to preserve the Presbyterian Church and denounce

the church had become truly Anglican

Roman Catholicism was passed by the Scottish Parliament in 1640. The Covenanters took things a step further, raising an army to resist Charles I's religious reforms and invading the north of England. Needing cash for troops to fight the Scots in what became known as the Bishops' Wars, Charles had no choice but to recall the English Parliament and ask them to levy taxes. Parliament made its own demands on the monarch and the ongoing feud

between them led to civil war. After much fighting and loss of life, the Parliamentarians finally overcame the Royalists at the Battle of Naseby (1645). Fleeing the battlefield, Charles surrendered to the Scots;

it was not his best idea! Despite being their monarch, the Scots took Charles back to England where he was imprisoned, escaped and was imprisoned again. With a will to overthrow the monarchy altogether, Fairfax, the leader of the New Model Army, set about removing all members of Parliament who were opposed to putting the King on trial. As a result, Charles was tried for treason and executed in 1649. While many rejoiced at the death of a tyrant, who can say how many others were appalled at the beheading of a King who ruled by Divine Right. Fairfax himself may have been one of those as he seemed to lose his way politically and was soon overtaken by a much more ruthless and ambitious man, just returned from subduing both the Irish and the Scots – Cromwell.

Now we see a very different England, a republic for the first time, and a very different Anglican Church. Under Cromwell the

Puritans, comprising both the Presbyterian and Congregationalist wings, ruled both church and country and the Catholics were forced underground or fled to France. Living as exiles, those who crossed the English Channel adopted the French way of life as much as they could, in dress, habits and language. Unable to roll the letter 'r' off their tongues the way the French do, they were known as the 'incwoyables' (incwedibles). And naturally, there was a return to Roman Catholicism, the religion of that country. Nevertheless, there

were those who tried to keep the flame of Anglo-Catholicism alive. One such was priest John Cosin, who even before the civil war had come to

the notice of the Puritans for such monstrous offenses as burning 220 candles in the cathedral at Candlemass. Deposed, impoverished and risking arrest for his Catholicism he finally had to flee to France where he gained further enemies by writing in defense of everything Anglican and attacking Rome. Yet

all was not lost - but that's another Rock article so tune in next month..

Heather & Ross

A little extract from Jonathan Aitken, author, who compared his relationship with God to that of a bank manager:

I spoke to him politely, visited his premises intermittently, occasionally asked him for a small favour or overdraft to get myself out of difficulty, thanked him condescendingly for his assistance, kept up the appearance of being one of his reasonably reliable customers, and maintained superficial contact with him on the grounds that one of these days he might come in useful.

Bernard...



It is with a great deal of sadness we note the passing of Toby who was Fr Geoff Hughes faithful hearing dog and companion. *Ed*

Heaven's Doggy-Door

In memory of Toby R.I.P

My best friend closed his eyes last night,
As his head was in my hand.
The Doctors said he was in pain,
And it was hard for him to stand.
The thoughts that scurried through my head,
As I cradled him in my arms.
Were of his younger, puppy years,
And Oh...his many charms.
Today, there was no gentle nudge
With an intense "I love you gaze",
Only a heart that's filled with tears
Remembering our joy filled days.
But an Angel just appeared to me
And he said, "You should cry no more,
GOD also loves our canine friends,
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History of St Peter's Guild

An extract from a previous St Peter's publication

The history of this organisation goes back to before the building of the new church at Caversham. So as to record more faithfully their achievements, the system of dating their major activities seems more suitable.

May, 1876: The ladies of the parish are invited to assist with a bazaar to raise funds.

August 1st, 1881: The vestry heartily approved the formation of a "Guild" of the ladies of St. Peter's Parish, to work for church purposes.

August 17th, 1881: At a meeting of ladies held in the parsonage it was unanimously decided to form a Guild. The president, Mrs Baldwin, vice-president, Miss Brodrick, treasurer and secretary, Mrs Easther and Miss Brodrick, committee—Mrs Ronaldson, Mrs Machin, Mrs Seward, Mrs Beattie and Miss Thompson. All members of St. Peter's Church were eligible for membership, the fee was a shilling per month and all monies collected, to be disposed of by the managing committee.

