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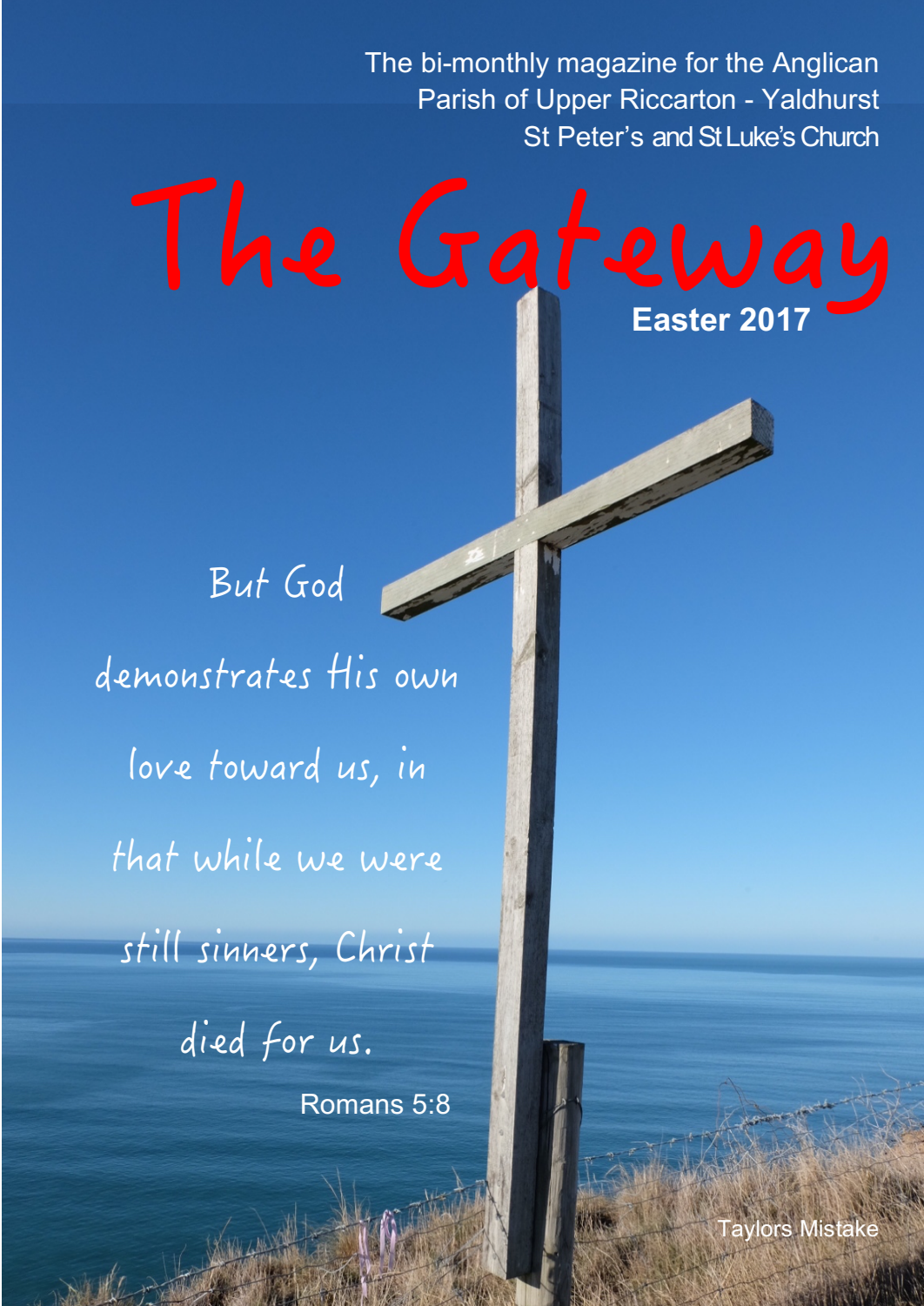
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St Peter's and St Luke's Church

The Gateway

Easter 2017



*But God
demonstrates His own
love toward us, in
that while we were
still sinners, Christ
died for us.*

Romans 5:8

Taylor's Mistake

Weekly Services



St Peter's Church

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Good News Club

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

1st & 3rd Sundays

9.30 am Holy
Communion



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Book Review



"Travels With My Harp" – The Complete Autobiography by Mary O'Hara (2012).

