



Diocese of Dunedin

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 18 February 2021

It's Lent, with opportunities to reflect, pray and give to others. We hear back from the recent Diocesan Training Day plus there are reminders of other events coming up.

Remember that we are back at **Alert Level 1**: Keep scanning COVID-19 tracer apps, stay at home (and get tested) if you feel unwell, be safe at church - no intincting (dipping) bread into wine and use the sanitiser provided.

[Click here](#) for a printable version of this newsletter. If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, please forward these to bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz by 9 am Monday 22 February. We appreciate any news and photos you have to pass on.

Opportunities for daily prayer can be found on our [Prayer Resources](#) web page.



Anglican Missions 2021 Lenten Appeal

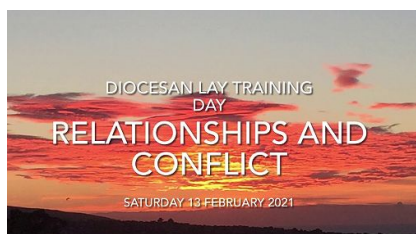
Anglican Missions 2021 Lenten Appeal was launched on Ash Wednesday, 17th Feb. You should have received resources (poster, envelopes and brochure) by now. Details of the three projects being supported are on our attached brochure...

This years Projects:

- St Luke's Hospital - Jerusalem
- Youth Ministry Training - Egypt
- Water Security, Solomon Islands

Information is also available [on our website](#)

Please the office (info@angmissions.org.nz or 04-4735172) if you require more resources or information.



Diocesan Training Day: Relationships and Conflict

On Saturday 13 February around 80 people from all corners of the Diocese joined in a training day for Lay Ministers and others involved in local ministry held at St Mark's Balclutha. Read on for part one of a report on this event...

We were welcomed by Rev'd Brett ... who encouraged us to pray for the Parish there... something that we need to continue to do as we place each other and our communities in God's care.

Justice and Peace

Rev'd Dr Anne Van Gend started the day off which had a theme of Conflict and Relationships. She spoke about the concept of Shalom, where everything is in right relationship with each other – a peace and satisfaction. Shalom is also about webbing together God, people and creation in justice,

fulfillment and delight – a broad understanding of everything and everyone in right relationship with everything and everyone else. In a world which increasingly focuses on “it’s all about you”, a rising disconnection is taking place. We see this in NZ with young people feeling more disconnected.

The peace that we talk about (and live) is a peace with God and creation, but hooks into a whole lot of unformed longings that point towards God. This kind of longing is something that everyone feels, but may not necessarily make the connection as being a “homesickness” for God. The West is suffering with terrible loneliness, and as people of faith we need to be confident of offering something into this: the Good News of God, the piece of the puzzle that brings everything together.

Anne spoke of the building of Shalom as a priority, and asked the group, if we feel wronged or injured, what do we really long for? It usually has to do with being deeply listened to, acknowledged, feeling safe and being believed, wanting the balance restored and taken from a place of disempowerment to one of dignity and mana restored. We don’t just need to vent – but feel that something has tricky been turned around.

Chris Marshall’s work on restorative justice is worth considering when thinking about restorative justice – bringing a change when conflict has destroyed peace. This focuses on: taking care of the vulnerable, making sure they feel safe; allowing their story to be told, heard and believed; gaining a sense of vindication, having feelings justified and; finding the value of going through this process – if I have gone through this, it will be better for others.

Justice in the Bible is different to our more Western concepts of this. Rather than being about blame and retribution, it is described in terms of a powerful, flowing river (Amos 4), something that heals and restores, bringing about peace. Law is really about sustained Shalom, with restoration being hard work (easier in many ways to go to jail!). Anne reminded us that righteousness is all about doing justice to bring about peace. It’s something that is active, relational and covenantal (living rightly and justly). Time and time again in the Old Testament God says that what’s always required is for us to live up to and into this covenant – I want justice from you, but you are heading towards calamity.

Time and time again in the New Testament Jesus talks about Peace, often offering this in difficult situations. Jesus, God’s new covenant with all of creation, won’t be broken – he is our peace, for all of us who were once separated and far off. This is our challenge to bring about this heaven on earth through restoring relationships, being part of this huge river of justice and love.

Techniques for Dealing with Tricky Situations

Bishop Kelvin then followed up with a session looking at dealing with tricky situations. Kelvin’s first words were “We are the body of Christ... which everyone present automatically responded with “by one spirit we were baptized into one body”. Something many of us know off by heart, but when we look at what can go on in our lives and in our faith communities, we can show a loss of attention, being caught up in trivialities instead. He gave a story of a trip in an old VW combi-van years ago, which had a full load of whanau in the back. When something happened to the distributor, which required a spare one to be put on in the dark and the points re-set, all by torch light... the problems started. The full focus on attention of the torch needed to be on the distributor, but it kept on being commandeered by others in the van for other important tasks.

Our attention should be on being the body of Christ, the redeemed ones and all that that means... we get captured by other things. Kelvin encouraged us if we were in spaces that were tricky to refocus our attention onto the really important things. This means we need to ask ourselves where our attention really is, what are the voices that compete for attention. If disputes arise, we need to ask: where is the attention of everyone else involved in this issue?

Kelvin prescribed some very sound practices that all of us can do to maintain our focus. All of us can develop a regular rhythm of spiritual practice that puts in a place where we can truly live as Christ wants us to... plus rally be the Body of Christ.

Another technique Kelvin commended was that of **listening to the stories of others**. The stories that people tell often reflect deeper concerns and issues, even though they may not articulate these directly. They “leak out” of a story.

Stories have different levels: The data – this is what I do, or what I’m interested in (imagine a group of male acquaintances talking about sport, cars or other things). The next level will talk more about feelings “out there” (a bit riskier), and the one after that about data/feelings someone is experiencing

now. The final and deepest level is that of self disclosure.... And this is the space that Jesus is calling us to, that level where change and transformation is able to happen, not just continuing to be caught up in the peripheral stuff.

Story telling by others tends to fall into four main types:

1. A transition story (usually indicating the person is going through some kind of transition themselves). They have a pattern of something ending, a time of confusion and disquiet, followed by a new beginning. "Our old car we loved, but it became irreparable, we were looking for a new one but nothing was right, we were getting to the point of despair. Then we found the one we got now, it's great and we are really happy with it".
2. The I know someone who... story can be one where an issue we are facing is displaced onto someone else, the story teller is actually speaking autobiographically.
3. An anniversary story – one that gets told every anniversary of an event that caused great loss, bereavement or anxiety. They have a sense of a fear for the future, and people can re-live their pain every year (or even more often than this).
4. A rehearsal story – one that is repeated over and over again: one that indicates that there must be a reason for telling the story, and often has major life themes that have become part of someone's journey.