September 19th, 1882: At the opening of the new church, the Ladies' Guild was praised and thanked for the beautiful floral decorations, the work in partly completing the chancel, and the excellence of the Altar Linen and Altar Cloth.

April 7th, 1884: The vestry received a letter from the guild suggesting the appointment of an organist and offering to give £10 p.a. towards salary, provided vestry gave the same.

December 8th, 1884: The guild took part in a "Fair of all nations" opened by the Governor, for which they borrowed £5 from the vestry.

January 5th, 1885: It was reported that the guild had repaid the loan of £5, handed the vestry £40 and paid the £10 balance due to Mr Barth for teaching the choir.

October 4th, 1886: A cheque for £35 was received by the vestry from the guild to pay the vicar's stipend (the church was in dire financial straits and legal proceedings were imminent!).

February 8th, 1887: The guild wrote to the vestry stating that they would find the £50 stipend "for Mr Ronaldson for this year."

July 12th, 1887: The vestry approached the guild to ask if they could assist in raising funds to pay the interest on the parsonage. The ladies replied that they had no funds in hand this year.

December 6th, 1887: The sum of £73 5s 7d was paid into the Building Fund to reduce the debt, the money coming from the Cake Fair. Recorded in the vestry notes at this time was an "appeal to help in the present crisis to avert the ruin which will otherwise fall on the guarantors as well as the loss of the church itself."

June, 1889: The guild organised a concert and paid £15 to the vestry for arrears in the vicar's stipend.

July, 1898: The guild were requested to provide a gown for the vergers and they advised they would eventually do so.

1905: The vicar gave his approval for the guild to provide coconut matting for the church aisles, calcimine the walls and to clean the church.

July, 1906: A grant of £50 to Vicar's stipend and £10 to church funds.

1911: The guild voted £100 towards the New Vicarage Fund, to be used as principal, not interest.

December 4th, 1912: The Ladies' Guild wrote to the vestry offering to devote their energies, in future, to provide the funds to build the vicarage.

1916 to 1932 reflects the ability of these ladies to raise funds. In all they had collected £3,531 18s 9d and particularly praiseworthy is the amount of £191 collected during depression years.

February, 1943: The death was recorded of two foundation members, Mrs T. Chalmer and her sister Miss Brodrick.

So they continued with their efforts, contributing upwards of £200 every year to parish finances.

The introduction of the pledge system of giving altered the needs of the parish and the guild found itself having to reassess its activities. Mission work became the main interest and it was clear that there was much to do. Parcels to Miss Idour in India, St. John's College in Suva and the Melanesia Anglican Orphanage. Clothing and goods to Korea, tinned food to Labasa, and Honiara.

The Needlework Guild, formed in 1956, joined the Ladies' Guild and this was an excellent arrangement. Cassocks have been repaired, altar and sanctuary linen renewed. An altar frontal embroidered, linen and four sets of vestments made.

St. Peter's Banner was presented and used at the Consecration Service of the completed church in 1961 and the making and working of it was done by Mrs Read, Miss Wallscott, Mrs Southam and Mrs McCurrach.

So it goes on donations, flower shows, sales, gifts of paint, a mirror for the Sacristy, money for missions.

The Guild has lost many fine members and many who have served for long years still continue to do so. We will list the 1969 Guild as was done for the first Guild in 1869.

President, Mrs A. Steel; Secretary, Mrs B. Rodgers; Members, Mesdames Malloy, Johnson, Martin, Wheeler, Cartright, Little, Boyce, Kennedy, Grimmer, McCurrach and Misses Fleitt, Wallscott and Shadwell.



Why aren't you wearing flat shoes?"

"Why aren't you wearing flat shoes?" This was the question that greeted the wife of the Rector of our former parish in Harare, Zimbabwe as she arrived for the Good Friday service this year. An odd question to ask someone arriving at church, you might think. True, the service was being held in the open-air (good weather guaranteed as March/April falls in the dry season in Central Africa) and it was likely to be long as there was a large turnout (the service had been called by two of the bishops and was being held in the main city square) but those who like fashionable shoes don't mind the pain they can cause and you might well wonder what could make one person's footwear anyone else's business.