Many of you will remember hearing Mary O'Hara singing with her harp on radio and television in the 1950s and 60s. Her delightfully absorbing, interesting, and descriptive full of humour story raised many a chuckle, and found me reading for many hours during the January holidays. I can highly recommend it and hope you will enjoy it too. It's available from the library. – Margaret Mahan

Mary's story is recounted with warmth and humour in this updated version of her autobiography. Born in the west of Ireland, she became a singing star at 16. She fell in love with a young American poet, Richard Selig but their marriage only lasted 15 months before his tragic death. Overwhelmed with grief, Mary continued to sing while searching for a nunnery in which to live the remainder of her life in prayer and silence, finding the answer at the strict Benedictine monastery of Stanbrook in the West Midlands. There she was known as Sister Miriam Selig.

12 years later, spiritually enriched but fragile in health, she emerged and restarted her career, winning even wider praise on worldwide tours. Encouraged to tell her story, in 1980 she wrote the best seller "The Scent of the Roses". "Travels with my Harp" contains new information of her earlier years, but also takes up the story with many amusing anecdotes from concert tours around the world.

Mary remarried in 1985 having known Padraig O'Toole for 10 years. In 1994 Mary made the decision to retire from the stage. The couple then led a new life of undreamed of adventure, and unexpected challenges. Mary opened up her work with children born with AIDS and a new-found talent drawing expressive sketches of African people she came to know.

Now almost 80 years of age, she and husband Pat live on Inis Mor in the Aran Islands off Ireland's west coast where he grew up.

Kids Corner

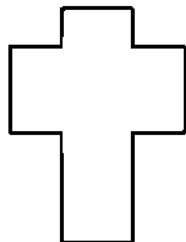
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From the Vicar
Rev Nick Mountfort

REALLY VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH Chocolate

I have just returned from leading a memorial service in a local rest home. It was a moving occasion with more family residents and friends than anyone ever expected to attend. Beside the little box of the deceased ashes, the family had placed a butterfly. The butterfly gave me an "in" to talk about Easter hope. Butterflies begin as caterpillars. I'm sure if you could interview a caterpillar, they would tell you they have no idea as to the glory that awaits them. They have to die to their old life. In fact, they enter a kind of coffin cocoon, and then after a period of waiting, they emerge, a transformed life form, a majestic butterfly.

Something very similar happened to Jesus. He was a human being suffering in every way like one of us, then following his 3 days in the tomb, he emerged transformed. He had physical presence, he was able to eat fish and Thomas could put his fingers in his wounds but he could also go through walls and return to heaven. I'm reminded of the line in Star Trek, "It's life, Jim, but not as we know it!"

Easter Services

St. Peter's Church (Church Corner)

Maundy Thursday (13 April)

Last Supper & Service of Shadows
7.30 pm

Good Friday (14 April)

Devotional Service - Gathering
Around the Cross
9.30 am

Easter Day (16 April)

Holy Communion & Greening of
the Cross
8.00 am & 9.30 am

(Please bring a flower or greenery.)

St. Luke's Church (School Road, Yaldhurst)

Easter Day (16 April)

Holy Communion
9.30 am

AGM

30 April
11 am
Parish Hall

NOTICEBOARD

FOR YOUR DIARY

Palm Cross Making 6 April

Palm Sunday 9 April

The Last Supper 13 April

Good Friday 14 April

Easter Day 16 April

Book Sale 16 & 17 June

Coffee And A Chat

Thursday mornings at 10 am,
York Room
St Peter's Church Hall
All Welcome
Coffee \$2 Cake 50c

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- ▶ Community Programmes - Youth 03 353 7110 extension 3331
- ▶ www.youth.stjohn.org.nz/

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CADET PROGRAMME is for 8 - 18 year olds where we empower youth members with first aid, health care and leadership skills while having fun and learning along the way.

The Paschal Mystery, as it is known, is the core of our faith. We believe that the love we see in Jesus is stronger than death. It was this conviction which drove the early disciples, both men and women, out into the Mediterranean world with good news. It was the conviction that Jesus is alive that meant nothing; not even their own deaths would stand in the way of them sharing the good news.