The combination of our own spiritual practice (having our attention in the right spaces) and listening intently to the stories people tell us (recognising that they will leak out deeper concerns that we can gently ask about) is one important way to be able to deal with tricky situations and people. It helps us to focus on what really needs our attention and helps us to bring the loving presence of God to everyone we meet.

Next edition of Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka – more about the training day, looking at interpersonal conflict and mediation.



Coronavirus Covid-19 Level 1 Update

At Level 1 we need to continue to take care of each other and ourselves. We have updated our Level 1 information to remind each other what we need to do....

Although all Church Services and Pastoral care can take place with no restrictions, we need to keep hygiene measures in place. All of us need to keep track of where we have been and who we have seen using the Government Tracer App or our own records. Let's continue to be mindful of others around us in church settings.

If you need a hand with renewing your Government Tracer App posters, contact Peter Mann House: we can help with smaller or larger sized posters and laminating them for protection.

Click on the following for [Frequently Asked Questions and Information for Level 1](#)

We are aligning ourselves with advice-resources from the [Government on Level 1](#), and have also developed our own [Policy and Guidelines around Level 1 in our Pandemic Response Framework](#). We are still in a pandemic alert system and need to watch we don't become complacent.

Key points for all of us

- While not requiring physical distancing in church, we are encouraging this to continue, especially being sensitive of other's needs (physical distancing) in pews. [All church buildings](#)

[and premises must display the NZ COVID Tracer poster](#) to help with contact tracing if required.

- **Remember, while we have access to communion in both kinds, we are not practicing intinction** (dipping the wafer into the wine) - feel free to acknowledge the cup if you don't want to drink from it: taking the wafer only (communion in one kind) still counts as receiving in both kinds.
- **Make sure you have access to face-masks.** [At Level 1 now you must wear a mask on all public transport](#), including long distance bus services, all trains and most ferries. Taxi/uber drivers must wear masks and this is recommended for passengers but not compulsory. [Have a look at current advice](#) on the use of these. Please follow Government recommendations for mask use when using public transport. **Have a look at the posters attached below on how you can make your own masks and check out the videos below:**
- **Some at-risk people may not be comfortable being with a larger group of people** - offer other ways of staying in touch with them i.e. the phone, a video messaging system or something similar. It's OK for anyone to wear a face mask for your own or other's protection. **Be kind.** Make a difference by checking-in on others, especially the elderly and vulnerable
- **We are continuing to maintain high standards of public health** (around cleaning, providing hospitality and so on).
- **Look after anyone that needs help.** Drop supplies to those at home sick and ensure you have no physical contact.

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline 0800 358 5453 and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands... for at least 20 seconds (the length of time it takes to sing yourself Happy Birthday!)
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow
5. Regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
6. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
7. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
8. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
9. All public venues (Businesses, churches etc.) must display the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
10. Stay vigilant and alert. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels again if we have to.
11. People will have had different experiences over the course of the pandemic. Whatever you're feeling — it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself. Ask for help if you need to.

Are you potentially an at-risk person?

There is guidance for people at higher risk of COVID-19. It includes advice under the different Alert Levels, who is at higher risk, and how they can protect themselves. [Information for at-risk people](#)

Anyone who has returned to New Zealand from overseas must abide by NZ government requirements. Currently this is to remain at a Government organised quarantine facility. This involves self-isolating by staying indoors and avoid contact with other people for 14 days from the date of arrival and then follow lock down procedures until advised otherwise.

Want to know more? See the [Government's dedicated COVID-19 webpage](#)

For more information, click [here](#).

The Diocesan office is very happy to answer any queries you may have. Please contact [Andrew Metcalfe](#).



Alert Level 1 Frequently Asked Questions

Church Services, Liturgical Practice and Hospitality, Funerals and Weddings, Pastoral Visits, Church Groups, Administration Activities, Outreach, Education/Events and access to Church Buildings are allowed at Level 1 while we continue to look out for the well being of everyone. Please note, while communion can be in two kinds, we are asking you not to intinct (dip your wafer or

bread into the wine).

[Please email a link to this article to your faith community or share on your Facebook page.](#) We recommend you use the attached document for words you can put into your your pew sheets or access this via this link: [Appendix 14: Alert Level 1 Advice for Pew sheets](#)

There are fewer restrictions at Level 1, but we are encouraging everyone to keep washing or sanitising hands, to sneeze and cough into our elbows, regularly disinfect surfaces and not attend services if we have cold or flu symptoms. We need to individually keep a record of where we have been and who we have seen or use the NZ COVID Tracer App to help contract tracing if needed.

Does this mean we can go back to the way things were before?

Although there are no restrictions on gathering sizes and social distancing as in previous Alert Levels, we are being encouraged to keep up our good hygiene practices. This means continuing to take care of church complexes to ensure they are clean and safe. While strict physical distancing won't be in place, we are being asked to make sure we give each other plenty of space.

Do we still need to wash our hands and/or sanitise as we enter and leave church?

Yes, Government advice is that we need to maintain personal hygiene practices that we have been rediscovering. Doing this is an important part of keeping unwanted viruses at bay.

Does this mean we can stop the physical distancing procedures we have been using when seated in church or other settings?

Yes, but it's not an excuse to make up for lost time by getting too close to others. Many will be easing into gathering again and may be feeling nervous and uncomfortable about being too physically close. Err on the side of caution: show respect for other people's needs and feelings when selecting a seat or pew. A good idea is to always ask someone if you can sit next to them and then give them some space. There is no longer the requirement to use alternative pews to maintain extra distance.

We didn't open our church at Level 2 and didn't provide a plan - does this mean we can open without all that hassle?

Yes... and no! Many communities worked on plans for re-opening at Level 1 recognising that while we are still in an Alert System, we need to continue to do things carefully. For example, there is no excuse not to bother about cleaning the church or not to provide hand washing-sanitising facilities. The message we are being given is that we need to maintain public health measures by providing clean and safe environments. You don't need to give us a formal plan, but you do need to take care. [You may want to display this new \(modified\) poster for Level 1 which you can personalize for your setting](#) (PDF version attached below).

Do we still need to do contact tracing?

