



Diocese of Dunedin

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 9 December 2021

Advent resources for children, new Flexilearn courses for 2022, a last chance to offer feedback about this newsletter and we continue to adapt to the COVID Protection Framework at Level Orange...

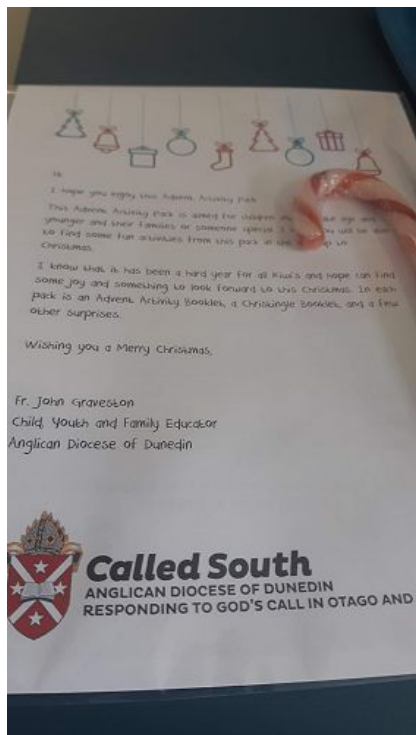
Click here for a printable version of this newsletter. If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, please forward these to bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz by 9 am Monday 13 December. We appreciate any news and photos you have to pass on.

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

Remember that we are at [Level Orange of the new COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) (Traffic Lights). We are wearing our face coverings to church, using our vaccine passes or attending mixed services, scanning or signing in, and considering [options for worship under the Traffic Lights framework](#). Make sure you follow Government Advice to keep yourselves and others safe.

The Diocesan office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm, please let us know if you want to visit (03 488 0820) and bring your face covering with you. **All staff based at Peter Mann House (Diocesan Office) have been doubly vaccinated.**

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Children's Advent Packs are on the way

This week our Child, Youth, and Family Educator finished packing 210 Children's Advent Packs for the Diocese and they are on their way!

Christmas is a time of year where extra families come along to church and to help make sure our churches have something to offer children when they come along, our Child, Youth, and Family Educator, Fr. John Graveston, has put together Children's Advent packs. In these packs are two colouring-in pages, a how to make your own Christingle booklet, a list of the family services in the Diocese and a Nativity Booklet (Diocese of Christchurch).

210 were made and have been sent out to churches throughout the Diocese, so watch your mailbox!

All the material is attached below so that you can make up your own packs or print out specific parts for your church.

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REGIONAL & FLEXI-LEARN COURSES 2022

The courses for 2022 from St John's Theological College have been released.

They are:

- New Testament
- Te Reo Māori
- Being Anglican
- Preaching

The New Testament course begins in early February and the Te Reo Māori course in early March.

This is a summary of the content:

BST 511 BIBLE STORY: NEW TESTAMENT: This course is taught by Dr Tom Innes and gives insight into the culture and background that produced the New Testament writings. Online classes will run Tuesday nights, 7-9pm from 8th Feb to 24th May.

MMF 511: TE REO MĀORI: The course tutor will be St John's' new Tikanga Māori Dean, Te Hira Paenga. Classes will be online on Wednesdays 7-8.30pm from March 16th to mid-November. Learn correct pronunciation and basic grammar to be able to create some everyday sentences. Gain insight into the meanings of some key words that are so vital to understand things Māori.

From the end of May, FlexiLearn will offer The Journey Towards Being Anglican in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, and in July, Preaching in our Time. More details later next year.

The details and enrolment form links are all on the St John's College webpage:

<https://www.stjohnscollege.ac.nz/#/regional-programmes/>

FlexiLearn courses enable people to study entirely from home (or even better, with friends or a small group in their area). The courses are free. To enrol, you will need the endorsement of Revd Richard Johnson, the St John's College co-ordinator for the Diocese - a formality! Contact Richard on richardsueinvercargill@gmail.com for endorsement or for any more information.

Names of those who are taking up FlexiLearn programmes are shared with the Revd Dr Michael Godfrey, Diocesan Ministry Educator.



Tikanga Youth Synod 2021

The Anglican Tikanga Youth Synod is coming up in the middle of December. If you are a young person over the age of 16 and are interested in attending this online synod keep reading.

The Diocese of Dunedin has the opportunity for our young people to attend the Tikanga Youth Synod run by the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission. The Tikanga Youth Synod is an opportunity for young people from the three Tikanga that make up the Anglican church to come together and discuss the wider Anglican Church in Aotearoa. If you are a young person over the age of 16 and are interested in taking part please contact John Graveston or register directly for the event via the link below.

Tikanga Youth Synod 2021 is being held online on Zoom on 18th December at 10am for 1-1.5 hours. It is a fun online event that will provide information on what Tikanga Youth Synod is, what the Pononga programme is and what is

involved with being a Commission Member. This event is aimed at youth, young adults, youth leaders and youth enablers.

When: 18th December 2021, 10am (1-1.5 hours)

Where: Via Zoom

Register here: <https://forms.gle/Td564H4UJZFBF2CX6>

If you are interested and want to know more contact:



Sunday Worship @ Alert Level Orange

Information about worship services under the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights)

Traffic Light details for Level Orange

We are updating this page with information around what Parishes are offering for people who have a vaccine pass,

and for those who don't. Follow the links below to individual faith community websites for current service information.

We have two options:

Option 1 – Vaccine Pass Only: with an unlimited number of attendees, providing every attendee presents a vaccine pass, or;

Option 2 – Mixed Services: with a limited number of attendees (100, Green; 50, Orange) without requiring attendees to have a vaccination pass.

Until it is confirmed from parishes what they are doing, the default setting for any Parish or Church is Option 2 - Mixed Services.

A reminder: everyone is welcome to joining [Morning Prayer by Zoom](#) (Tuesdays to Saturdays at 9 am) and [Evening Prayer by Zoom](#) (Tuesdays to Fridays at 5 pm). We are also updating our [Gospel Conversations](#) each week where a small group discuss and open up the lectionary gospel reading for the following week.

We are also looking at some more Zoom options for people who may not be able to attend a service in person. Watch this space...

Parish and Church Website links and Status

Our current default setting is a Mixed Service under Level Orange from 3 December 2021) unless indicated otherwise below each faith community name. Click on the faith community name for more service information (if available)

Sunday 5th December: Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

From 12 December:

St Mark's 9.30 am - Vaccine Pass only

[Balclutha Parish](#) St Mark's 7.00 pm - Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

[Cathedral Church of St Paul, Dunedin](#)

Vaccine Pass only for all services (unless otherwise advertised)

[Caversham Parish](#)

Vaccine Pass only for all services (Sundays @ 8 am and 10.30 am, Evensong and Benediction on the first and third Sundays, Thursday 10 am services)

[Dunedin North Parish](#)

St Martin's 10.30 am - Vaccine Pass only

All Saints 8 am and 10.30 am - Vaccine Pass only

All Saints 8 pm - Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

Vaccine Pass only for all services (unless otherwise advertised)

Fiordland Parish – Contact: Miriam Dudfield, 021 054 2027, miriamdudfield@hotmail.com

Gladstone Parish (All Saints Invercargill)

Vaccine Pass only for all services (unless otherwise advertised)

Gore Parish

Maniototo Parish – St. Hilda's, 16 Welles Street. Ranfurly; St. George's, 46 Derwent Street, Naseby; St. Alban the Martyr, Downs Road, St. Bathans – Contact Warwick Smith (Bishop's Warden), 021 434536

Mixed services (no Vaccine Pass required) [North Invercargill Parish](#)

Vaccine Pass only for all services (from 19 December 2021)

- All church services - Sunday and Wednesday and others as they arise
- Tuesday Gospel Listeners study group
- Monthly Archdeaconry meetings
- Monthly Prayer Breakfast group
- When others use our facilities eg Dance group in the Hall
- Monthly Fellowship Group held in a private home

Oamaru-Maheno Parish

For the next two Sundays (5 Dec and 12 Dec): Mixed services - no vaccine pass required.