To people in Harare, well, to Anglicans anyway, the reason for such a question is perfectly plain. If you are not wearing flat shoes to church, you won't be able to run



Reverend Chad Gandiva

away quickly enough when the riot police arrive to break up the service. On this occasion, I am glad to report, the riot police kept away and the two bishops and the enormous crowd of worshippers were able to have their service in peace.

Please notice that they were not able to have it in the cathedral, which is right on the public square because the doors were locked and barred. In a flat in the cloisters, once used by the caretaker, lives the rogue former bishop of Harare. He has been excommunicated by the Province and deposed as Bishop of Harare but he still holds the cheque books of the diocese and has the favour of Zimbabwe's very own despot, Robert Mugabe. So he is protected by the police and a legal action, brought by the legitimate Anglican authorities, has been dragging its weary way through the

courts. Even the judges, it would seem have been afraid to rule against him and, until recently, they only went as far as ordering Anglicans and members of what is now a church headed by Kunonga, to share facilities and churches. But when ordinary Anglicans arrived for services, as likely as not they have found the riot police waiting, with their batons.



Bishops too have met with difficulties. When the legitimate Bishop of Harare, the Right Reverend Chad Gandiva, arrived to be enthroned at the cathedral after his consecration a couple of years ago (this had been held in a sports stadium to accommodate the crowds), he found heavy chains on the doors, so that he and those with him could not get in. However, Zimbabweans are very resourceful. The same thing had happened to his predecessor, a retired bishop who was installed to look after things when Kunonga was deposed, so the new bishop was ready. One of his entourage was carrying bolt-cutters! Whether he actually got into the building or not, I forget. I have a feeling that the riot police were in attendance once more, but at least the point was made: the Anglicans are not intending to give up, they are going to fight back, and one day regain access to their churches and church halls and rectories, their offices, graveyards and gardens of rest.

They have been worshipping in all

sorts of places: garages, borrowed school halls and chapels, some in the open air. People have arrived at church to find a building they have been able to use shut against them; some have been dragged from the altar rail and beaten; leaders have had terrible threats issued against them. This week the struggle has intensified: while a High Court judgement upheld Bishop Chad's appointment as Harare's bishop it also gave Kunonga custodianship of all church properties. Priests and their families are being evicted from their rectories and Kunonga has declared his intention to take over church properties not only in Zimbabwe but in neighbouring countries as well. So, when you pray for members of the persecuted church, please include the Anglicans of Zimbabwe among them. They are resourceful and resilient people but they can surely do with the support of our prayers.

Revd. Dr. Pamela Welch

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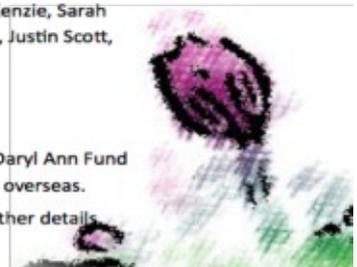
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CALENDAR

with festivals and observances

Note: There are too many observances in the month of July to list them all, thus these are a selection - the full list appears on page 21 of the New Zealand Prayer Book

Sun 21st August - 9th Sunday after Trinity

Tue 23rd August - Rose of Lima, Mystic, 1617

Wed 24th August - St Bartholomew, Apostle

Sun 28th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity
Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Mon 28th August - Augustine, B. of Hippo, 430

Thu 1st September - Builders of the Church of this Province

Tue 6th September - Charles Fox, Scholar, 1977

Sun 4th September - 11th Sunday after Trinity

Wed 7th September - Saints & Martyrs of the Pacific

Thu 8th September - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sun 11th September - 12th Sunday after Trinity

Tue 13th September - Cyprian, B. of Carthage, 258

Wed 14th September - Holy Cross Day

Sun 18th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity

Wed 21st September - St Matthew, Apostle

Fri 23rd September - Churchill Julius, 1st Archbishop of NZ

Sun 25th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

Thu 29th September - St Michael and All Angels

Fri 30th September - Jerome, Priest, Translator of the Scriptures, 420