The conviction that Jesus is alive has come down to us today. It is this conviction that the communities of St. Luke's and St. Peter's are built on.

If you find it hard to believe and it is very very extraordinary, then try praying. Try praying to Jesus and he will slowly build a conviction in your heart. You will find him faithful in honouring your heart's desire.

I hope you make the most of all the wonderful things your Parish has to offer you this Easter. I wouldn't want you to miss out.

Nick

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St Peter's Anglican Church at Church Corner and St Luke's Yaldhurst

Nothing will work unless you do!

MISSION TABLE

Do you know about the mission work supported through the Church's monthly mission's table? Here is a snap-shot of one. The sales from the Mission Table on 5 February went to the Kailakuri Care Project in Bangladesh. Born of the Church of Bangladesh, this project was run by the late Dr. Edric Baker. He was a New Zealander and a medical doctor who devoted his life to serving the poor in Bangladesh. Dr. Edric Baker passed away in September 2015 but the project is still running. He used to be the main fund-raiser for the project.



Dr. Edric Baker

Bangladesh is one of the world's poorest countries, with 150 million people. Kailakuri is an isolated rural area. Dr. Edric Baker was the project coordinator (until he died), together with registered nurse Libby Laing, also a NZlander (she was the mother-child specialist) and an American, Rev Doug Venne MM (magnanimous supporter). All three of them are now in Heaven.

The Kailakuri Care Project works with Muslim, Christian and Hindus in:

- a) educating the villages about preventative measures for infectious diseases, proper sanitation, and cleanliness. Many of the villagers are superstitious and do not go for treatment when they fall sick with diarrhoea and this can lead to outbreak of infectious diseases.

Great Use of our Parish Hall

Over the Christmas/New Year period, The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (NZ Branch) Summer School 2016-2017 held many practices here. And to finish off a Ceilidh (see pictures). It was lovely to see the hall so full of happy people.

Our hall with a wonderful floor for dancing is available for functions. Please phone the office for booking details.
Ph. Pamela on 348 5653.



Defibrillator

It has been my belief that with an aged congregation, but not necessarily, that we are irresponsible if we do not have a defibrillator present in case of a cardiac incident.

I have approached Warren Dobbs, who is involved with St John's, for advice and have asked him to procure one on our behalf. Warren has agreed to give a demonstration after a Sunday service. Defibrillators talk one through the situation so it can be used by anyone without difficulty.

Defibrillators are not cheap and the Parish is particularly grateful to a Parish family who were equally concerned and have donated one. Thank you.

The defibrillator will be portable enough to be taken to any building. Let us hope we don't need to use it.

Corin Murfitt (Vicar's Warden)

Create with Fibre



This year, the group is meeting on Tuesday afternoons, from 1 pm to 2 pm, in the York Room. You are encouraged to come along (with a friend) and to bring your current creation to work on. We welcome any way of creating (art, crochet, draw, knit, paint, sew, sketch, spin, stitch, weave or whittle) and any fibre (animal, vegetable or mineral, organic or inorganic) are welcome. Create for yourself, your loved ones or charity. Cost is \$1 and includes a cuppa. For more information, phone Margaret at 342 7098 or 027 256 8202.

Garage Sale

Another successful garage sale. To date, we have made over \$5700. A big thank you to those who donated goods, helped in setting up the hall on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, to our electrician and to those who supplied food. We want to thank Fay for serving the morning tea and lunch.

We look forward to our next sale in September. You can find the photos of the Garage Sale on our St. Peter's Facebook page.

Thank you

Gwen

From the PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings (St Luke's Church)

Anna Louise Casey & Philip John Eatwell
25 Feb 17

Funerals

Pamela Ynys Averill Johnston
17 Feb 17

Interments

Ann Amire Craighead
13 Feb 17

Hellewell Winifred Gertrude
2 Mar 17

Baptisms (St Luke's Church)

Sally Ann Youngman 25 Dec 16

Baptisms (St Peter's Church)

Lily Corkin 28 Dec 16

- b) education on health, nutrition and family planning.
- c) mother and child care.
- d) immunizations.
- e) disease prevention – TB, diabetes.
- f) medical treatment for the poor villagers who would otherwise not have the treatment from the hospitals or private clinics, which are too expensive for them.
- g) care of burn patients.