Sunday 12 December

9am St Andrew's – Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

10:30am St Luke's – Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

7pm St Luke's Night Prayer – Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

Sunday 19 December

9am St Andrew's – Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

***10:30am St Luke's – English Tongan service - Vaccine Pass only*

***7pm St Luke's **Carols & Readings** – Vaccine Pass only*

Friday 24 December Christmas Eve

***11pm St Luke's **Carols** – Vaccine Pass only*

***11:30pm St Luke's **Christmas Eve service** – Vaccine Pass only*

Saturday 25 December Christmas Day

9am St Andrew's Christmas Day – Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

10am St Luke's Christmas Day – Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

Sunday 26 December

***10:30am St Luke's – Vaccine Pass only*

Sundays in January

***10:30am St Luke's – Vaccine Pass only*

7pm St Luke's - Mixed service (no Vaccine Pass required)

**Otago Peninsula– contact Elizabeth Purdie (Bishop's Warden), (03) 4761650
Palmerston - contact Andrew Metcalfe 03 488 0821**

Port Chalmers Parish – contact Judy Ringland Stewart (Church Warden), 03 4728476 or 0274728477, box9portchalmers@gmail.com

Mixed services (no Vaccine Pass required) _____

[Southern Coastal](#)

[Deanery](#)

[St Johns \(Invercargill\)](#)

St Luke's Otatara - Vaccine Pass only for all services (unless otherwise advertised)

[St Matthew's Parish \(Dunedin\)](#)

Vaccine Pass only services, with Zoom option, from 19 December

St Mark's (Otara) – Contact: Barbara Morrison (Warden), (03) 2468403 or Rev'd Richard Johnson, 021 124 2746

[St Martha's](#)

[Taieri Parish](#)

Vaccine Pass only for all services (unless otherwise advertised) (from 13 December)

[Upper Clutha](#)

[Parish:](#)

[Wakatipu Parish](#)

Vaccine Pass only for all services _____ [Warrington-Waitati](#)

Vaccine Pass only for all services (unless otherwise advertised)

Winton – Contact: Phillis Wilson, (03) 2367039 or Rev'd Richard Johnson, 021 124 2746

Local Churches

Our local churches are smaller faith communities who may not meet for worship every week. Contact the Diocesan office (03 488 0821 or email registrar@calledsouth.org.nz) and we can put you in touch with a local contact. All of these Churches are operating on a Mixed basis (vaccinated and unvaccinated basis) unless otherwise noted below:

Balfour

Lumsden

Milton

Waikaia

Waikouaiti - Vaccine Pass only for all services



Gospel Conversations

The Latest Gospel Conversations for the Third Sunday in Advent Te Rātapu Tuatoru o te Haerenga Mai: Luke 3:7-18

[See all the videos in this series on our website](#)

John the Baptist lays down his uncompromising demands on those who come to hear him, and points towards the promise of another to come. Rose Scott (on her first visit) joins Michael, David Tombs and Richard Johnson, each bringing their varied life experiences to the discussion of this Lukan passage. There are plenty of challenges here. Where is the good news, and where do we find practical guidance for our lives in the middle of talk of tunics, unquenchable fire and vipers?

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Each week the Diocesan Ministry Educator engages with a panel of biblical thinkers, in a free-flowing conversation about the forthcoming gospel reading. The idea of these conversations is to tease out and float ideas about and responses to the weekly passage, not as an academic exercise but as a creative dance with the text and the Spirit who enlivens the text for us.

[Link to Video](#)



Greetings from the Diocesan Office: Advent 2021

I Thessalonians 4: 9 "There is no need to write to you about love for your fellow believers. You yourselves have been taught by God how you should love one another..."

As we move into the start of another church year and look back at 2021, there have been ongoing challenges but real joys

as well.

It seems as if there is more to get our heads around this past year, with COVID-19 continuing to impact on the lives of churches and individuals, along with all the planning and preparation required to keep ourselves and others safe.

The joys have included the continued call of God on people's lives for ministry (ordained and lay), wonderful connections in many of our smaller and larger faith communities through [Mulled Conversations](#), doing Ministry School and Synod differently, and looking forward to the Bishop's Companion Programme launching in 2022. The love that people express for each other and our communities is evident in small and more significant ways .. just as God has taught us to do.

The team working in the Diocesan office are looking forward to a taking a break and send their greetings to you as the year draws to a close.

My love and prayers for you all for a love-filled Christmas and a wonderful 2022.

+Steven

Collect for first Sunday in Advent

Almighty God,
prophets and scriptures prepare your way:
open our minds to discern your purpose,
turn us from all darkness,
and prepare us for the coming of your light.
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



How Frequent a Caller? South Calling Newsletter Survey

As we draw to the end of the year, we are thinking about changing how we communicate via our newsletter Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling and want you to have

your say.

[Complete our survey and have your say.](#)

Over the past few years we have putting out a weekly newsletter on Thursdays as well as pushing out other articles/important news to our email group and Facebook at other times.

Putting together a weekly newsletter is a challenge for our small team, but we know that it plays an important part in keeping our Diocese connected as well as sharing information and resources.

We have been wondering if we have been guilty of "over communicating", and if a move to a fortnightly format, with other important information shared when needed, would work better for our readers... and for the team here!

The most important thing is what you think.

We'd like to give you the opportunity to give us some feedback in the next couple of weeks and tell us what would work best for you. In this survey we ask about how well the newsletter meets your needs, how you feel about the frequency of our communication, if you'd prefer a weekly or fortnightly newsletter and if you have any comments about how we could improve it.

[Complete our survey and have your say.](#)

We have appreciated all the positive feedback and contributions you have given us over the years and we look forward to bringing more in 2022.

**Nicola Wong
Andrew Metcalfe**



Get one. Give one. Campaign

The Get one. Give one. Campaign is an opportunity for Anglicans in Aotearoa New Zealand to pay it forward to others as we receive our vaccines for free (and now all over 12 years can book in!). Over \$126k has been given so far to the Get One. Give One. campaign ...can you help increase this even more?