We don't need to keep registers for church services and other gatherings at level 1, but we are being encouraged to take a note of our own movements – where we have been and who we have seen - if this is ever required for future contact tracing. You can continue to use the Government's Contact Tracing app if you have a smart phone. **It's a good idea to still provide sign in sheets to capture details of any visitors or make sure you get people to put their details in your visitor book.** We [have separate information](#) on registering for the Government's contact tracing app and all Anglican church buildings open to the public must display these posters at points where people enter and leave. Remember that if the virus re-emerges again, it can take up to two weeks to show, so we need to be able to provide contact tracing information.

What about Communion – are we able to give (and receive) this in both kinds (bread and wine)?

We are now able to receive communion in both kinds. The House of Bishops in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia Te Hahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tirenī, ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa have agreed to this. Bishop Seven is happy for churches to offer communion in both kinds, but with no compulsion or expectation that everyone will take it in full or part. He says:

"We believe we fully engage in communion whether we take one or both kinds. We all need to feel comfortable and safe - anyone who wants to receive a blessing or communion in one or both kinds is welcome".

We are encouraging liturgical best practice around this that includes:

- Regular washing-sanitising of the hands of anyone involved in handling elements, vessels and so on throughout the Eucharist
- Recommended provision of wine (with alcohol, not juice) in a central cup
- If any cup is touched, we recommend people sanitise their hands as soon as they are able and refrain from touching their mouth or face
- **No intinction is to take place - people administering the sacrament need to (gently) stop this from taking place.**
- Use of clean purificators, with those administering the chalice wiping the edge of the chalice and rotating before administering to the next communicant.
- Thorough cleaning of all vessels in boiling water after the Eucharist.

This advice will be reviewed if community transmission of any pathogen such as the COVID-19 virus recommences: we may return to communion in one kind or Spiritual Communion, depending on the current Alert Level.

Further Communion FAQ's

Is it safer to use individual cups?

We realise that this may have been practiced in some faith communities in the past, and there may be reasons for wanting this to continue. We do not see this as being a safer solution to sharing a common cup unless it is handled carefully. We recommend that one person only distributes individual glasses. These should be placed in the usual distribution tray but with extra space between each cup so that recipients only touch their own glass (as illustrated). Remember that there is greater potential for transmission of viruses in the extra handing involved in distributing individual cups. It's a good idea to sanitise your hands after touching anything that others may have had contact with.

Could I intinct (dip my wafer in the wine) instead of drinking from the cup?

Bishop Steven and the House of Bishops **do not recommend the practice of intinction:**

"Intinction is far more likely to spread germs simply because the act of dipping the bread in the wine means that people's fingers will probably come into contact with the wine. This is even more true in churches where the minister dips the bread in the wine, then places it on the parishioners' tongues — meaning the minister's fingers can come into contact with both the wine and multiple people's tongues." (See first citation below)

A reminder that receiving communion in one kind is preferable to intinction. People may want to acknowledge the chalice but let it pass.

What is the risk of transmission of a virus in a common cup?

"The common cup might seem just as unsanitary, but there is some research backing the idea that it's safer. Logue points to two peer-reviewed studies, published in the American Journal of Infection Control in 1988 and 1998, which found that the common cup was not a significant transmitter of disease. In these studies, scientists took a cup straight from the altar after communion to test whether disease-causing bacteria or viruses were present, and found there were such trace amounts as to not be dangerous to those who drank from the cup." (See first citation below)

"In conclusion, there is experimental evidence suggesting that sharing a communion cup contaminates the wine and cup. However, there has never been a documented case of illness caused by sharing a chalice reported in the literature." (See second citation below)

References:

Citation 1:

<https://www.vox.com/2020/3/12/21172458/church-coronavirus-pandemic-communion-wine-common-cup-easter> accessed 8 June 2020.

Citation 2:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1201971213001872>, accessed 8 June 2020.

What about The Peace – is it OK to go back to demonstrating this in ways we did previously?

We are encouraging people to remember the non-contact ways of showing the peace that we have been getting used to are perfectly acceptable. One good way to do this is using the "namaste" gesture of bringing palms and fingertips together in front of the chest with a slight bowing of the head to one another. It is a time-honoured, socially distanced and respectful greeting of peace and goodwill. It is also very similar to the [NZ Sign Language gesture for Peace](#).

Other options include:

- **Saying "Peace" to someone**
- **Waving hello**
- **Putting our hand on chest**
- **The [East Coast Wave](#) (a slight lift of the head)**

In all Christian liturgical practices - like offering a sign of peace - we need to respect the needs of the other person and not presume they want a handshake, hug, kiss or hongi: they may be medically vulnerable or simply prefer to maintain some physical distance. Please remember that we look out for others in all aspects of our worship.

Should I wear a mask to church like I do on a bus or airplane?

While this is not mandated when the entire country is at Alert Level 1, we understand that for various reasons people may want to wear a mask and that this is perfectly OK. **If you are transporting others to church in a private car we do recommend wearing a mask as this is a confined, warm space where physical distancing is challenging.**

What about the other directions given in Level 2 around liturgical practice – can we go back to doing things as we used to?

We are asking people to ask the following question: **Knowing what I know now, would I go back to doing things exactly as before?** What is really important is that we are being clean and safe in what we do. Over this year we have been thinking carefully about how we have done things in the past: we have a wonderful opportunity to show how much we love each other by continuing in a similar fashion.

What about hospitality – can we go back to having a potluck lunch, bringing a cake or putting a plate of biscuits out?

There are no restrictions on this now, but again we are encouraging people to be clean and safe by keeping food preparation and serving areas clean, making sure that people preparing and serving food are doing this safely. Let us make sure we use hand washing facilities and provide sanitiser so that we can enjoy being together safely.

What if I'm feeling off colour?

We can be notorious for keeping-on-going and saying we are OK when we are not. None of all the best hygiene practices in the world will stop someone passing on a cold, flu – or worse – virus onto others. **Stay at home if you or a close family member are feeling unwell** don't take part in your

usual activities outside home. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline 0800 358 5453 and make sure you get tested. If you're concerned about your well-being, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.

What about pastoral care?

There are no limits to this other than checking in that anyone we are providing care for is OK with us attending. Follow all of the normal precautions: sanitise hands before and after visits, keep a record of where you have been and who you have seen in your own contact tracing records.

Can our children's activities and homegroups resume under Level 1?

Yes, they can, but take make sure you do this safely and carefully, using all of the good hygiene procedures you have been getting used to. You may want to refer to the information about Children's Groups, Crèches, Youth Groups, Home groups and so on in the Level 2 section on Church Groups in the [Pandemic Response Framework](#).

What about our church office areas?

