



Diocese of Dunedin

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 25 March 2021

Good news with a vacancy filled, and celebrating with St Hilda's Collegiate's significant birthday.

Remember that we are 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 29 March. We appreciate any news and photos you have to pass on.

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



New Joint Ministry at St Matthew's, Dunedin

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Reverend Barbara and Reverend Francis Noordanus as Co-Vicars of St Matthew's Parish, Dunedin.

Barbara grew up in Dunedin and was shaped in her early faith by St Martin's North East Valley and then St Paul's Cathedral (where her mother Margaret Tripp continues to worship). Both Barbara and Francis have spent the last 18

years ministry in Eindhoven (Netherlands), part of the Church of England Diocese in Europe, where they had a particular commitment to nurturing young people and families.

Barbara and Francis will be installed as Co-Vicars at St Mathew's parish Dunedin on 24 April 2021. This is the cumulation of a long process for St Matthew's, but with a real sense of God's calling for them and the Parish to start this new journey together. The timing of their appointment comes as Rev'd Dr Peter Ross heads north to Nelson after Easter following his much appreciated interim ministry.

The story of how Barbara and Francis came back to NZ as the Pandemic was taking hold and had a strong sense of God calling them South is worth hearing - and I hope that many will be able to meet them in the future and share in their stories as they start to connect with ours.

Welcome, Francis and Barbara, to the Diocese of Dunedin Whanau and to St Matthew's Parish - we look forward to sharing this new journey together.

+Steve



St Hilda's Collegiate Completes a successful weekend of celebrations

Church services, panel discussions, meeting old friends and new - last weekend saw a number of special events as St Hilda's Collegiate celebrated its 125 year anniversary.

St Hilda's have posted some videos of the weekend's celebrations on YouTube, links to these are below:

[Welcome ceremony](#)

[Gala Lunch](#)

[Panel Discussion](#)

[Chapel Service](#)



Anglican Missions 2021 Lenten Appeal

Please prayerfully consider Anglican Missions 2021 Lenten Appeal.

As Lent draws to a close we want to remind you of the Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal.

This year we are supporting:

- St Luke's Hospital, Nablus (Diocese of Jerusalem). We hope there will be sufficient funds for the hospital to buy 3 new maternity beds. St Luke's provides critical maternity care for local women in a city of around 300,000 people where Covid-19 has hampered travel in a region where life for many can be difficult.

- The Diocese of Egypt Youth Ministry (Province of Alexandria) will be assisted as it rolls out a nine-month youth leadership programme that aims to build resilience for the next generation of church leaders.

- The Anglican Church of Melanesia has requested help to install adequate water systems for three of its religious communities in the Solomon Islands. This will not only benefit the religious communities but also nearby villages. Additional funds raised will go to the Christian Care Centre in Honiara which provides support and shelter for vulnerable women and children.

Details on each project and how to donate are [here](#).

Prayer from Diocese of Jerusalem for St Luke's Hospital, Nablus: Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that you keep our hospital and employees safe and well - give them good health and energy as they work at St. Luke's Hospital, keeping it a place where love and care is provided, a place where there is a healing ministry to the sick and suffering, particularly poor and needy patients and especially during the time of the coronavirus pandemic. Amen.

Prayer for the Diocese of Egypt: Lord, we give thanks for the Christian congregations of Egypt and in particular we pray for the youth that they will feel equipped and encouraged by the youth leadership training being offered. May they always find their home in Jesus. Amen

Prayer for the Anglican Church of Melanesia: Almighty God, we give thanks for those brothers and sisters in the church of Melanesia who choose to serve you - for the religious communities and for the sisters who support the vulnerable at the Christian Care Centre in Honiara. We pray for the successful and safe installation of water tanks and systems; and that these will be a blessing for these communities. We thank you Lord for your provision. Amen

Diocesan Council and Trusts Board Meeting 9 March 2021

The Diocesan Council and Trusts Board meet monthly as the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Dunedin.

Diocesan Trusts Board



Anglican Family Care - Kyle Forde

Forde was reappointed to the Board for 2 year term.

- **Home of St Barnabas** - Carole Lee Adair was reappointed to the Board for a 3 year term.
- **Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board** - this month was the last meeting for Rev'd Fr Hugh Bowron. Bonnie Miller Perry has resigned as she has shifted to Christchurch. Applications for this Board are currently open again. The Trusts Board encourage people to prayerfully consider this and would like to see a greater diversity of competent people on the Board

to help steer this for the future.