- [Donate here](#)
- [Drop box with resources](#)
- [Link to Campaign Video](#)

UPDATE: THANK YOU to all who have donated so far – over \$126,000 as at 25 November (this figure doesn't include monies donated direct to Anglican Missions but is the latest total via the Givealittle page) and we are aiming for a new goal of \$150,000 (providing 15,000 vaccinations for vulnerable and poor communities)

Here is how you and your church can promote Get one Give one:

- Put Get one Give one in your email signature.
- Share the [givealittle page](#) on social media, even add why you support the campaign.
- Put posters up in your workplace, community and school.
- Run a fundraising event like these awesome supporters:
<https://movementonline.org.nz/blog/get-one-give-one-around-thenbspdiocese>
- Let us know what resources/support we can provide you with at info@angmissions.org.nz
- Share your awesome stories with us!

Stuff article: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/coronavirus/300398551/covid19-campaign-aims-to-help-get-muchneeded-vaccines-to-struggling-countries>

The 'Get one. Give one.' campaign protects and supports the world's most vulnerable from COVID-19 through vaccine equality.

Why the campaign

Vaccines are rolling out across Aotearoa New Zealand. We are grateful to have the opportunity to help communities to be safe from Covid-19. Yet as a global community, we know we are not safe until everyone is safe. As followers of Jesus, equal access to health care is a Kingdom justice issue. We know that in many developing countries vaccines may not be available or are expensive. In particular we know that developing countries often experience gaps in structure and networks which can adversely affect vaccine distribution.

The *Get one, Give one* campaign aims to protect and support the poorest and most vulnerable. Through your support, we have an opportunity to contribute to a global, recognised and respected initiative that aims to love our neighbours through funding access to vaccines in developing countries.

The idea behind *Get one, Give one* is simple. As each of us receive our vaccine, we are invited to donate the cost of getting a vaccine to someone in the developing world. This happens through the *Get one, Give one* Givealittle crowd fundraising page.

The unit cost of delivering one vaccine comes to between \$5 and \$10. We are asking everyone to donate \$10 to cover the delivery of a single vaccine to someone in the majority world. This includes the cost of delivery networks such as local distribution, storage, vaccination centre staffing. etc. See more here: <https://www.corecommitments.unicef.org/kp/covax-delivery-cost.pdf>.

This is why we encourage you to aim to not just vaccinate one person, but as many as possible. All donations are tax-deductible over \$5!

We have created a **dropbox** with materials for churches/dios/organisations [here](#)

Many thanks and God bless

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Bishop Steven's Diary 9 - 15 December 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 9 December

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

10am - St Peter's Caversham

Various meetings

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

Friday 10 December

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

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

Saturday 11 December

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

Various meetings

Sunday 12 December

8am and 10.30am - St Peter's Caversham

Monday 13 December

Day off

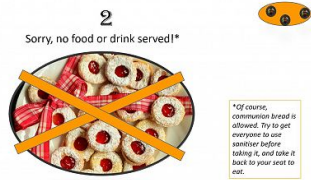
Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 December

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

Various meetings

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

If your services are mixed, then...



New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework

All you need to know about how the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Light framework) applies to Anglican activities in the Diocese of Dunedin.

[Have a look at the Government Guidance on the NZ COVID-19 Protection Framework \(Traffic Lights\).](#)

This replaces the Alert Levels 1-4 that have previously operated during the current pandemic. This framework (commonly referred to as the Traffic Lights) came into force on 3 December 2021.

Main Messages

General settings: In all settings record keeping/scanning is required. Face coverings are encouraged indoors at Green and Orange, recommended whenever leaving the house at Red. See above for a [short summary video](#) (A printable PDF is attached also).

Churches are deciding on two options:

Option 1 – Vaccine Pass Only: with an unlimited number of attendees, providing every attendee presents a vaccine pass. **In Green and Orange settings there are no limits around hospitality or gatherings such as worship. In the Red setting, there is a limit on gatherings of 100 based on 1 m distancing and public health measures in place (wearing face coverings etc.).**

Option 2 – Mixed Services: with a limited number of attendees (100, Green; 50, Orange; 25, Red) without requiring attendees to have a vaccination pass. **Public health measures are in place (wearing face coverings etc), 1 m distancing.**

[Details for each Faith community on the options they have decided can be accessed here.](#)

Useful Links

- [Diocese of Dunedin Traffic Light Guidance](#) - includes some frequently asked questions.
- [Diocese of Dunedin: Response to the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework \(Traffic Lights\)](#) - our main guidance document for Faith Communities on how to operate under this framework.
- [Community Response and Resources](#) - our web page of information, resources and support for this time of taking extra care of each other and ourselves.
- [Sunday Worship under the Traffic Light settings](#) - information about what options for worship Faith Communities are offering.
- [Full range of posters you can download and display.](#)

Government Advice for Places of Worship at Orange

- Some religious rituals or practices need people to be close to each other — for example, a christening. Try to keep the time spent in close contact to a minimum.
- Encourage contactless donations instead of a cash collection box.
- You can have refreshments after a service, but people should not share drinks, cups, plates, cutlery or other items. You do not have to follow the advice for (commercial) hospitality at any traffic light setting (but we expect you to follow [standard infection control precautions](#) as per our Hospitality Checklist).

- Places of worship should display posters or signage indicating they will be asking people to show their My Vaccine Pass to enter.
- Consider offering online services so people who cannot attend in person can participate. This could be suitable for faith-based gatherings.
- Singing, for example, church choirs and other types of performance, can go ahead. Performers do not need to wear a face covering. Clean and sanitise musical instruments thoroughly before and after use.

[Guidelines for places of worship \[PDF, 698 KB\]](#) **Please note:** these Government guidelines offer minimum settings that need to be applied. Our [Diocese of Dunedin Traffic Light Guidance](#) indicates our local guidance, we will review this in the light of any new information from the Government.

Key points for all of us

- Ensure you **follow directives** for places you visit or work in.
- **Be kind.** Make a difference by checking-in on others, especially the elderly and vulnerable.
- **Look after anyone that needs help.** Drop supplies to those at home sick and ensure you have no physical contact.
- **Keep up your physical distancing habits, scanning and use of face coverings**
- **Use alternative ways of staying in touch with more vulnerable people** i.e. the phone, a letter, a video messaging system or something similar.

Got symptoms or have health questions?

Call your GP before you visit. Or call Healthline on 0800 358 5453. If you feel unwell, remain at home.

Not sure who to talk to?

If you're not sure what assistance may be available, or you don't know who to contact for help, phone the Government Helpline on 0800 779 997 (8am – 10pm, 7 days a week).

The Ministry of Health recommends that you should follow the usual precautions including:

Staying safe and well at any level

At every level (Green, Orange, Red) people should take measures to stay safe and well.

- Regularly disinfect surfaces
- Wash and dry your hands thoroughly and regularly
- Don't touch your face
- Stay home if you are sick
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you have cold or flu like symptoms – call your GP or Healthline on 0800 358 5453.
- Continue to seek primary medical care.

Anyone who has returned to New Zealand from overseas **must abide by NZ government requirements.**

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

How to get in touch with us

[The Diocesan Office \(Peter Mann House\)](#) is open Monday to Friday 9 to 3 pm, please let us know if you want to visit (03 488 0820) and bring your face covering with you. **All staff based at Peter Mann House (Diocesan Office) have been doubly vaccinated.**

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



Diocese of Dunedin Traffic Lights Guidance

Guidance for faith communities on how we will worship under the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights). We have updated this on 2 December with a revised framework, including a clarification for Vaccine Pass services that communion can be in both kinds... plus keep wearing

your face covering.