These can be open to the public again, but you may want to limit access as you have been doing at Level 2. Check that any visitors or contractors don't have any cold or flu like symptoms before letting them in. Make sure you get people to sign in using a visitor book and/or using the Government tracing app and provide them with access to hand washing or sanitising facilities. Follow the advice given for church office areas in the [Pandemic Response Framework](#) for Level 2.

What's most important in all of this?

The most important thing to remember is that we need to continue to be kind and look out for each other. Not everyone will be comfortable in moving back to "as things were": individuals and groups need to take the time needed and do things at the right pace for them. Let's provide spaces that continue to draw people to God and where we can show our love and care for all.



Events and Calendar

Read on for events throughout the Diocese, including community events which may be of interest.....

Let us know anything that your Parish, community service or other organisation is doing and we will place it here. Make sure you visit this page regularly and keep all that is going on in your prayers.

[Link to Diocesan Office Calendar](#)

Regular meetings and events at/organised by the Diocesan office in a monthly calendar format

[Link to Christian Calendar](#)

Dates for feast days and other Christian observations

Shared Worship Opportunities

[Daily Morning Prayers:](#) Tuesday to Saturday at 9 am via Zoom with Bishop Steve. No computer or smart phone? Telephone 04 886 0026 (it may be a toll call depending on your plan), then key in the meeting ID: 959 771 603 66

[Daily Evening Prayer:](#) Tuesday to Friday at 5 pm with Bishop Steve. Meeting ID: 934 8425 0283

See [our website page](#) for details on connecting electronically and in-person to worship.

World Day of Prayer

All welcome to the service at St John's Roslyn Dunedin on Friday March 5. Morning tea at 10am, followed by the service at 10.30am.

Children and Youth Training Opportunities

- Scope

- Way to Go Conference
- Refresh the mess: Messy Church Australia National Conference
- Intergenerate and Children's Spirituality Summit

[See separate article](#) for more information

Southland Based Events

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 7pm @ All Saints Invercargill on the first and third Sundays of each month except January.

AGMs for parishes and local Churches to be held before 31 March.

SOUTHLAND CHRISM EUCHARIST: Tuesday 30 March 7pm @ St Mary's Riverton preceded by a simple pot luck tea 6.00 - 6.45pm. This is the service where laity and clergy renew their Baptismal & Ordination vows before each other. We also consecrate Chrism Oil and commission people for any appropriate tasks. This service has been well attended in recent years and most parishes will have participants in varied parts of the service.

LOCAL CHURCH CONFERENCE: Tuesday 27 April 10am -Venue to be confirmed. Watch this space.

Dunedin Based Events

The Salvation Army Social Policy & Parliamentary Unit's report State of the Nation 2021 has bene cancelled for Thursday 18 February. An on-line presentation will be available from around 6.30am on Wednesday morning 17 February 2021.

Links to that and the report will be available from <https://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/sotn2021>

VARIETY CONCERT Presented by Judy Bellingham

Fundraiser in Support of Leslie Groves Hospital

Sunday 14 March 2021 - 3pm at St John's Roslyn, 373 Highgate Dunedin

Tickets (\$20) available at St John's Roslyn church office (9.30am - 12.30pm ph 464 0240) Leslie Groves @ Sheen Street and Wakari and online c/o Brian Tegg Contact 0274135400

MUM HEART GROUP

Looking for a chance to develop a fresh vision for your mothering journey? Then join us on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, at St. John's Roslyn, for food, drink and discussion. [See this article](#) for more information.

Equipping for Ministry

Welcome to a Quiet day for the beginning of Lent

brought to you by the letter "r" - revelation, reflection, redemption, repentance, remembrance. Lead by Rev'd Vivienne Galletly. **Saturday 20th February 2021 10am - 4pm @ St Margaret's Anglican Church, 4 Seaview Terrace, Brighton.**

- Please bring: Bible, journal, pen, your own lunch. Hot drinks provided.
- Participants are invited to make an offering of a Koha to defray expenses.

(Offered in conjunction with Southern Coastal Deanery).

To register and for more information please phone Maureen 03 456 0573 or 021 1071401 by Wednesday 17th February.

6 DAY SILENT RETREAT, 28 February - 5 March 2020, Orangapai

A 6 day silent directed retreat in the vast open spaces of the Maniatoto.

Date: 28 February - 5 March

Venue: En Hakkore, Orangapai (near Ranfurly)

Time: Sunday 28 February 11.00am to Friday 5 March lunchtime.

Cost: \$510. Registration closes 19 February. Max 16.

Retreat Team: Barbara McMillan, Kelvin Wright, Lex McMillan, John Franklin

Registrations and enquiries to John Franklin, john.franklin94@gmail.com

ORDER OF ST LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

- Fellowship and Healing Day Saturday March 13th 2021, 10 am to 3 pm - St Luke's on the Taieri in Mosgiel.

The Order of St Luke the Physician is an international Order devoted to healing. Healing of the whole: body, mind and spirit. It is interdenominational and has been in New Zealand since the 1960s. It is open to Lay and Clergy.

See the attached poster for more information.

Bon Smith, OSL Southern Co-Convenor

THEOLOGY PROGRAMME AT OTAGO UNIVERSITY

Greetings from the Theology Programme at the University of Otago!

The Theology Programme offers a full range of papers in Theology, both on-campus and through our distance learning programme. Perhaps you, or someone you know, might be interested in studying Theology with us.

Along with our distance learning brochure and a Poster with our 2021 papers, we have also attached a brochure on our Postgraduate programmes. These are in the areas of Ministry, Chaplaincy, and Faith-Based Leadership and Management (with a separate poster on this). These programmes are all designed as professional qualifications for those who are involved in a range of ministries and in leadership.

Further information on our courses is also available at: www.otago.ac.nz/theology

Enrolments for Semester 1, 2021 are open. To enrol go to www.otago.ac.nz

If you have any questions or would like further information, please write to me at paul.trebilco@otago.ac.nz. It would be great to hear from you.

Very best wishes and many thanks

Paul Trebilco, Theology Programme, University of Otago

AFFIRM Training Opportunities - a variety of these are planned for 2021, see the flyer attached below:

- The Big Story of the Bible with Bishopdale College (Bible and Theology people), 6 Tuesday evenings 23 February—30 March

- Prayer and walking in Spirit with SOMA (short-term mission experts), 4 Tuesday evenings 4-25 May
- Worldviews and Communicating across cultures with BTC, 4 evenings in the weeks of June 7-29
- Sharing the faith in practice with Church Army (gospel sharing experts), 3 Tuesday evenings 27 July—10 August
- Prayer Ministry in the Spirit's Power with SOMA (short-term mission experts), 4 evenings in the weeks of September 6—27
- Confidence in the Bible with Bishopdale College, 3 evenings in the weeks of October 18—November 1

Uniting Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand Forum 2021 - 16-18 April 2021 El Rancho, Waikane

The venue for our earlier-than-usual **Biennial Forum** is El Rancho near Waikanae Beach on the Kapiti coast and the conference runs from Friday dinnertime, 5.30 pm on 16th April, to just before lunchtime on Sunday 18th April.