Diocesan Council

- **Diocesan Council Visioning Day December 2020** - Dio Council reviewed what they had decided to focus on for this year, and have already moved to be more intentional about prayer during meetings and to have a regular slot in the agenda to focus on/review each statute.
- **Selwyn College** - Council are continuing to consider how to work with Selwyn on a variety of tasks post Synod. Selwyn has been pulling together a Special Character Committee and the decision was made that Mr. Steve Mitchell be a Diocesan Council member on the Selwyn College Special Character Committee with Mrs. Dot Muir as an alternative. The Bishop is following up on others who could take on a role of an external facilitator.
- **Brockville Cooperating Parish** - noting that Brockville has had it's final service, the following motion was carried: That the Co-operative Parish of Brockville be removed from the First Schedule of Statute 3.
- **The Diocesan Ministry Educators. Michael Godfrey** continues to work on a variety of projects and was involved in the Lay ministry Training day. It has been great to have **Anne Van Gend** start in her new role (we will report more on initial progress in the future), Anne also participated in the Training Day. John Graveston has spent time in Southland (Archdeaconry meeting), assisted with one of the sessions at the Lay Ministry Training Day and continues to support the Young Adults Group as well as working on Vulnerable Children requirements for the Diocese.
- **Diocesan Registrar's Report** - Andrew attended a face to face Diocesan Managers conference in Wellington from 15-16 February. Our Accountant Ginny Kitchingman has tendered her resignation and her last day was 17 March. We have purchased two cars for our educators look out for bright green second hand Toyota Prius Hybrids around the region... with signage to follow.
- **Decisions made during the meeting:** The meeting approved a number of grants as recommended by the Social Justice Committee to Leslie Groves, South Centre, The Home of St Barnabas Trust, Anglican Family Care and Parata Anglican Trust. These grants came to a total of just over \$47,500.

A reminder of who is on the Council

Clergy: The Rt Rev'd Steven Benford; Rev'd Liz Cheyne [Southland]; The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis [Dunedin City]; Rev'd Brett Roberts [Dunedin City]; Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace [Dunedin City], Rev'd Eric Kyte [Dunedin]

Laity: Mr Keith Gover [Southland]; Ms Lisa Burton [Dunedin City]; Mrs Dot Muir [Southland]; Mr Steve Mitchell [Southland] plus one vacancy that Diocesan Council will co-opt into.

In Attendance each meeting

Mr Andrew Metcalfe (Diocesan Registrar), Ven Dr Michael Godfrey (Diocesan Ministry Educator), Rev'd John Graveston (Diocesan Child, Youth, Family Educator).

Diocesan Council Committees: Stewardship Committee - Steve Mitchell (chair), Rev'd Liz Cheyne, The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis, Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace, Rev'd Eric Kyte and +Steve Benford.

Ministry Committee - Vacancy (Chair), Keith Gover, Michael Godfrey, John Graveston, Rev'd Dr Andrea McDougall. **Mission Committee** - confirmed Dot Muir (Chair), Keith Gover (for 12 months) as committee members (we are advertising for others to join the Mission and Ministry Committee).

Social Justice Committee - confirmed Lisa Burton and Dot Muir as Diocesan Council committee members.

Other Information

The Diocesan Council is the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Dunedin Synod as regulated by [Statute 1: \(To regulate the composition and procedures of the Diocesan Synod and to establish a diocesan council\)](#). The Trusts Board considers applications for vacancies on various Boards, Trusts and other Committees for Diocese of Dunedin organisations.

For any correspondence to the Diocesan Council or Trusts Board, contact Andrew Metcalfe: registrar@calledsouth.org.nz, Telephone (03) 488 0821. Any matters for these committees need to be received 7 days before scheduled meetings so that members have time to read all the material required.

Meeting Schedule (Tuesdays @ 10.30 am) for 2021:

13 April, 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November.

Please continue to hold the Trusts Board and Diocesan Council in your prayers.



Chrism Eucharists 2021

A warm invitation to all to join with me at a Chrism Eucharist this Holy Week.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I warmly invite you to join me at one of the Chrism Eucharists as follows:

Tuesday 30 March 7pm @ St Mary's Church, 173

Palmerston Street, Riverton.

Preceded by a simple pot luck tea 6.00 - 6.45pm.

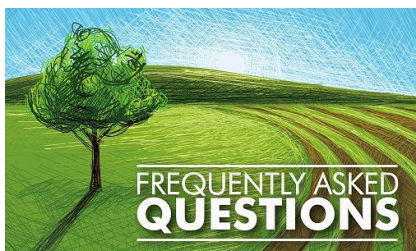
Wednesday 31 March 6pm @ St Paul's Cathedral

As part of the service, there will be an opportunity to renew baptismal and ordination vows. Chrism oil will be available for you to take back to your parish.

Clergy to robe please - white stoles.