[Have a look at the Diocese of Dunedin: Response to the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework \("Traffic Lights"\), also attached below.](#)

We have updated the Framework and Frequently asked Questions as of 2 December 2021. The [Framework](#) has stronger messaging around the wearing of face coverings, plus allowing communion in both kinds for Vaccine Pass services.

Moving into the Protection Framework

Before any faith community moves into the new framework, they must let Bishop Steve know via his EA [Nicola Wong](#) what their decision is on opening under: **Option 1 – Vaccine Pass Only:** with an unlimited number of attendees, providing every attendee presents a vaccine pass, or; **Option 2 – Mixed Services:** with a limited number of attendees (100, Green; 50, Orange) without requiring attendees to have a vaccination pass.

If you are telephoning after 2 pm, please leave a message on Nicola's answerphone 03 488 0826.

[We will use this information to update our website page](#) which will have everyone's arrangements in one place.

For Wardens and Clergy

We are very aware that there is not much time before the new system comes into force: please don't rush, take the time you need to have important discussions at a Vestry-Church Committee or Chapter level. **You can remain at the current Level 2 settings until you are ready to change, although if we are at the Orange Level, this will mean limiting your numbers to 50 people and not offering hospitality.** Please find attached some poster templates and other publicity that can help you when you decide what you want to do. We have also attached the Government's [Guidelines for places of worship](#). **Please note:** these Government guidelines offer minimum settings that need to be applied. Our [Diocese of Dunedin Traffic Light Guidance](#) indicates our local guidance which is being reviewed as we hear any new information from the Government.

[All of the documents attached below are available on a Drop Box](#)

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- You can have refreshments after a service, but people should not share drinks, cups, plates, cutlery or other items. You do not have to follow the advice for (commercial) hospitality at any traffic light setting (but we expect you to follow [standard infection control precautions](#) as per our Hospitality Checklist).
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Frequently Asked Questions

What should our main default setting be for offering worship services and for other groups?

We are asking Parishes and Churches to come to a decision themselves, but **we are recommending that Option 1 - Vaccine Pass Only should be the default.** This provides the safest environments for everyone (including children, younger people and older people).

What about the latest [Pastoral Message from the Bishops](#) (sent out on Friday 26 November) - does this make our planning redundant?

We are continuing with our approach which is broadly in line with the Bishops' letter i.e. providing options for vaccinated and mixed services. We are mindful that we may need to change our advice according to what unfolds in the weeks and months ahead, particularly if there are some more specific Government directives that come out. The Bishops will also be taking a similar stance - nothing is fixed in stone!

Can we have a Mixed Service or a Vaccine Pass Only service on the same day?

We are not recommending this as there may not be enough time to clean/ventilate a space that being used for a Vaccine Pass only service. We are suggesting that any Mixed Services be held on a separate day. Government advice is that you can switch between activities operating with My Vaccine Passes and operating without My Vaccine Passes as long as;

- spaces are cleaned between groups
- there is no intermingling of the two groups
- spaces being used are ventilated
- it is made clear to all involved (attendees/staff/volunteers) which activities are using My Vaccine Pass and which are not

What about our home group or youth group?

Again, Option 1 - Vaccine Pass only will allow you to meet safely. Make sure that everyone who attends and leads these are doubly vaccinated, and it is a good idea to follow general public health precautions. If you meet in spaces outside a church (such as a private home), [you can provide your own QR code for people who want to scan in](#), have sanitiser available for people and have a conversation about wearing a face covering. The best way to handle this is if one (or more) person prefers to keep a mask in place, then others should do this as well to ensure everyone feels safe. We recommend that any space you use is well ventilated - open a door or window and crank the heating up if you need to!

We have other users of our facilities - should we allow them in if they are not operating using vaccination passes?

The best thing to do is to ensure you have a conversation around what their plans are and to tell them how you are going to operate. **We recommend that all groups operate on a Vaccine Pass only basis as this is safer for everyone concerned.** If the other groups are unwilling or unable to do this, you will need to ensure that they are operating according to the Protection Framework settings for Orange or Green. At Level Red you may decide to close your facilities to other groups or ask for a plan as to how they will operate with restricted numbers (10 people maximum).

We use another local facility to run one of our groups (e.g. another denomination's premises near by). What should we do?

Have a conversation with them to find out if they are operating on a Vaccine Pass or Mixed basis. If they are working on a Mixed i.e. not using vaccination certificates, you may want to find an alternative venue or have a conversation about how they can ensure that their space is clean and safe for you to use. **In any case, take your setting with you** - for example, if you are operating under a Vaccine Pass Only, then take this with you.

If we have been told not to police people around vaccine certificates, exactly how should we ensure that only fully vaccinated people attend?

Have a discussion about this locally to decide the best way to do this. Government advice is that attendees are responsible for presenting their own vaccine pass. Places of Worship are not required to check ID, but they may request it.

We recommend for people who are regulars/well known to you, that you take an initial note of their pass and then work on that basis for the next 6 months (you don't need to keep asking them each time to show their pass). If you have a variety of people on the door and a larger service, it may work better to ask to see people's passes each time they visit.

You can ask people to sight an electronic or printed version of the pass, and use the verifier app for anyone you don't know ([download the NZ Pass Verifier](#) here). If you don't have the technology etc. to be able to do this, you can ask people to show another form of photo ID such as a driver's license.

We recommend you do any of the above checking of passes in an area that is not likely to get overcrowded e.g. outside a main entrance or in another area inside where there is room to do this. We do have some [advice that you can print out for Greeters and Welcomers](#) about how to handle any tricky situations at the door.

What about people who say that they are exempt from getting vaccinated and want to come into a Vaccine Pass Only service?

We have updated our advice on this in the Guidance Document as follows :*Where people aged over 12 have a Ministry of Health exemption from being fully vaccinated, they will be issued with a My Vaccine Pass, which entitles them to access Option 1 services. There may be some pastoral conversations required to ensure they feel safe and supported in attending.* They will be able to present their pass along with other attendees. [See further Government advice on this.](#)

We are not ready yet to move to the Traffic Light System - how much time do we have to get ourselves organised?

There is no pressure to move until you are ready to do so, but you will essentially need to operate within Option 2 - Mixed Services where unvaccinated people may be present. **This means keeping to your current Level 2 plan, but recognising that under Alert Level Orange you can have no more than 50 people at your service or event and you can't offer hospitality.** When you are ready, contact us (as above) and we will confirm that you can move onto the new framework. Until you do, we will presume that you are operating on an Option 2 - Mixed Services basis.

How are we going to publicise what option(s) we are offering - the guidelines are a bit hard for us to action around this!

We have a poster attached below (**Church Safety Poster**) that you can print out and add your own details to. We also have other posters that you can customise:

1. [No Vaccine Pass Required](#);
2. [Vaccine Pass Requirements](#), and;
3. a general [Keeping Safe in our services](#) poster.