This is a shorter Forum than previously but with a full programme featuring workshops, games, drama, and speed-dating! The theme of the Forum is the future of Cooperative Ventures: **Where are we going?** We want the Partner Churches to hear the concerns of CVs about their future status and relationships with the Partners.

We have Mary Petersen, Emily Colgin, Trudy Downes and Jo Randerson confirmed as facilitators – but we need **YOU** to be there to speak up for the CV movement (or offer constructive criticism).

Publicity material is on the website at
<https://www.ucanz.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-UCANZ-Forum-flyer.pdf>

The cost is a modest \$240 which covers all food and accommodation as well as registration.

Adrian Skelton, EO, 027 559 9042

See attached flyer and poster for details.

NZ Bible Society 175 Anniversary Other Community Events Celebrations:

Events are being planned for Invercargill on Friday 9 April and Dunedin on Saturday 10 April as follows:

City: Dunedin
Date: Saturday, 10 April
Venue: Dunedin City Baptist Church
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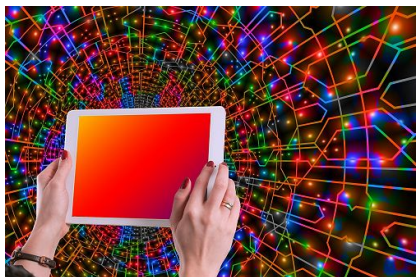
For more information including links to registration, [follow this link](#). You can also register by email: 175@biblesociety or call them at **0800 424 253** to register.

Newsletters

The latest newsletter from Affirm (Christmas letter) is attached below

The latest February newsletter from South Centre is on the website: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/organisations/> or [click here](#)

For Southland News to pass on, contact Keith Gover: keithgover@xtra.co.nz or 027 222 4055
For all other news, contact the [Diocesan Office](#)



I te Pāpaho - In the Media

Keeping up to date with recent news about our parishes, organisations and the wider church.

Latest Videos

See our [Faith Communities webpage](#) (it may take a few moments to load)

Local Media

[Early benefits in repairs at cathedral:](#) A new sound system and improved heating are among early features of a planned multimillion-dollar revamp of St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin, after last year's damaging fire. (ODT, 12 Feb 2021)

[National Anglican News at Taonga](#)

[A day of honour for Hoani Tapu:](#) The College of St. John the Evangelist – Hoani Tapu te Kaikauwhau i te Rongopai opened this week with a pōwhiri honouring the past and looking to the future with a strong new cohort of students and a new kaiako joining St John's teaching staff.

[Ash Wednesday 2021 levels up:](#) With Aotearoa New Zealand moving to Covid Alert Level 3 for Auckland, and Level 2 for the rest of the country, Anglican churches are adapting to beginning Lent 2021 with a new shape for Ash Wednesday (with our Diocese getting a mention!)

[ACO reaffirms gender justice role:](#) The role of Director of Gender Justice is now to continue in the new staffing structure of the Anglican Consultative Council.

In the National & International Media

(with thanks to the Diocese of Christchurch)

- Artist, Amii James, has illustrated "Good News" as seen above. [Click here](#) for all 20 posts.
- Is your parish up for the [rubbish challenge](#)?
- [God cares a lot about money](#)—should you?
- Did you know that there is a [Biblical Archaeology Review](#)? It's founder Hershel Shanks has passed away.
- Should the streaming of [objectionable material](#) be prosecuted?
- [Wings but no Prayers](#)?
- [From the ground up](#)—The Transitional Cathedral

Worth a look - WORLDWIDE

- [Ashes: an awkward imposition](#)
- [Paris churches offer oasis from culture lockdown](#)
- [Black US Christians hope not only in heaven](#)
- [There's reason Muslim women struggle to be heard](#)
- [Challenging the colonial power of writer's canons](#)
- [Wgtn City Mission transforms night shelter](#)
- [+Oregon's message for lockdown start to Lent](#)
- [St Paul's Dunedin upgrades with first fire repairs](#)
- [1 on 1 with Canon Chris Douglas-Huriwai](#)
- [Meet Bishop Kito Pikaahu: Waitangi legend](#)
- [How I found peace on religious twitter](#)
- [Anglican advocacy offers mental health training](#)
- [81-yr social advocate priest imprisoned in India](#)

- [Why should the church invest in housing?](#)
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Vacancies: 17 February 2021

A regular update of Diocesan vacancies and those further afield.

Diocese of Dunedin

Part-time Parish Secretary at the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish.

Based at the Parish Office at 44 Elliot Street, Andersons Bay, Dunedin.

Eight hours per week, currently split over two half-days (Tuesday and Friday), but the hours could be worked over three days if preferred.

Proficiency in word-processing, spread-sheets, desk-top publishing, administering web-pages and taking minutes, as well as excellent communication skills, are required. Experience working in an Anglican parish would be useful but not required as training will be provided.

For more information and to see the job description, contact Elizabeth Purdie (Warden), telephone 476 1650 or email purdie.family@xtra.co.nz.

Please apply in writing, with your CV, two references and covering letter, to the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish at

44 Elliot Street Andersons Bay Dunedin or

By email to opanglican@xtra.co.nz

Applications close at midday on Wednesday 3rd March 2021.

Anglican Parish Vicar required for Saint Peter's Caversham, Dunedin

- A traditional Anglo-Catholic benefice in Dunedin, New Zealand
- Solid foundation of Anglican worship
- Engaged and supportive congregation
- Programme of community contact
- Opportunities to grow the parish
- Large vicarage and grounds suitable for a young family
- Outdoors activities abound from coast to alps
- A university city with excellent education at all levels
- Minimal COVID restrictions at present

For further information see: www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz

Otago Peninsula Parish

PART TIME PRIEST IN CHARGE/VICAR

The Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish is seeking a permanent part-time Priest in Charge/Vicar.

The post is open to any Priest in Anglican Orders who is entitled to live and work in New Zealand.