With love and prayers,

+Steven



Police Vetting requirements - FAQs

Please read on for further information and FAQs about this process....

Best practice and Diocesan policy is that everyone holding a Bishop's Licence (Clergy or Lay) or involved with other active ministry in a Church (eg Children's Church) is required to have a Police vetting check undertaken every three years.

It is recommended that each year Faith Communities ensure those involved in active ministry (eg Children's Church/Youth Group/ Pastoral visiting team) have up to date Police Vetting checks and that any new volunteers undertake a Police vetting check.

Those holding a Bishop's Licence as a Priest or Lay Minister do not need to action this until you are contacted individually by the Bishop's office when your Licence is due for renewal. Police vetting checks usually are timed to be undertaken when a Licence is renewed or issued.

1. Why do I have to have a Police Vetting check done?

Over the last few years there have been some significant legislation changes in New Zealand and an increasing need for all kinds of sectors in New Zealand to comply with this.

The Diocese, in common with all other Dioceses in New Zealand, sees going through this process as not only as best practice but essential for us to ensure that both the people offering the ministry and those we minister to are safeguarded. It is a basic requirement for ministry and involvement in the Church. This process is being echoed by other public and not-for-profit organisations that are involved with the care of others, especially children, young people and those considered vulnerable in any way. It increases our credibility in society, and helps to remind others that the church is in touch with reality.

It is important for the safety for everyone concerned, and for other agencies we work with, that we are really open and transparent and Police vetting is part of this process.

We don't ever expect that any issues will be raised by the Police vetting of people working on behalf of the Diocese but it provides an important safety net. In the event that anyone's status may change, it's really important that you let us know.

2. I have already had a recent Police check done for my employment/another role I have, do I have to complete a Police vetting for the Diocese?

Yes. While you may have a Police vetting check as part of an existing job or role, the check is only valid for when it is completed and for the requirements of that role. A Police vetting through the Diocese will be at a level which meets Diocesan requirements and at the level of risk for the ministry role you have with the Diocese.

3. What is the difference between Police vetting and Ministry of Justice criminal record check?

Police provide a vetting service for approved agencies that provide care to children, older people and vulnerable members of society in New Zealand.

A Police vetting result may include any information held by New Zealand Police whereas a Ministry of Justice [criminal record check](#) will only contain conviction history. For the purposes of the Diocese, it is best practice for the fuller Police vetting to be completed.

4. Why has the process changed significantly since I received my last Licence?

It has been Diocesan policy for some time that Police vetting be undertaken at re-licencing time, the beginning of a new Licence or role, but the procedure for completing Police vetting applications has recently changed.

The Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and its Regulations have changed the requirements to apply for a Police Vetting check. All checks for those involved in ministry in the Diocese are submitted through the Diocesan office as an "Approved Agency".

5. What is the process for a Police Vetting Check?

*****If you are applying for a Police Vetting Check for the first time:***

An application form must be completed and returned to

Nicola Wong, EA to Bishop Steven Benford, PO Box 13170, Dunedin 9052,

along with copies of two forms of ID - primary and secondary.

These copies need to be noted as true and correct copies either at the Diocesan Office or by an Identity Referee.

The applications are lodged with the Police vetting agency through the Bishop's office.

*****If you are applying for a subsequent periodic Police Vetting check (within 3 years after the last one)***

If you have had a Police Vetting undertaken through the Diocese within the last three years, you do not need to attach two forms of ID. Instead, please complete the attached confirmation as to whether or not your name has changed since the last Police Vetting. If your name has changed, please attach a supporting name change document.

Please send your completed Application form and Name change letter to

Nicola Wong, EA to Bishop Steven Benford, PO Box 13170, Dunedin 9052,

The applications are lodged with the Police vetting agency through the Bishop's office.

6. Is there an application fee?

As a registered charity, the Diocese is exempt for charges with New Zealand Police vetting.

7. How current do my ID types have to be?

Current identity documents are preferred, but documents that have expired within the past five years may be accepted (eg passport). **Please contact Nicola Wong for specific information.**

8. What is a primary ID ?

Primary IDs are:

- *Passport (NZ or Overseas)*
- *NZ Firearms Licence*
- *NZ Full Birth Certificate (issued on or after 1998)*
- *NZ Citizenship Certificate*
- *NZ Refugee Travel Document*
- *NZ Emergency Travel Document*
- *NZ Certificate of Identity*

8. What is a secondary ID?

Secondary IDs include:

- *NZ Driver Licence*
- *18+ card*
- *NZ Full Birth Certificate (issued before 1998)*
- *Community Services card*
- *SuperGold Card*
- *NZ Employee Photo Identification Card*
- *NZ Student Photo Identification Card*
- *Inland Revenue number*
- *NZ issued utility bill (issued not more than six months earlier)*
- *NZ Teachers Registration certificate*

- *NZ Electoral Roll Record*
- *International Driving Permit*
- *Steps to Freedom Form*

9. I don't have any form of Primary ID.

We don't think that the cost of a new birth certificate should be prohibitive to being licensed or undertaking ministry and would encourage people for whom this might be a concern, to discuss this with their faith community. A standard birth certificate is required by the Police. (See the [Dept of Internal Affairs webpage](#) for more information. Current cost is \$33.)