The website address and QR code on the posters will take people to a [webpage](#) we have set up that will have up to date information on what you are offering, as well as other parishes nearby. If you need some support to do this, please contact the office (telephone Andrew Metcalfe 03 488 0821). **If we don't hear from you, we will presume that you are operating under Option 2 - Mixed Services.**

If you have a number of special services over the holiday period that you expect larger numbers of people to attend, you may wish to have event specific posters/publicity that advises people:

- They will be required to show their vaccine pass
- This may mean it takes a little longer to get into the venue
- Make sure you come in plenty of time in case there is a delay ... and so on

The [Notices for Open- Closed Churches](#) template is a revamp of what we provided earlier and can be used by Faith Communities who want to leave their buildings open for people to visit for prayer and quiet reflection, or indicate that they are closed.

[Full range of posters you can download and display.](#)



Diocese of Dunedin: Response to the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights)

The following information is attached in a printable document at the end of this article. This was updated on 2 December 2021 - please check the date at the bottom of the page in any printed versions to make sure you have the latest one. [We have a frequently asked questions page for further clarification.](#) Our guidance (below) indicates our current local response and may be updated as the situation changes. Our guidance has stronger messaging around the wearing of face coverings, plus allowing communion in both kinds for Vaccine Pass services.

[All of the documents attached below are available on a Drop Box](#)

A Word from Bishop Steve Benford

Tēnā koutou Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

We are living in very uncertain times and (quite understandably) there is fear, trepidation... but also possibly some complacency about what may lie ahead, as the latest variant of COVID-19 is predicted to make its presence known in the South. As I've written previously, it's important for us to continue to celebrate and affirm our relationship with each other and God, made visible through Jesus Christ. We continue to believe that our primary gospel message that Jesus Christ is and will remain GOOD NEWS.

As we move into the COVID-19 protection framework in December (if all goes to plan) it opens up the opportunity for more freedom on one hand, with an increasing need for us to be responsible and look after others on the other hand. I believe that we in the church, where we are offering public service, should be offering the same degree of reassurance. Leaders – again in the broadest sense – need to be known as being at low risk of harming others. This does mean that for any of the guidance below that gives options for offering services with fewer restrictions, we can only do so when our clergy and lay leaders have been doubly vaccinated.

This will be explained more fully in the following guidance, but as we look at what we need to prepare for in the future, I want us to hold fast to principles of safety, inclusion and the public good.

The guidance below is designed to help us realise these principles and has been developed in consultation with other Dioceses in New Zealand. It is also based on the best evidence of what we now know about COVID-19, its spread and potential consequences for anyone who is vaccinated... or unvaccinated. In keeping ourselves and others safe we are fulfilling the injunction in Romans 13:8-9: "the one who loves another has fulfilled the law ... Love your neighbour as yourself" (Romans 13:8, 9).

Please continue to be kind and gentle with each other: even where we may disagree we can still make space for each other and continue to affirm that in Christ there are no divisions, but only paths to redemption and wholeness.

+Steve

Introduction

On 22 October 2021 the NZ Government has introduced the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework ("Traffic Lights") (<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/covid-19-protection/>) as part of its management of the Covid-19 Delta outbreak. This new Framework will take effect from Friday 3 December 2021.

For a printable summary chart, see <https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/COVID-19-Protection-Framework/COVID-19-Protection-Framework-22-October-2021.pdf>.

We will move into Level Orange at 11.59 am on Thursday 2 December, and may in the future need to move into Level Red if stronger measures are required to ensure public safety (especially for at risk populations) and protect our health system from becoming overwhelmed.

In this Protection Framework, the Government invites churches to choose between two options when they hold services (ordinary worship, weddings, funerals) and other gatherings:

Option 1 – Vaccine Pass Only: with an unlimited number of attendees, providing every attendee presents a vaccine pass, or;

Option 2 – Mixed Services: with a limited number of attendees (100, Green; 50, Orange) without requiring attendees to have a vaccination pass.

For clarity: all references to requirements for or expectations about people being vaccinated, are references to people aged 12 and over. Children aged under 12 are unable to be vaccinated at the present time but may be eligible in the future.

Principles and concerns shaping our Diocesan Guidance

With Option 1 **Vaccine Pass Only**, those who are unvaccinated must stay away from such services and gatherings.

With Option 2 **Mixed Service**, there may be unvaccinated people present and it is very likely that some vaccinated persons will choose to stay away from such services and gatherings (or may attend as extra precautions in place).

Either option potentially excludes people from worship and fellowship, and exclusion is the opposite of the inclusion churches generally seek to foster.

With either option, our Anglican understanding of our duty of care for our people is that we will pastorally care for all. Such care includes access to the sacrament of Holy Communion for the baptised and making available pastoral sacramental actions to those in need of anointing or reconciliation.

There is no option by which all worshippers in all Faith Communities in the Diocese of Dunedin will be happy with all arrangements made by our churches in compliance with the framework.

Our concept of "safety" must include concern for children's health because children who cannot be vaccinated are part of our worshipping communities.

Similarly, some vaccinated adults are immune compromised or suffer in some other way which increases their vulnerability to the virus, even when fully vaccinated. The concept of "safety" includes concern for the health of our adults.

This guidance seeks to enable Faith Communities in our Diocese to maximise three key goals in an imperfect situation:

- to be as safe as possible;
- to be as inclusive as possible; (where "inclusive" is about welcome, pastoral care, sacramental ministry, and best-effort community participation); and
- to be as adaptive to local circumstances as possible.

Our response to the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework ("Traffic Lights") framework proposed by the NZ Government is that:

1. All Faith Communities (parishes, regional deaneries, local churches and Cathedrals) must follow Government regulations.
2. Local arrangements (as permitted within the regulations) for services and other gatherings in each Faith Community are to be made by the Dean/Vicar(s)/Priest(s) in charge **and** Vestry/Church Committee/Greater Chapter.

3. "Gatherings" includes all meetings of groups, children's ministries, youth ministries, and ministries to the elderly which take place on church premises such as a church, hall or church lounge, or which take place in another venue hired by the church, such as a local community hall or a campsite for the purpose of holding a camp or retreat. They also include church gatherings in private homes (as already covered in our existing Action Plans).

4. **Option 1 – Vaccine Pass Only:** Faith Communities who wish to offer a service or services or other gatherings, for which each attendee needs to present a vaccination pass, are encouraged to do so. [Download the NZ Pass Verifier](#)

Our recognition is that in Faith Communities this decision will enable people to feel safe, and/or this decision will enable services/gatherings to be held at which more than 100 attendees are expected.

Each Faith Community making such decision has the support of the Anglican Bishop of Dunedin.

5. **Option 2 – Mixed Service:** Faith Communities who wish to offer services, to which both those who are vaccinated and those who are not vaccinated are welcome, are encouraged to do so, and these services will be limited to 100 persons or fewer in Level Green or to 50 persons or fewer in Level Orange.

Each Faith Community making such decision has the support of the Anglican Bishop of Dunedin.