The parish is able to support a 50% stipend, and the appointee would be ably supported by a strong team of lay-leaders, two local priests and a number of retired clergy. The appointee would be a person who values and enhances this leadership, and the appointment would be for a three-year term in the first instance. Accommodation and/or an accommodation allowance on a pro rata basis would be arranged with the successful applicant.

The Otago Peninsula is on the edge of Dunedin City, which provides rich experiences of arts, sports, academic and other cultural benefits. The parish includes suburban and scattered rural communities, and has reflected that diversity over its long history. The story of the parish since its conception has been one of creative and adventurous approaches to ministry and mission. The parish has a strong record of exploring creative and inclusive models of ministry, empowering lay-leadership, engaging actively in social justice issues, affirming women's priestly and other ministries, all underpinned by often innovative yet always faithful sacramental and liturgical worship. In July 2019 the Parish voted to consolidate its ministry, mission and outreach and its liturgical life at St Michael and All Angels' Church in Andersons Bay. The appointee would lead the cooperative amalgamation of the individual faith communities (and their differing traditions), while continuing the parish's developing connections with the various communities that form the demographic of the Otago Peninsula.

The Bishop of Dunedin is looking to appoint Priests who are practising and modelling lives of prayer, a commitment to the Bible, and witnessing to the risen life of Jesus Christ.

To request a Parish Profile or to make informal enquiries please contact:

Rt Reverend Steven Benford (Bishop of Dunedin) PO Box 13170, Dunedin 9052 New Zealand.

Email: bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz Phone: (03) 488 0826

To apply, please send a formal letter of application, your CV/resumé, and the details of two referees to the above address.

Vicar of St Matthew's Church in the City of Dunedin

St Matthew's is looking for a full-time Vicar. We are seeking the right person to lead our team of committed lay people to make disciples, equip the church and reach out to impact and transform the local community.

We have a long history as an evangelical, charismatic church, with a missional focus, deeply valuing good biblical teaching. We are affiliated to the AFFIRM Christian Community, and any applicant would need to be a member, or able to subscribe to the beliefs and discipline of the Community.

Our facilities are well resourced and we are looking for someone with a passion for the gospel, good relational and management skills, and is a genuine team worker.

The post is open to any Priest in Anglican Orders who is entitled to live and work in New Zealand.

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Anglican Family Care: For current vacancies see their website [here](#) **Diocese of Auckland**

Vicar, Parish of Clendon

Applications are sought for the ministry of Vicar of the Parish of Clendon. This is a full-time role. Please visit the [Diocesan Website \(click here\)](#) to view the Parish Profile. The closing date is **Friday 5 March 2021**.

Vicar, Parish of Manurewa

Applications are sought for the ministry of Vicar of the Parish of Manurewa. This is a full-time role. Please visit the [Diocesan Website \(click here\)](#) to view the Parish Profile. The closing date is **Friday 5 March 2021**.

Christ Church Cathedral, Diocese of Nelson Nelson

The Bishop of Nelson and the Christ Church Cathedral and Diocesan Nominators are inviting expressions of interest for the position of Dean.

Christ Church Cathedral is centrally located in the city of Nelson and historically has played a central role in the life of the city and diocese as the Mother Church. We are seeking a person with proven leadership experience to help lead the team in the outworking of their vision and the growth of the parish. Christ Church Cathedral is committed to the best of Anglican liturgy and worship and at the same time supporting the Bishop of Nelson's vision for our diocese with its strong evangelical roots.

Expressions of interest: Please send a formal letter of enquiry and your current CV to the Bishop c/- the Bishop's PA, bishops.pa@nelsonanglican.nz or Ph: 03 5483124. Due to Covid-19 border restrictions, expressions of interest are open to any person currently residing and entitled to work in New Zealand. Closing date 5pm, Friday 26 February 2021.

Link to this vacancy and Cathedral Profile <https://nelsonanglicans.com/vacancies>

Diocese of Christchurch Priest Assistant Parish of Upper Riccarton - Yaldhurst (Half time position)

Serving our community since 1858, the parish is at an exciting phase with the soon to be opened church and the newly established Pre-school.

We are seeking a Priest who has a pastoral heart to complement our work in the community. The position is half time.

Expressions of interest to Vicar and Wardens please: nick.mountfort@gmail.com

Applications close: March 1, 2021



Mum Heart Group

A new group is starting, geared to mums who want a fresh vision of motherhood. Read on for details.....

Being a mum is hard, often isolating work. At times we can feel overwhelmed with options and questions, and conflicting information. But motherhood wasn't designed to be this way! We're starting a group geared towards mums who want a fresh vision of motherhood. Together we'll seek to understand what it looks like to engage our children intentionally as disciples being led towards Christ.

This isn't another "how-to" or behavior management-oriented programme but a chance to consider what it means to love our families intentionally and craft life giving space in our homes. Over food, drink, and a good book, we'll build a community of mums who are creating Gospel-oriented life in their homes for an eternal purpose.

Join us on the second Thursday of each month. Questions?

Get in touch with Sara Evans: sarabibb@gmail.com

Details

When: The second Thursday of each month 7.30pm

Where: St. John's Anglican Church in Roslyn, 373 Highgate.

What to bring: Yourself! We will also be reading *Life Giving Parent* by Clay and Sally Clarkson as a jumping off point for discussion.

Who: Mums of all ages and stages



Bereavement

It is with deep sadness, but also great thankfulness for many years of faithful service, that I write to let you know of the death of Reverend Ian Stephenson.

On behalf of the Diocese, I extend our deepest sympathies to Ian's family at this time. We hold them in our prayers. Ian was the Vicar at Milton-Tuapeka 1988-1992; and the

Assistant Minister at St Mark's Balclutha 1992-2010; latterly holding a PTO in the Diocese.

The funeral for Ian is at St Mark's Balclutha, this Saturday 20 February 2021 at 10.30am.

May Ian rest in peace and rise in glory.

+Steven.



10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months

One of our Five Marks of Mission is to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and re-new the life of the earth. Presbyterian Minister Silvia Purdie has some resources that Faith Communities can work through to make a difference over a 10 month period.

The following is a resource for churches and whanau. Please copy and share (free copyright). More material and videos at: www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html.

Step 1) February: Consider

Bible verse: *Ephesians 1:22*

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything.

'Big Idea': *Mission is Gospel in Context*

Christ is Lord of everything and the Gospel of Christ is good news for every-where. Mission happens at the points of connection between the eternal truth of salvation and the messy specifics of human life. In our time we face huge environmental issues. Following Jesus takes us where ever he leads, even into the rubbish dumps of the world.