Almost all of the Kailakuri support comes from NZ and USA.

In the 2009 newsletter of the late Edric Baker, he said, "The Kailakuri Care project meets essential needs and must be sustained for as long as possible, for the poor and by the poor. And it brings Muslim, Christian and Hindu communities together in harmony. The work is done by paramedics and village workers most of whom have under school certificate level of formal education. They had 30,000 outpatients, 900 inpatients, 1400 diabetic patients, 1200 under-four-year-old babies on regular home checks, 560 antenatal mothers, 90 TB patients, etc., etc. The running cost is NZ\$18,000 per month. This is very low when considering what is achieved, but the money has still be found... (all figures is as of 2008)."



As a Church, we can support the missionaries in foreign land through:

- 1) getting to know the missionaries and their mission work.
- 2) reading the missionary's newsletters.
- 3) praying for them and their ministries.
- 4) supporting their ministries financially.
- 5) encouraging them through mails
- 6) visiting them with mission group from the church.
- 7) telling other Christians about their work and missions.

Matthew 5:16 (GNT) says:

"In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

If you are planning a group visit or would like to know more about the work or donating, you can contact their coordinator **Peter Wilson** at kailakuri.nzlink@gmail.com, check out <http://site.kailakurihealth> or speak to the missions coordinators, **Peter & Irene Coman**.

Ref: Kailakuri Care Project Newsletter from Dr. Edric Baker (2009) (2016)

Photos: <https://sites.google.com/site/kailakurihealth/photos1/photos>



DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP

2017 began on 1 February with our Vicar Nick Mountford as our guest. This was followed by AAW Sunday and the Diocese AGM at St. Barnabas on 25 February. February was a busy short month.

Our March meeting coincided with Ash Wednesday and we welcomed our Deacon Assistant, John McLister, as our guest and get a chance to know him.

We participated in World Day of Prayer. This event was held at Our Lady of Victories and prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in the Philippines.

For information, please phone

Barbara Fleming (342 8982)

EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We began the year with a discussion on the future of our group, held in the Bowden Hall where we will meet in future on the 3rd Wednesday each month, at 7.30pm. Diocesan President Judith Mackenzie joined us,

News from the AAW Groups

answered some questions we had, and encouraged us to continue as we are, which we will, at least for this year. Our group is supportive and friendly, although we would love to have new members join us - you will be very welcome. Our group programme has yet to be confirmed. Details will be published in the weekly newsletter.

Irene Coman and I attended the Diocesan AGM at St. Barnabas' on 25 February, chaired by Bishop Victoria who also gave an encouraging reflection at the Midday Prayer and Service of Commissioning of the Diocesan Executive, in the recently repaired church. A shared lunch followed with a chance to talk to people from other groups, of whom many are long-time AAW members. This year, it is hoped to promote talents of AAW members through Arts and Crafts and other activities. More information will be available after a meeting for all AAW members on Saturday 8 April, at 10 am, at St. Barnabas', followed by a shared lunch. On Saturday, 29 April, a sale of materials will be held for people to make items to be sold at an Arts and Crafts Fair in October. By doing this, it is hoped to encourage new members to join our organisation.

For information, please phone

**Margaret Mahan, Leader (942 2114) or
Janice Newnham, Secretary (358 6242)**

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in St. Peter's Hall, Church Corner**

Stephanie Hersh.

Studying at the Culinary Institute of America in NY, Stephanie has a Masters of Gastronomy from Boston University, and has given several lectures on Food History and the importance of Gastronomy. An active member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals she has participated at annual conferences – leading culinary excursions, contributing on panel discussions, and serving on several committees. A National Board Member of the American Institute of Wine & Food, a personal highlight was her appointment as executive Personal Assistant to Julia Child from 1989 until Julia's death in 2004. She is currently teaching cooking classes onboard Oceania Cruises, and is pleased that she can continue to share her passion about all things culinary.