6. **In some cases, Faith Communities will be able to offer both options within their programme** i.e. services and gatherings which require vaccination passes and services/gatherings which do not require vaccination passes;

7. In those Faith Communities where (6) is not possible, collegial consultation should take place within the local archdeaconsy or with (a) neighbouring Faith Communities, to fulfil (8) and (9)

8. Each Faith Community must advertise its own services clearly (e.g. on their website, social media, church noticeboards, newspaper advertising, via the [Diocesan Website](#)) so that attendees understand whether the service or gathering they are planning to attend will or will not require a vaccination pass to be presented by each attendee; will or will not involve vaccinated and unvaccinated persons being present together in the same event. **Please note: we are continuing to ask that people wear face coverings as current evidence is showing that this has a significant impact on reducing the transmission of airborne viruses such as COVID-19 and especially if community transmission is taking place (see 12 below).**

9. Each Faith Community offering only one kind of service must advertise clearly where the nearest service can be attended which is the alternative kind of service, (or, if no alternative is available within reasonable distance, how an online Anglican service from within our Diocese can be accessed, see <https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/article/FnD9HK0> - a QR code for this link is included on the [poster templates](#) that all churches should display, see the suggested publicity for pew sheets at the end of this guidance).

10. Where people aged over 12 have a Ministry of Health exemption from being fully vaccinated, they will be issued with a My Vaccine Pass, which entitles them to access Option 1 services. There may be some pastoral conversations required to ensure they feel safe and supported in attending. See <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/my-covid-record-proof-vaccination-status/covid-19-vaccine-exemptions-and-certificates>.

11. In some situations (for example when a church is in a co-operating relationship with another church/denomination, or when a church and a school collaborate to offer a school service), the requirements above may be overridden by policy considerations stemming from a relationship with another denomination or institution, providing at all times:

- a. all actions comply with Government regulations;
- b. the stricter of the two sets of requirements are followed.

12. The following principles apply:

a. The wearing of face coverings is strongly recommended; and Vestries, committees and Greater Chapter are encouraged to stipulate that face coverings be worn for all services/gatherings within their respective Faith Communities. **Under Orange and Red alert levels, face coverings are required for workers and volunteers while they are engaging in face to face activity e.g. greeting someone at the door.**

b. When a mixed service is held where both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons may be present, face coverings must be worn by all attendees. Face coverings need to stay in place for singing.

c. In services with Singers in a choir or music group, participants may sing without a mask, providing the choir or music group is at least 2m distant from other persons present in the service.

d. In a vaccine pass only service with less restrictions, each Faith Community can make their own decision about wearing face coverings when singing. This does pose some risk if there is any community transmission (including in a service where people are vaccinated). Your publicity should clearly indicate what you are allowing, but encourage people to keep their face covering on as part of effective public health measures.

e. Face coverings may be removed temporarily by a person leading parts of the service, reading Scripture, leading intercessions, giving notices or preaching; the presider at eucharist/communion and any assistant at communion may be masked through the Great Thanksgiving when not speaking and during distribution of communion to the people.

f. Eucharist/Communion is to be in one kind (bread) only under Level Orange in a Mixed Service. It is recommended that when people are masked, they receive the bread and return to their seats to consume it.

g. Eucharist/Communion may be in two kinds (bread and wine) under Level Green conditions, also in Vaccine Pass Only services at Level Orange. Make sure that when communion is offered that people are under no compulsion to take it – some may be more comfortable with receiving in one kind only or requesting a blessing.

h. It is permissible for any president at Eucharist/Communion, with any concerns about the presence of COVID-19 in the community at Level Orange or Green, **to restrict communion to one kind only.**

i. In Level Orange for any settings operating under Option 2 – Mixed Services, guidance from the Diocese concerning The Peace, hygiene, ministry to children, youth, the elderly, as previously issued for **COVID-19 Alert Level 2** or subsequently updated should be followed.

j. Hospitality:

i. If you are operating a **gathering**^[1], you can serve food and drink at Green, Orange or Red.

ii. If you are operating an **event**^[2], there are restrictions for those who don't have a My Vaccine Pass: At Green with My Vaccine Pass you can serve food and drink without additional requirements; without My Vaccine Pass, the event attendees must be seated and separated for the service of food and drink. At Orange with My Vaccine Pass you can serve food and drink without additional requirements. Without My Vaccine Pass events cannot operate

iii. **We are still recommending that no hospitality be given in any mixed services where vaccinated and unvaccinated people are present at Orange and Red levels.**

13. In any situation where doubt as to the application of these guidelines arises, or difference of viewpoint within a Faith Community cannot be resolved, consultation with the Archdeacon should take place. Where necessary the Archdeacon will consult with the Bishop. **The Bishop's decision on any such matter shall be final.**

^[1] Gathering means a group of people who are intermingling. This does not include people who remain at least 2 metres away from each other so far as is reasonably practical. Services at a place of worship, or a prayer group in an individual's home are an example of a gathering.

^[2] An event is defined as an activity organised by a business or service that: takes place at a commercial or private indoor or outdoor premises or a publicly owned premises hired for that purpose; that has controlled access of customers/clients via ticketing, fee paying on premises, registration or other practical means of controllable entry; unless that activity is an outdoor community event or a gathering. (Ticketed concerts at places of worship are an example of an event).

Leaders in Ministry (Clergy and Lay)

The Bishop is indicating that all lay people involved in public-facing public ministries related to a worship service or other parish/church work will need to be fully vaccinated at vaccination-only services or gatherings and when performing other work where vaccination is required.

Such people include ushers, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, those leading liturgies of the Word, and undertaking Communion to the sick and home visitation. It also includes people involved in ministry with children and young people under the age of 18 years.

Priests who are not fully vaccinated will, under the current public health orders, be significantly constrained in their ministry; they will be unable to exercise pastoral care in aged-care residential settings or hospitals as well as schools. **Priests who are not fully vaccinated or who do not wish to declare their vaccination status will not be able to attend and preside at vaccinated-only Church events.**

When asking a fully vaccinated priest to preside at a service open to both vaccinated and unvaccinated, Faith Communities and priests need to give due consideration to any specific health conditions a priest may have which could make her/him more susceptible to the health consequences of being infected by Covid-19.

Similarly, all church workers (whether paid or voluntary) involved in home-based pastoral care visitations need to have regard for the vaccine status of those they are visiting, along with their own health conditions which may make them more susceptible to the health consequences of being infected by Covid-19.

The Bishop will be in contact with Clergy and Bishop's Wardens to request confirmation of what settings (Vaccine Pass or all services/ministry) those with a licence will be able to operate in.

Under Government regulations, church workers must be double vaccinated by Friday 3 December to lead vaccine pass services from this date.

Suggested publicity for pew sheets and posters

We are now operating under the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights). The current traffic light setting is (*Green, Orange*).

The following service(s) are open to anyone with a current Vaccine Pass: (*replace these words with your details*). There are no restrictions, but we encourage you to wear a face covering and give each other plenty of room. We are asking that you keep your face covering on when singing [**or** you may remove your face covering to sing]. Please continue to sanitise/wash your hands, scan or sign in for contact tracing purposes.

The following Mixed Service(s) are open to everyone, but precautions are in place: (*replace these words with your details*). Please continue to sanitise/wash your hands, scan or sign in for contact tracing purposes. You must wear a mask at all times and keep 1 meter distance from others. There will be maximum numbers we can have at these services (*100 for Green, 50 for Orange*). Communion will be in one kind only – please take the bread back with you to your seat to consume. (*At Level Orange*) We are not able to offer hospitality at these services.