Questions - *for reflection & discussion*

- Whose problem is our rubbish? Is it a problem for God?
- It's great to throw things in the bin and someone else takes it away ... but where does it go? What impact does it have on the environment? Is it our responsibility?
- Is this something our church/group/home would like to address this year?

Action Steps *for February*

1. [Download the 'Waste' study guide from A Rocha's 'Rich Living' series](#)
2. Read and talk about with others
3. [Watch Silvia's short video](#)
4. Decide to do the Rubbish Challenge 10 Steps this year.

For a church this could involve taking a formal proposal to your vestry or Church committee.

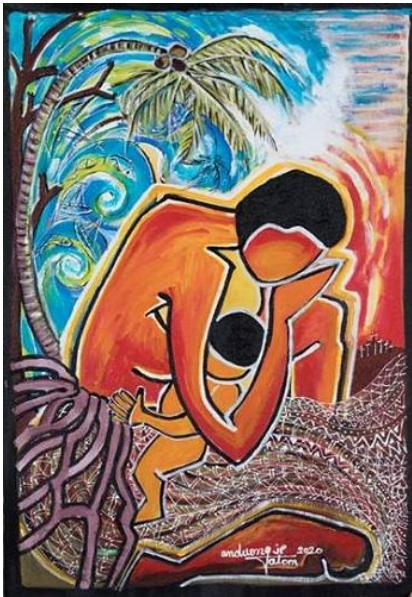
Prayer

Almighty Creator, all things come from you. You call us to be responsible stewards.

Jesus Christ, you are in all the world. You call us into mission to all the world.
Life-giving Spirit, give us strength to follow Christ, in the little things and in the big things.

Amen.

To receive the resource (free!) each month (Feb-Nov this year only) please email:
silvia.purdie@gmail.com



Join the World Day of Prayer 2021

All welcome to the service at St John's Roslyn Dunedin on Friday March 5. Morning tea at 10am, followed by the service at 10.30am.

A series of devastating tropical cyclones form the backdrop to this year's World Day of Prayer. Through the [resources](#) they prepared for this global event, Vanuatu women share their faith in God's love and address some of the many challenges they face. Vanuatu is vulnerable to frequent disasters like last year's Cyclone Harold, climate change, and now with Covid-19, the significant loss of income due to the collapse of tourism. Like women everywhere, they face the everyday struggles of providing healthy food for their families, educating their children, and in a growing number of cases finding employment or adequate livelihoods.

The service and accompanying Bible study include their reflections on the story Jesus told about building houses. In a land rocked by earthquake and cyclone, covered in volcanic ash, or threatened by rising seas, the decision about where to build can be critical. ["Building on a Strong Foundation"](#) offers time for reflection and prayer.

"This service comes from the Pacific and explores familiar themes. It is an opportunity for us all to share with ni-Vanuatu resident in Aotearoa and show our concern for the world we share," says Pauline McKay, National President.

Artist Juliette Pita from Erromango island captures the prayer of the ni-Vanuatu in her painting 'Cyclone Pam II: 13th of March 2015'. The image is of a mother praying over her child, protected from the large waves by a palm tree held firm by its strong roots. During the cyclone, artist Juliette Pita took refuge in a container with her neighbours. When they opened the door the following morning everything had been destroyed except for her studio, a traditional hut made from palm trees. Juliette says God answered their prayers and nature protected them from harm.

Offerings from the services will go to Christian World Service for a new food security programme of the Vanuatu Christian Council, the Bible Society of Vanuatu and the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy as well as costs.

For more information contact your local World Day of Prayer organising group, or Zella at wdpnz@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 302 8587.

The World Day of Prayer is a global movement of Christian women who come together in prayer and for action in more than 170 countries. Begun in the USA and Canada in the nineteenth century, it became a global movement in 1927. The first service in Aotearoa New Zealand was held in Christchurch in 1931.

For more information, please contact: Pauline McKay, National President
pauline.mckay@cws.org.nz

Mobile: 021 289 1225



Bishop Steven's Diary 17 - 24 February 2021

To invite Bishop Steven to an event or make an appointment to see him, please contact his EA Nicola Wong
bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz or 03 488 0826. Thank you.

Thursday 18 February

9am [Daily Morning Prayers](#) - Zoom

Various meetings

5pm [Daily Evening Prayers](#) - Zoom

Friday 19 February

9am [Daily Morning Prayers](#) - Zoom

Various meetings

5pm [Daily Evening Prayers](#) - Zoom

6pm Friday Light - St Luke's

Saturday 20 February

9am [Daily Morning Prayers](#) - Zoom

Sunday 21 February

9am St John's Milton

Monday 22 February

Day off

Tuesday 23 February

9am [Daily Morning Prayers](#) - Zoom

Gore - Parata Rest Home - Opening of new kitchen

5pm [Daily Evening Prayers](#) - Zoom

Wednesday 24 February

9am [Daily Morning Prayers](#) - Zoom

Various meetings

5pm [Daily Evening Prayers](#) - Zoom



2020 Yearbook Now Available

The Yearbook is now available via our website with a link to it in the article below. Hard copies are available on request from the Diocesan office.

[Yearbook 2020](#)

(includes the Year Book and Selwyn College Consultation Panel Report, also attached below)

If you would like a copy of the yearbook posted out to you, please email the Registrar Andrew Metcalfe: registrar@calledsouth.org.nz or telephone (03) 488-0821.

Electronic copies of year books from 2005 can be accessed from our [website](#) (look on the resources page). If you want to see earlier versions, contact the Registrar at (03) 488 0821.



Diocesan Property Consultation 2020-21

Our property consultation is now open wide with an opportunity for people and groups to have their say via an electronic survey before the end of February 2021.

[Survey Link](#) (see below for more information)

Why are we doing this?

The Diocesan Council has been becoming increasingly caught up in property matters but without having an agreed pathway for how to handle many situations apart from what is set out in Statute 3.

In the Synod held in 2019, the following motion was carried: **That this Synod affirms the Diocesan Council intention to undergo a consultation process around the sale or other use of properties, buildings and other assets within the context of future mission within the Diocese.**

Some workshops have taken place in Archdeaconry groupings. They have been open to Clergy and Lay Synod reps as well as Parish Wardens, with substitute places available to any Vestry members who have an interest or contribution to make around this property discussion. As this year has been challenging to organise physical meetings, we are also offering a survey option to help us complete the consultation.

This will help develop a strategy on how we use our property assets to advance God's kingdom.

What do I need to do to prepare?