10. What is needed if one of my ID types doesn't have a photograph (eg. I have a birth certificate and IRD number)?

There are some solutions to this - please don't let it put you off the process. **Please contact Nicola Wong in the Diocesan office for more information and help.**

11. Who is an Identity Referee? Who can witness my documents as true copies?

You can do this in person at the Diocesan office.

If you can't come into the Diocesan office, then Evidence of Identity checks may be completed by an Identity Referee.

An Identity Referee must be:

- be either a person of standing in the community (e.g. registered professional, religious or community leader, Police employee) or registered with the Approved Agency (**a Clergy person**)
- be over 16 years of age.
- not be related or a partner/spouse.
- not be a co-resident of the applicant.

12. How does an Identity Referee certify my documents?

To verify an applicant's identity, the Identity Referee must:

1. Sight the original versions of each identity document.
2. Compare the photographic image with the applicant to confirm they are the same person.
3. Sign and date a copy of each document to verify that the documents produced by the applicant relate to that person.
4. Provide his or her name and contact details.

Example: ***I confirm that this is a true copy of the original document which I have sighted. Signed Agnes Blog, 123 Cherry Lane, South Town, ph 0123456. Dated XXXXX***

5. Send the signed identity documents to the Approved Agency.

13. I still have some questions about the process...

Please phone Nicola Wong at the Diocesan office for further help and information 03 488 0826.



Vacancies: 24 March 2021

A regular update of Diocesan vacancies and those further afield.

Diocese of Dunedin

Diocesan Accountant, Peter Mann House, Dunedin Diocese Office

This is an opportunity to work for a Christian Faith based organisation that supports Anglican Parishes south of the Waitaki River, as well as two Trusts (the Diocese of Dunedin and the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board). Key responsibilities are outlined in our Position Description, but we are looking for:

- Someone who is a chartered accountant or appropriate qualifications/experience.
- An excellent communicator.
- A person who can deal with a wide variety of stakeholders.
- Experience in Trust and Investment accounting, the not for profit sector and/or Accpac or Sage.
- Someone who can work independently but also seek out support and supervision as required.

You will report to the Diocesan Registrar-Manager and be accountable to the Bishop and the Diocese of Dunedin. We offer support for you to maintain your on-going practice requirements and can work with you to access any other resources that may be required.

The Diocese of Dunedin sees itself as: seeking to respond to God's Call in Otago and Southland with faith communities who read the Bible, pray and live out the life of Jesus Christ. While being a person of Christian Faith is not a requirement of this position, some understanding/awareness of how the church operates and/or a willingness to learn this would be an advantage.

A Position Description is available from the Diocesan Manager. Please send your CV and covering letter to Andrew Metcalfe, PO Box 13170, Green Island, Dunedin 9052 or registrar@calledsouth.org.nz. **Applications close on 1 April 2021.**

See also: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/about-us/>

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

Applications close on 30 April 2021.

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.

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

Diocese of Waikato

Chartwell Co-operating Church - Hamilton - Kirikiriroa

Full time Ordained Minister

Please see attached advertisement for details.

Diocese of Christchurch Youth Mental Health Facilitator

Full time, 1 year Fixed Term contract

New Zealand is facing a huge challenge in responding to the mental and emotional health needs emerging in our communities. Since the Canterbury Earthquakes, and Covid-19, Christchurch has experienced an additional surge in need, especially amongst our young people.

The Youth Mental Health Educator role is a 1 year fixed contract working to continue the work of the previous person who was in the role for two years.

The key aspects of the role are to support youth workers and clergy in the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch.

Skills and experience required:

- An appreciation for the Christian and Anglican contexts; familiarity with Anglican ministry will be an advantage.
- Competency and experience in areas of mental and emotional health, youth work, education and communication, and Christian theology.
- A bachelor's degree or higher from an NZ university or polytechnic or equivalent institution overseas.
- A full driver's licence.
- The ability to:
 - self-manage time well

- think strategically
- relate well to youth and young adults
- have a creative attitude to problem solving, and
- collaborate proactively

Some hours of work, in order to engage with youth groups in the Diocese, will involve evenings and weekends.