Alternative Worship Services: Visit the Diocese of Dunedin Website for a list of alternative Anglican worship services that are available: <https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/article/FnD9HK0>

Finally..

A reminder of the beginning words in our original Pandemic Plan that still hold true:

It is important that we change how we serve, worship, and come together during this COVID-19 pandemic infection. This is a time to share te aroha o te Atua (God's love) through our words and our actions to protect our whānau.

See also: [Greeters and Welcomers: what to do \(and say\) at the door.](#)

From the Diocesan Ministry Educator....



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In my travels around the Diocese I appear to have lost various items of liturgical clothing ... if you happen to be hiding this Guatemalan stole in a cupboard or drawer some where could you please arrange for it to make its way back to the Diocesan Office? It is much missed.

Also missing is a black soutane ... sort of a lightweight black cassock with lots of cloth buttons down the front (supposed, I believe, to be 39 but there isn't enough room so it only has about 27!), and a sort of flappy thing on the shoulders. I'd love

to see that again if it happens to be in your cupboards.

All that aside ... may you have a Godbreathed Christmas and New Year

Michael



Vacancies: 9 December 2021

A regular update of Diocesan vacancies and those further afield.

Diocese of Dunedin

PRIEST IN CHARGE VACANCY DUNSTAN PARISH CENTRAL OTAGO

Following a recent retirement, the Dunstan Parish based at Alexandra in Central Otago and including Roxburgh, is seeking to appoint a Priest in Charge.

We are able to provide a 2/3rd stipend. Funds are available for the purchase of a vicarage.

We are seeking someone as our Priest in Charge who we can engage with, who is approachable and can lead us on our Christian journey. The appointee would have the support of an able and vital lay ministry team, two PTOs and an enthusiastic and loyal congregation. The population of Central Otago is increasing and there are opportunities to "grow" the parish.

We enjoy innovative and varied forms of worship and musical accompaniment. Study and discussion groups are well-supported and extend our understanding and appreciation of Christ's teaching, and the meaning of living a Christian life in the present age.

The parish has an active pastoral care team who visit, and otherwise care for those in need, and we engage with the local community and other church denominations through such events as the Annual Children's Light Party and a food bank.

Parishioners enjoy a social event from time to time, we have an informative newsletter (The Link) and there is much fun and good humour among us.

The main church, St Aidan's, is at Alexandra, a second church, St James', is located in Roxburgh where there are monthly services, and there is also some outreach to other surrounding rural areas.

The people of Central Otago enjoy an enviable lifestyle. Essentially a rural community, the district is known for its scenery, friendly people, its walking and cycle trails, vineyards, orchards, and numerous cafes, restaurants and hotels serving good food and local wines.

Alexandra will soon have its second supermarket, has two medical centres, a good size swimming pool and other sporting facilities, a recent addition being a curling rink. There are drama and choir groups and U3A programmes and REAP courses are available.

The nearby historic town of Clyde has a hospital with helicopter access to Dunedin. Cromwell is 27k away, Wanaka 78k and Queenstown 86k.

There are good schools at all levels, pre-school, primary and secondary. The summers are hot and dry. The winters cool and bracing. Some part-time work ought to be available if required.

To request a Parish Profile or to make informal enquiries please contact: Rt Rev'd 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/Resume, and the details of two Referees to the above address.

Closing date is Monday 14 February 2022.

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.

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

Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Applications are being received for the position of Executive Officer for UCANZ (Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand).

Here is a significant role for somebody with a wide experience with Cooperative Ventures (CVs) and their partner churches – a leader, advocate, good communicator, and facilitator.

* National Position

* Up to full time

* Home office based

* Available to travel around New Zealand as required

Enquiries to Rev Geraldine Coats coats@xtra.co.nz or 027 208 4513

Applications close 31 December 2021

Full Time Vicar St John's Church, Timaru Diocese of Christchurch Highfield, Kensington and Otupua Parish

St John's Anglican Church in Timaru, South Canterbury seeks a full time vicar for our Parish of Highfield, Kensington and Otupua.

We are looking for a vicar who is prayerful and focused on mission and discipleship; we value good biblical teaching and our rich evangelical history. We need someone who can teach the faith and model it in their own life; someone who can work to inspire others to follow Jesus; has leadership skills; is able to work with a team; someone who is able to work with all age groups and stages of faith.

A parish profile and an expression of interest form are available by emailing the Executive Assistant at the Diocese of Christchurch: bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz or by phoning 03 348 6701.

Applications, which must include a CV, a response to the profile of not more than four pages,

and a statement about your faith and personal approach to ministry, are requested by 4:00pm Monday 24 January 2022 and are to be sent to bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz

Diocese of Auckland

Parish of Tamaki (St Thomas') NEW

[Half-time Priest in Charge](#)

Applications open – *no closing date at this time*

Lynfield Community Church

[Half-time Minister](#)

Applications open – *no closing date at this time*

This ministry unit is a cooperating parish with the Methodist Church

Priest Associate in the Parish of St Aidan, Remuera

Applications are sought for the ministry of [Priest Associate in the Parish of St Aidan, Remuera](#). This is a full-time role, with applications closing on Friday 10th December, 2021.

For more information and to view the parish profile, please click on the individual link above or visit the Ministry Opportunities page on our Diocesan website – <https://aucklandanglican.org.nz/ministry-opportunities/>

Diocese of Nelson

All Saints Parish - Senior Minister – full time

Is God calling you into a new season of ministry?

Are you looking for fresh adventure and an exciting challenge in God's kingdom?

Are you passionate about leading and empowering God's people?

All Saints is a vibrant inner-city parish with a long history as an evangelical church. We are seeking an innovative leader who will lead us forward as disciples who make disciples; a skilled biblical preacher and teacher; communicates the vision and leads others towards that vision and can delegate and give people room to exercise their gifts and skills.

Our vision: To be an all age, multicultural community shaped by Jesus responding to the Jesus commission "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples" (Matt 28:18).

We believe the parish is being called into a space of healthy growth, equipping us as disciples on a mission to reach our neighbourhoods. The new vision is one where we welcome a richer and fuller experience of God through people of all ages, different cultures and backgrounds—all invited to belong, everyone helping someone, together in worship and as family on mission.

Expressions of interest can be made through the Bishop's office by sending a formal letter of enquiry and current CV, to the Bishop's PA, bishops.pa@nelsonanglican.nz or Ph: +64 3 548 3124

Video clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCmdVcW-LAY>

Parish Profile <https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/vacancy/all-saints-nelson>



Diocesan office hours and contact information

Please see below for opening hours over the Summer break, how to visit us under Orange as well as contact details...

Christmas - New Year - the Diocesan Office be closed from lunchtime on Thursday 23 December 2021 and re-open Monday 10 January 2022.