Tickets \$20 (refreshments included)

available from the Parish Office or any member of the St. Peter's Restoration Fundraising Committee : David Winfield, Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, Bob Shearing or Annette Mildon

WHAT DOES A VICAR DO ALL DAY?

What does a Vicar do all day? Mostly people are far too polite to ask but I thought a page from my diary might interest.

I've tried to pick an average day but of course, one of the things I like about being a Priest is that every day is different.

The alarm goes off at 6. Eventually, I get up and, after breakfast, I have a time of prayer. Prayer is key to the day for me. The phone calls start about 8:30 – both in and out. Nine, and it's time for Morning Prayer with one or two others. Then I have a meeting with John to review the week and upcoming events. Then there is meeting to look at the fundraising for the restoration. Then I go around to a house of a new New Zealander who has requested a house blessing. Over lunch, there is meeting of the training vicars; that is vicars with curates. The Bishop has paid for the pizzas! By 2, I visit a family who has recently had a bereavement to plan the funeral and offer comfort.

I try and go to a Parish activity but someone comes round to the Vicarage in pastoral need so I stay with them for a while. Then there's another meeting regarding a person who has applied for a job in the parish.

Following tea, I take Holy Communion around to a sick person and family. That's mostly the day, if you add emails, phone calls and little pastoral chats and the bulletin checked for the office. Then it's time to jump into bed, hopefully by 10.

As I say, each day is different but I hope that gives you an idea of a typical day.

Nick

THE TRAIN JOURNEY

Shared by Irene Coman during the AAW group

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realise they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells..

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is - we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seats empty; we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

(By the way, I am not planning to get off the train anytime soon, but if I do, just remember I am glad you were part of my journey.)



Our first quiz night for 2017 was successfully run in February, raising over \$1100, and the next big event will be to hear speaker Stephie Hersh on 5 April (see notice on page 16). Later in the year there will be a raceday at Riccarton and early in 2018 a major fair. Once again ideas for events are invited.

Because of St. Peter's landmark position at Church Corner, we are shortly to invite representatives from the local business community along to share with them our plans and possibly gain their support. We will also be distributing flyers in selected areas inviting the donation of good items that we can sell. If you have anything to offer, please call Paul on 03 329 6644 or email oportto44@gmail.com and leave a message with your name

and number and we will arrange collection.

A very large thank you to those who have been a part of our fundraising in various ways – we can report a present total of approximately \$280,000 which is encouraging, but with still some

Our Church & Grounds are steeped in history.

Recognised as the oldest stone church in Christchurch, St Peter's Anglican Church and its grounds have been a part of the Christchurch landscape for 150 years. With its long history and presence on Church Corner, the site is significant to many.

distance to cover as you will appreciate.

As always, we welcome your feedback and ideas, or you may like to speak to anyone else from the committee: Corin Murfitt, Bob Shearing, Paul Rhodes, Annette Mildon, or the Vicar.

David Winfield (convenor)



One recent step to help us towards our goal has been the installation of our new parish website

(www.stpeterschurch.nz) and you are encouraged to take a look if you haven't done so already. From our perspective, as well as featuring our Case for Support document, there is also provision for supporters to donate online and this facility is already being utilised.

Regular gifts, large and small, are being made from within our congregation and beyond and we would remind anyone considering doing so that anything given before the end of this month can be claimed back from your tax as a charitable

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donation for the 2016/17 year.

In looking further afield we have approached St. Peter's Churches in Australia and NZ and are now emailing those in the USA. Along with some gifts, we have received other messages of prayer support which have been appreciated. We have also been grateful to the Revd Gerard Jacobs, formerly on our parish staff, who shared the cause when recently in Singapore with subsequent donations following.

Putting the 'Church' back in Church Corner

Since the 2010 Christchurch Earthquake we have been unable to worship in our beautiful church. We are currently working to restore our home and welcome you to read about what we are doing.

Prospective donors continue to be approached and once again we would ask parishioners to pass on the names of people who might have a heart for this project along with the means to give. Work continues preparing applications to major trusts and grants.

FAMILY SERVICE

We had our first family service this month. 35 people attended - from as young as one-year-old through to grandparents.