If you think you can match these requirements and you are seeking the challenge this role will present, then contact the Executive Assistant at bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz for a full job description and submit your application and CV by 5pm **Tuesday 5 April 2021**.



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](#)

[Principals played their part in school's legacy:](#) "Five of the best" used to be a school term associated with the cane or the strap. (ODT, 22 March 2021)

[Celebrations of St Hilda's 125th jubilee take the cake:](#) Starting 125th jubilee celebrations at Dunedin's St Hilda's Collegiate School yesterday are one of the oldest living old girls Honor McKellar (100) and youngest pupil Lyra Westoby (10), who cut a specially-made cake together. (ODT, 20 March 2021)

[St Hilda's Collegiate marks 125 years:](#) If you walked past St Hilda's Collegiate School in Dunedin yesterday, you may have done a double take (ODT, 17 March 2021, includes video)

[Protesters support Myanmar democracy:](#) Peaceful protests are being met with bullets in Myanmar, and in Dunedin at the weekend a group of protesters raised their voices to support those resisting the Southeast Asian nation's February 1 military coup. (ODT, 15 March 2021)

[Awarding of Fellowship:](#) Mr Vin Maffey (a parishioner at St John's Roslyn and recently retired long serving DDTB member) has been appointed a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ODT 12 March 2021).

[National Anglican News at Taonga](#)

[Anglican Missions invites interns:](#) A new Anglican Missions internship programme is energising both student interns and Wellington-based Missions' staff, as they work together to improve this Church's work on mission, aid and development.

[Chaplain joins disabled rights hikoi:](#) Rev Vicki Terrell is asking faith communities to support the disability community in prayer and presence next week as they plan a hikoi to Parliament.

[Moana sisters welcome first novice:](#) The Moana Community of Saint Clare and their supporters are celebrating signs of renewal for their Anglican Pacific women's order as Miliva Toariki takes her vows as their first novice.

[Churches query policies with PM:](#) Archbishop Philip Richardson and Rev Charles Waldegrave joined church leaders to raise social issues with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and key Government ministers yesterday.

Churches build a home together: A newly-established social housing development in the Christchurch suburb of Shirley has brought together the city's Methodist and Anglican church social agencies to back a radical new model for supported family living.

Anglican Missions sets fresh direction: Anglican Missions is tuning up operations to focus on its mission strengths as a newly adopted strategy 'Te Ara Hou' drives forward its work for 2021 and beyond.

Easing others' pain in our last days: Vicar of Pukekohe Rev Jan Wallace wants Anglicans caring for families at life's end to promote the value of Advance Care Plans.

In the National & International Media

(with thanks to the Diocese of Christchurch)

Royal Commission

Website: www.abuseincare.org.nz or www.facebook.com/abuseincareRCNZ

- Anglican [opening statements](#) to Commission
- Hear [Peter on the stand](#) at the RC
- Hear [Archbishop Philip Richardson](#) on the stand
- Hear the [Primates](#) speak to the RC

News items of Anglican apologies to people in our care

- Bishop Peter Carrell says [abuse was unacceptable](#) and we must do better
- Primates say [we failed to protect Anglicans in our care and failed to hold perpetrators accountable](#)
- ["We are sorry"](#)

News...

- Government and Church leaders discuss [housing, health and income priorities](#) or read today's [Spinoff Bulletin](#) about housing.
- People with Disabilities want more say: Disabled Community Chaplain joining [Hikoi](#) to parliament, and, Disability Rights Commissioner also [issues statement](#).
- ["Call the Midwife"](#) TV series based on real Anglican nuns
- Disney's new [Reya and the Last Dragon](#) develops Christian themes.

Worth a look - WORLDWIDE

- [Advocates call for NZ to take Uighur refugees](#)
- [RC priest blames Catholic structures for abuse](#)
- [Archbishops apologise for abuse cover-ups](#)
- [India: RC bishop's rape trial reaches final stage](#)
- [US Bishops call for action on gun violence](#)
- [Calls made for separate Māori housing authority](#)
- [SA priest names her rapist outside Cathedral](#)
- [+Capetown presides at Zulu King's funeral](#)
- [CofE supports VaccinAid's 'Give the world a shot'](#)
- [Israeli archaeologists find new Dead Sea scrolls](#)
- [Jacynthia Murphy talks women's ordination on RNZ](#)
- [Toxic social media is undermining climate facts](#)
- [Islamic extremists kill 130 people in Niger](#)
- [20K Rohingya flee as fire sweeps Cox's Bazaar](#)
- [Atlanta suspect's church condemns his actions](#)
- [Tongans defrauded by church left stranded in NZ](#)
- [The Anglican sisters behind Call the Midwife](#)
- [Newborn baby uplifts drop to 5 year low](#)
- [Calling for vigilance on NZ anti-Asian hate](#)
- [Hamilton motels house 100s of homeless people](#)
- [AB Wales: UK aid cuts will cost lives in Sudan](#)
- [Christ's College abuse cases: more than 80](#)
- [+Stephen York slams UK nuclear arsenal plan](#)
- [Famed Xtian scientist John Polkinghorne dies](#)