The office is open by appointment only at Alert Level Orange, please contact the person you wish to speak to to arrange a suitable time. All visitors must sign into our manual register, bring their Vaccine Pass as well as scan the QR code (if you have a smart phone). Please bring your face covering with you to wear in the office. Office hours are between 9 am and 3 pm Monday to Friday. **All staff based at Peter Mann House (Diocesan Office) have been doubly vaccinated.**

Office contact information:

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

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

Fiona Gray (Diocesan Accountant):
accountant@calledsouth.org.nz, Direct Line 03-488 0828

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

Ven Dr Anne van Gend (Diocesan Community Ministry Enabler): enabler@calledsouth.org.nz, Cell phone 027 264 7245



I te Pāpaho - In the Media

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

[Latest Videos](#)

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

Latest Gospel
Conversation

Local & Diocesan Media

See the [full article](#) for videos in our Gospel Conversations series.

[Climate Change: one person can make a difference](#): An avalanche of submissions were received through the recent 'Submissions for the Emission Reduction Plan' campaign. Ka pai to all who submitted.

This shows that motivated parishes can get the ball rolling for environmental transformation.

[Churches catering for everyone](#): Churches around Dunedin will hold separate services for those without a My Vaccine Pass, but worship leaders are trying to keep it from creating a split in the community. (ODT, 1 Dec 2021)

[Flats flattened for accomodation](#): Flats in Cumberland St are demolished in Dunedin yesterday to make way for new Selwyn College student accommodation. (ODT, 1 Dec 2021)

[Alleged burglar helped by foodbank in past](#): A break-in at an Oamaru foodbank is particularly disappointing for its manager, who says the alleged perpetrator had been helped by the organisation in the past (talking to the Ven Bernard Wilkinson, video also in on-line article). (ODT, 30 Nov 2021)

Diocese of Christchurch

- An [Advent icon](#) that promotes Advent as a time for speaking out for the poor, marginalised and voiceless. For more information on the painting go to [Kelly Latimore Icons](#)
- Some churches are staying [online](#) while others are adapting to [passes being required](#), and yet others catering for all—being patient and loving in these new passport times is important.
- An improved leadership solution for the [Reinstatement Project](#)
- Anglican Missions offers [summer internships](#) for Uni students, based in wellington or anywhere...
- Buy a Christmas tree decoration for only \$7.95 from New World to support [Chch City Mission](#)

[National Anglican News at Taonga Māori bishops urge Covid vigilance](#)

The Māori Anglican Bishops have sent a joint pastoral letter to Hui Amorangi around Aotearoa New Zealand, calling on communities to place vulnerable and at risk whānau at the heart of how they conduct community life under the new "traffic light" Covid-19 Protection Framework.

• [Experts look at the traffic light system's flaws](#)

[Pākehā bishops set traffic light plans](#)

Anglican Bishops from the Pākehā dioceses that span Aotearoa New Zealand have issued pastoral guidelines and regulations for how Anglican communities can manage public events and gatherings under the Covid-19 traffic light system.

• [We don't want a church divided because of Covid](#)

• [Timaru churches adapt to Vaccine Pass requirements](#)

• [Marlborough churches plan for orange](#)

Other Media: Worth A Look

- [Bangalore bishop slams police for no prayer order](#)
- [Guam RC Church offers \\$34M for abuse survivors](#)
- [Luxon has to balance politics and religion](#)
- [Security forces kill 14 civilians in Nagaland](#)
- [Pope apologises to Greek Archbishop for RC sins](#)
- [Hear me too: a celibate gay conservative Christian](#)
- [Why 'finding a higher power' didn't work for me](#)
- [Armidale congregation leaves with gay couple](#)
- [Kāitōtehe's pear tree holds history of a mission](#)
- [Dilworth School under scrutiny for safeguard fails](#)
- [India: Far right BJP mobs attack more churches](#)
- [Antivax Akld Church complies with traffic light rules](#)
- [Ethiopian bishop calls for end to Tigray bombings](#)
- [Anti-vax Christian broadcaster dies from Covid](#)
- [New book shines light on abuse of Catholic nuns](#)
- [What kind of God do you believe in?](#)
- [Running for Christ with Saint Andrew](#)
- [Tokaikolo Church helps vaccinate congregation](#)
- [Vicars on TV?: Rejoice! Reflect! Reward!](#)
- [Destiny Church's testing & vaccination centre](#)
- [Artist's George Floyd pieta leads to death threats](#)
- [Shining light on St Peter's Wgtn food ministry](#)

- [Choctaw Episcopal priest publishes way of light](#)
 - [Rosemary McLeod consigns faith to history](#)
 - [CofE can't survive by spreading clergy more thinly](#)
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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. Some events have been removed as they will not be possible in person under Alert Level restrictions.

[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. **Meeting ID: 959 771 603 66**

No computer or smart phone? Telephone **03 659 0603**(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.**

No computer or smart phone? Telephone **03 659 0603**(it may be a toll call depending on your plan), then key in the meeting ID: **934 8425 0283**

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

[See separate article](#) for more information

ANGLICAN and ECUMENICALLY BASED EVENTS IN THE SOUTH

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 2022 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. 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: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/>

Enrolments for Semester 1, 2022 are open. To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/apply/>

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

Southland

A reminder that when we are hosted on the premises of other congregations we accept their approved Covid plan and remember Covid plans may alter as alert levels and traffic light information changes.

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

Latest South Centre Newsletter (November) is attached below.

Dunedin

Quiet days for personal retreats

Take time apart with God in the lovely environment of St Margaret's Anglican Church and Retreat centre (4 Seaview Terrace) Brighton. This is your time of personal quiet with God in community.

Friday January 22nd 10am to 4pm

We begin and end our time with a brief sharing and the rest of the time is spent in silence. Some reflections will be available. Each one uses the time and facilities as best works for him/her. Bring your own lunch. Koha appreciated.

Under Covid 19 uncertainty it is essential to register your intent to participate as numbers may be restricted. Please contact Maureen Harley 021 1071 401 or 03 456 0573 maugernz@gmail.com

Please see the attached list for all Retreat Days in 2022.

Guided Retreat Days

At St Margaret's Brighton (Otago). Quiet reflections based round special times of the Church year under the guidance of a Spiritual Leader.

Saturday February 20th Lenten Guided Retreat Day 10am to 4pm

Please see the attached list for all Guided Retreat Days in 2022.

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](#)



6 Day Silent Retreat

This ecumenical silent directed retreat is time out from the demands and expectations of daily life. It is time to enter into a focused time of prayer and listening, and time to earth our sense of identity in its Source, the love of God.

A retreat asks nothing of us, except to be real, and honour our heart's deepest desires. Our skills and competencies can take a break. We can just be there with God in company with one

another in prayer.

In being there we can pray and sleep as we need to, open ourselves to God's transforming Word and Presence, and respond to the invitation of the Spirit of Life.

This retreat will provide contemplative worship, a daily Eucharist, reflection on prayer, spiritual direction, and space.

James Finley reminds us, "We pray not to recharge our batteries for the business of getting back to the concerns of daily life, but rather to be transformed by God so that the myths and fictions of our life might fall like broken shackles from our wrists."

(Merton's Palace of Nowhere)

Registration

6 Day Silent Directed Retreat

20 February – 25 F February 2022

Registrations close Friday 11 February. Please register by email or mail to: Trish Franklin franklytrish@gmail.com

22 Pinfold Place, Mosgiel 9024

021 279 8343

(Registration form with extra information attached below)