Our youth orchestra practised for over a month and played a lively set of contemporary and traditional church music. They did a fantastic job.

We had beautifully baked, fresh bread for Holy Communion.

A number of our young people participated in the service as welcomers, ministers of communion and prayers, and taking up the collection.

Afterwards, we all enjoyed lunch together. We had freshly made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

On the way home, my four-year-old daughter surprised me with a comment I don't often hear. She said, "I liked church today." Actually, a few of us oldies enjoyed ourselves too.

A big thanks to everyone who helped launch our first St Peter's Family service.

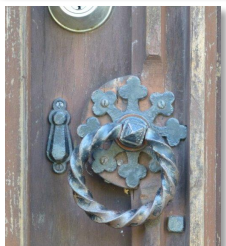
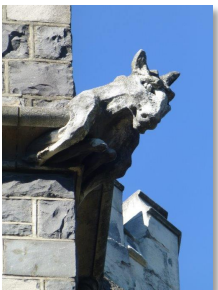
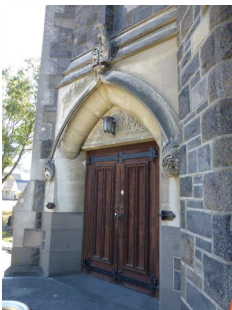
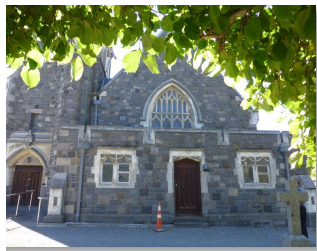
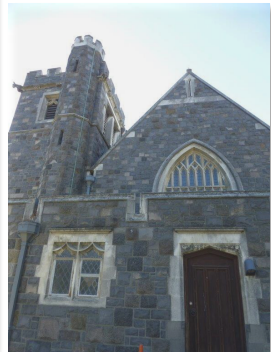
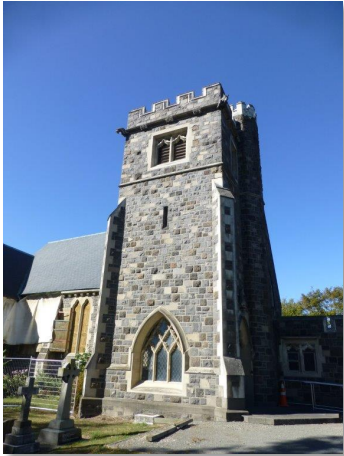


John McLister (Deacon Assistant)





A REFLECTION OF LENT



The season of Lent is a time when we examine our lives in the light of Christ's wilderness experience. For many it is a time to reflect on how we "measure up": our conduct, what we give up, what we give out. We touch on delicate areas—integrity, honesty, truth—in the light of eternal values as seen in the life of our Saviour.

The Victorian intellectual giant, Ruskin, wrote a treatise, "The Seven Lamps of Architecture", reflecting the ideals of Sacrifice, Truth, Power, Beauty, Life, Memory, and Obedience. The architect George Gilbert Scott wrote "The Principles of Pointed or Christian Architecture". Both were concerned with how to transpose these ideals into building design. They believed that we are influenced greatly in our spiritual state by our physical surroundings. Buildings were conceived and designed to enhance the moral and ethical understanding of values still relevant today.

Our parish church of St Peter's is the work of important early architects and builders G.G. Scott, Benjamin Mountfort, Isaac Luck, and others. The building embodies many features of great and rich cultural and philosophical movements dating back to Medieval times. The present building was set in stone by Cecil Wood in the Decorative Gothic style. It is incredible to think that, in spite of earthquake damage, our church still stands before us – a time capsule of the European side of our history.

It is time to search and reflect, to think and act, to restore the treasure that we have, to appreciate and preserve features and symbols within its walls and outside, which we take for granted every day as we pass by.

Our church can be seen to be not just a functional building but a statement of centuries of culture.

I hope we can preserve the historical features both inside and outside without altering things for pragmatic reasons but rather enhance the original design.

In this season of Lent, maybe we need to examine the essence of what we believe, the essentials of what we need and how this is expressed by us. Our tribute to our pioneer families is also our witness to those with whom we hope to share the Good News of Christ's Resurrection.