- [Woman jailed for 5 years for stabbing curate](#)
 - [Belgian RC bishop ashamed of anti-gay decree](#)
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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.

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.

SOUTHLAND CHRISM EUCHARIST Tuesday 30 March 7pm @ St Mary's Riverton preceded by a simple potluck tea from 6 - 6.45pm. Celebrant, Bishop Steve. If you are bringing food to be heated in the microwave, please allow time for this to happen. At this service laity and clergy renew their baptismal and ordination vows before God and in each other's presence. We also commission people for appropriate tasks and consecrate Chrism Oil. I will bring the Chrism Oil supply and if your parish needs to renew their supply, please bring an appropriate container and place it on the altar. There has been excellent attendance at this service in recent years and most parishes will have participants in various parts of the service. The last time we were in Riverton it was a stunningly beautiful evening. Anne van Gend the Community Ministry Enabler will be present. See [this article](#) for more information.

PRAYER BREAKFAST 8 - 9am Sat 3 April at Holy Trinity Invercargill. Bring a gold coin. All are welcome.

WAIKAIA EASTER EUCHARIST @ St Mary's, 10am Saturday 3 April. Celebrant, Rev'd Anne Van Gend the newly appointed Community Ministry Enabler.

Those who wish are invited to go to the Hotel for brunch after the service.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUP: Monday 12 April 6 - 9pm pot luck meal and Waltrud Hoffman will be speaking about her life's journey. Venue, Jocelyn Graham's place 68 Pomona Rd East. Turn right at the Makawera Country Club

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

FAITH THINKING: Friday evening 7 May 7 – 9pm & Saturday 8 May 9 – 12noon at First Church on Tay Street. Chris Holmes from the Otago School of Theology will be leading the seminar, Exploring the Trinity. Watch this space.

Dunedin Based Events Chrism Eucharist in Dunedin

St Paul's Cathedral 6pm Wednesday 31 March 2021.All welcome. Clergy to robe please - white stoles. See [this article](#) for more information.

CELTIC EVENING SERVICE FOR LOW SUNDAY

St Paul's Cathedral Sunday 11 April 7pm

An Eastertide candlelit meditation with readings, prayers and hymns. Please see attached flyer.

Equipping for Ministry

We are pleased to announce and UPDATE presentation on the **State of the Nation 2021 Report**.

5:30pm Thursday 8th April 2021

At The Salvation Army – Haven Hall – 575 Princes St Dunedin.

Nibbles and drink available before and after.

We had to cancel the Launch due to the Auckland lockdown but are able to proceed now.

FALLING LEAVES AND GATHERING KINDLING - An Autumn Retreat with the Rev. Dr. Hilary Oxford Smith and harpist and singer, Julie Saraswati.

Friday 7th May 2021 9.30am – 4pm @ 296 Teschemakers Road, Oamaru.

\$95.00 per person.

Please see attached poster for full details.

To register: Please email hilary@spiritofbradan.com or 'phone 021 0283 5435.

FAITH THINKING

Friday 26 March, 7:00-9:00pm and Saturday 27 March, 9:00am- 12.30pm

Seeing Jesus as a Victim of Sexual Abuse: Biblical, Pastoral, and Theological Perspectives

Professor David Tombs, Centre for Theology and Public Issues, Theology Programme, University of Otago.

Friday 26 March, 7:00-9:00pm and Saturday 27 March, 9:00am- 12.30pm, The Gathering Area, Knox Church, 449, George Street, Dunedin

This Course costs \$20. Numbers for this course are limited to 40. Faith Thinking courses are jointly organised between the Theology Programme and some Dunedin Churches, and supported by Continuing Education at the University of Otago.

To enroll go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html>

NATIONAL EVENTS:

Social Justice advocates and experts in Aotearoa are invited to a Social Justice Hui

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 May 2021 Christchurch

Please contact Kristy for more information socialjustice@anglicanchurch.org.nz

Limited Spots Available

The Hui will be free to attend and we have travel support available for those who need it.

Or copy and paste the following link to register on a phone:

<https://forms.gle/CCwdg2vXX7F55bev5>

Poster attached below.