Information that you need to read before you complete a survey is attached below or click on these links:

- [Diocese of Dunedin Strategic Property Consultation Paper 2020](#)
- [Reading 1](#)
- [Reading 2](#)
- [Reading 3](#)
- [Reading 4](#)
- [Theological Reflections on Church Property](#)
- NZ Anglican paper on [Mission Aligned Investment](#).

Here is the [Survey Link](#)

A paper copy of the survey is attached at the bottom of this article for individuals and groups who prefer to complete it this way (look for Diocese of Dunedin Property Survey 2020-21 below)

If you have any trouble accessing or downloading any of the resources below or want a hard copy of various papers sent to you, please contact us by [clicking this link](#), or email the Registrar with "Property Resources" in your subject line.

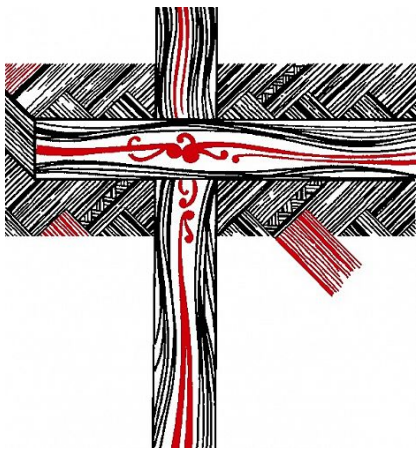
The survey has the following questions:

- **What are the particular dynamics you have around properties entrusted to you?** (see pages 2-5 of the Diocese of Dunedin Strategic Property Strategy Consultation Paper 2020)
- **In your setting, what is the most important consideration when thinking about property and how it can aid your ministry in the future?** (think of this in terms of where you think your Parish might be at in 10-20 years time)
- **What is your take on the Strategic Property Criteria?** Anything not quite right? Anything missing? (see pages 7-8 of the Diocese of Dunedin Strategic Property Strategy Consultation Paper 2020)
- **If you were to rank in order of importance the suggested Strategic Property Criteria, what would this be?** (individual exercise)
- **What weight would you give to each criterion?** (each person will be given 20 dots to "spend" as they want by placing these next to each criteria displayed in the room or entering the numbers into the survey).

After the workshops and the survey has been completed, the combined feedback will be collated and given back to Diocesan Council for consideration. **We would like to have everything completed by the end of February 2020.**

We hope at the end of this process to have some information that will assist the Diocesan Council and Faith Communities in their decision making around property, with the potential for motions/bills related to property to be taken to a future Synod.

Please continue to hold this process in your prayers.



Anglican Clerical Directory 2021-2022

Notice to all Clergy - Due Thursday 28 February 2021. The General Synod Office will be producing the next edition of the Clerical Directory early this year. Please read on for what you need to do.

Clergy people – please check your details in the current directory. If anything has changed, please complete the [update form](#) and email to the [General Synod Office](#) by **28 February 2021**. (Just complete the personal details fields and the fields that have changed.) If you have any questions, contact [Vanda Breslin](#) at the General Synod office.

If you are not listed in the Directory and wish to be included - please [download and complete the entire form](#) and email to the [General Synod Office](#) by 28 February 2021.

If you have any queries regarding this process or wish to sight a copy of the Directory to see what is currently included for your listing, please contact Nicola Wong, EA to Bishop Steven, bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz or 03 488 0826

When the new edition becomes available, the Diocese will provide a copy for all Archdeacons and Regional Deans and a copy will also be available for use/inspection in the Diocesan Office. Further details for parishes and other clergy as to how to order the new edition will be forwarded when they are to hand.

Thank you.



Bible Society Celebrates 175 Years

Founded in 1846, just six years after the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, the New Zealand Bible Society is celebrating 175 years (known as a dodransbicentennial!) this year. Festivities will take the form of a four-month long road trip to visit 17 towns and cities around the country, starting in April.

Events are being planned for Invercargill on Friday 9 April and Dunedin on Saturday 10 April as follows:

City: Dunedin
Date: Saturday, 10 April
Venue: Dunedin City Baptist Church
Venue Address: 19 Main South Rd, Concord
Start time: 7 pm (Doors open at 6:30pm for this event).

City: Invercargill
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For more information including links to registration, [follow this link](#). You can also register by email: 175@biblesociety or call them at **0800 424 253** to register.

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OFFERING THREE 5 CREDIT COURSES TO LINK INTO FROM HOME IN 2021

1. FHC 518 HOLINESS AND SOCIAL ACTION: online starting in the week of March 1st. You can just listen in to Bishop Justin Duckworth teaching or listen in AND do the one written exercise to gain 5 credits towards the NZ Diploma in Christian Studies.

The aim is: to introduce you to an historical overview of social action within the life of the church. It will use historical case studies to investigate the relationship between holiness movements and social advocacy in the light of the Anglican Five Marks of Mission.

2. MMF 504 RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP: online starting in the week of 7th June. You can just listen in to Bishop Justin Duckworth teaching or listen in AND do the one written exercise to gain 5 credits towards the NZ Diploma in Christian Studies. The aim of this course is to introduce you to basic principles and practices of "radical discipleship" understood as a Christ-like way of being together in the world. The course will explore biblical, historical, and theological resources for radical discipleship, enabling you to wrestle with significant questions for your engagement with contemporary communities.

3. THE 511 DOING THEOLOGY - BEING CHURCH: online starting in the week of 18th October. You can just listen in to Bishop Ellie Sanderson teaching or listen in AND do the one written exercise to gain 5 credits towards the NZ Diploma in Christian Studies. The aim of this course is to introduce you to the fundamental question of ecclesiology: What is the Church? You will explore understandings of what the Church should be and begin to see our place as Anglicans within the context of worldwide Christianity.

To enrol, please go to: <https://www.stjohnscollege.ac.nz/#/regional-programmes/>

If you need help or more information, contact me on richardsueinvercargill@gmail.com



Parish, Local Church and Diocesan Organisations Returns 2021

Information about annual returns were posted to Parish and Local Church administrators on Friday 29 January. For electronic versions of this information, please read on...

Below are attached Word and .pdf electronic versions of:

- The memo posted out to Parishes-Churches and Diocesan Organisations ;
- The Parishes and Local Churches annual returns forms (use which ever is appropriate for your setting) and;
- The Statistical Return form that covers January 2020- December 2020.

We are looking to change the statistical return form for 2022, more information about this will be shared at Synod.

If you have any queries, please contact Andrew Metcalfe: registrar@calledsouth.org.nz Telephone 03-488 0821