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
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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 that 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
Venue Address: 19 Main South Rd, Concord
Start time: 7 pm (Doors open at 6:30pm for this event).

City: Invercargill
Date: Friday, 9th April
Venue: Lindisfarne Methodist Community Centre
Venue Address: 22 Lindisfarne St
Start time: 7 pm

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.

People in Place - Environmental Sustainability

Monday 17 May at Leith Valley Presbyterian Church.

A cross-discipline professional development, for ministers, youth workers, pastoral & community workers, as well as counsellors, by Silvia Purdie.

This training day will cover practical sustainability for churches and community agencies, and it will also be training in what is emerging as 'green practice', i.e. promoting both human and environmental wellbeing.

More information and registration at: www.place.net.nz/training

Poster also attached below.

Newsletters

The latest March newsletter from South Centre is below.

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](#)



Bishop Steven's Diary 25 - 31 March 2021

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

Thursday 25 March

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

Various meetings

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

Friday 26 March

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

Various meetings

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

Saturday 27 March

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

Sunday 28 March

Monday 29 March

Day off

Tuesday 30 March

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

6pm Chrism Eucharist - St Mary's Riverton

Wednesday 24 March

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

Various meetings

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

6pm Chrism Eucharist - St Paul's Cathedral



Diocesan office hours and contact information

Please see below for opening hours over Easter and also contact details.....

Easter - The Diocesan office will be closed on Good Friday 2 April and reopen on Wednesday 7 April 2021.

Office contact information:

Nicola Wong (Bishop's Executive Assistant): bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz

– Direct line: 03-488 0826

Andrew Metcalfe (Diocesan Registrar): registrar@calledsouth.org.nz

– Direct line: 03-488 0821

Dominique Aitcheson (Diocesan Senior Accounts Clerk): dominique@calledsouth.org.nz

– Direct Line: 03-488 0825

Ven Dr Michael Godfrey (Diocesan Ministry Educator): educator@calledsouth.org.nz

– Direct Line: 03-488 0829

Rev'd John Graveston (Diocesan Child Youth & Family Educator): youth@calledsouth.org.nz

- Cell phone 022 049-6029

Rev'd Dr Anne Van Gend (Diocesan Community Ministry Enabler): enabler@calledsouth.org.nz

- Cell phone 027 264 7245

To speak to Bishop Steven Benford, please contact his Executive Assistant, Nicola Wong.



Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board (DDTB) Trustee Vacancies

An update on Board members... plus, could you contribute to the Diocese of Dunedin by being a Trustee of the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board? With Fr. Hugh Bowron and Bonnie Miller Perry stepping down, we have two vacancies to fill...

This year has seen some changes in the DDTB, with Alan Dunbar (Wakatipu Parish) not seeking re-election after his current term ended, Bonnie Miller Perry resigning from the

Board as she has moved to Christchurch and Fr Hugh Bowron standing down from the DDTB as he prepares to finish up at Caversham Parish this Easter and move back to Christchurch as well.

Alan was a long term member of the Board and has always been an active participant, especially looking at the DDTB's investment portfolio and making sure that the right decisions were being made. He was also part of the Earl Street Charitable Trust, and has stepped down from this as well.

Bonnie was one of our newer members who started in July 2019 and who has helped bring diversity and her own unique business experience to the Board.

Hugh has been on the Board since 2014 and at his last meeting Hugh indicated that of all the Boards he has been on, for him this had been the most satisfying. The Board expressed it's appreciation of Hugh, especially his interest in Investment Markets.

Applications for membership of the DDTB will be considered by the Diocese of Dunedin Trusts Board on 13 April 2021. Please send any applications for this before 6 April 2021. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming a Trustee. We are especially interested in people who have an interest and (preferably) experience in governance and who can add to the diversity of this Board.

The board has two main roles:

First, it manages two investment funds (the Income Fund and the Growth Fund) as trustee for diocesan institutions, e.g. social services, residential and community based services, educational institutions and so on. These bodies deposit funds with it. The total funds under management in the two Funds is currently over \$32 million dollars.

The second major responsibility of the Board is the legal ownership of all Diocesan properties: it acts a trustee for all Diocesan institutions including local churches and parishes, who are the beneficial owners, i.e. they make use of these resources for their mission and ministry. In this capacity, the Board arranges insurance of properties when delegated by the Diocesan Council. It has also taken a leadership role in the assessment of properties for seismic stability.

The Board meets monthly, as does its subcommittee known as the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee monitors current investments to ensure the best returns possible and that they meet ethical business standards. It frequently conducts business by email outside of its monthly meetings as necessary. Board members are able to meet remotely (teleconference, video conference) for anyone who is not in the immediate Dunedin area.

If you are interested, please contact the Diocesan Registrar registrar@calledsouth.org.nz and complete the following forms as part of your application:

[Application form to the Diocese of Dunedin Trusts Board](#) (the Board which appoints members onto Diocesan Organisation Boards or Trusts), [Charities Declaration](#) and [Declaration of Adherence for Trust Boards](#).

Have a look also at our [Boards Orientation Letter](#) for more information



Anglican Missions Internship

Here at Anglican Missions we are opening our next round of internships!

Anglican Missions was delighted to launch its new Internship Program in late 2020. After a successful first round of interns, we are seeking another two interns for our mid-year intake. Interns work alongside current staff and volunteers

throughout the program and have the opportunity to get involved in all aspects of international development and mission including, but not limited to; communications, finance, policy, monitoring and evaluation, project management, and project planning. Each intern will also have a specific project to manage and will receive close mentoring and guidance along the way.

We are seeking two interns, one for Communications and the other for Development activities.

We would love for you to circulate this opportunity around your networks and platforms.

Attached is a PDF with all the relevant information, please note this is an unpaid internship.

Any questions please reach out!

Many thanks,



Ordination to the Priesthood: Reverend John Graveston

I am delighted to announce that John will be Ordained to the Priesthood at the Cathedral on Friday 23 April 2021 at 7pm.

I warmly invite you to join this special occasion.

Light refreshments will be served in the Gallery in the Dean's Foyer at the Cathedral after the service. Please RSVP your attendance to [Nicola](#) by 15 April.

Clergy to robe please - red stoles.

I look forward to continuing to work with John, following his Ordination, in his role as our Diocesan Child Youth and Families Educator.

+Steven



The Tarras Community church celebrates its centenary this year.

To mark this important milestone, the Tarras Community Church Charitable Trust are holding a thanksgiving service at the church at 11am on Saturday 10 April 2021 followed by a barbeque lunch in the church grounds.

Please see the attached flyer for details.



Children and Youth Training Opportunities

There are several training opportunities coming up - read on for more information.

SCOPE What is Scope?

Scope stands for Strandz Communities of Practice for Everyone. The Oxford University Press defines 'scope' as "the extent of the area or subject matter that something deals with or to which it is relevant" with synonyms including freedom, opportunity, room, range, breadth, spread, horizon. A 'scope' (noun) can also be a target, an instrument for observing, viewing, or examining, or a length of cable extended when a ship is at anchor.

These definitions and synonyms reflect a group that has the freedom to observe and explore, while being supported by a strong anchor in Christ.

Who can join Scope?

Scope is available for leaders within the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia in 2021. Unfortunately, we don't have unlimited capacity to open it wider afield yet, but if you are from another organisation or denomination, and would like to know more about Scope, feel free to get in touch!

Cost?

There is currently no cost to attend the 12 Scope sessions in 2021, however there is a cost to attend the retreat in October in Wellington (highly recommended!). We would encourage participants to seek funding from their churches or dioceses to attend the retreat, if required. (approx \$150+flights if needed)

For more information [click here](#)

WAY2GO Conference

Take a fresh look at the vital role of the church in supporting families/whānau as they form the faith of their children in a fast-changing world.

Come and explore how the church as the family of God can weave strong connections for faith to flourish.

Whether you are an experienced leader or just starting out there is something for you. Use our group discount and come as a team and make the most of everything you learn.

Date & Time: 29th May 2021, 9:30am - 4:00pm

Location: Mosgiel Presbyterian Church, 11 Church St, Mosgiel

Cost: \$95

For more information [click here](#)

About this online combined

Intergenerate and Children's Spirituality Summit event:

- + Over this three day combined online conference . . .
- + The Children's Spirituality Summit will host their part of the conference.
- + The InterGenerate Conference will host their part of the conference.
- + Registration for just one conference gives you access to both events.
- + Conference events happen from 12 noon to 5pm Central Time daily.

Event features:

- + 4 shared keynote addresses
- + 30 workshops addressing children's spirituality and intergenerational faith formation and ministry
- + 18 paper presentations of new thinking and research in children's spirituality and intergenerational ministry
- + A time of worship and reflection to renew your spirit
- + Affinity group discussions for sharing insights and applying the conference ideas and approaches
- + Special gifts and publisher giveaways
- + All sessions will be broadcast on Zoom

Date & Time: 24th - 26th May 2021, 12pm - 5pm Central Time Daily

Location: Online

Cost: \$50

For more information [click here](#)



Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.



Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.



Stay home if you feel unwell.

For updates and more information on keeping yourself safe, visit [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

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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](#).
