



Diocese of Dunedin

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 4 February 2021

A challenge to create your own mihi this Waitangi Day, plus more on our farewell to St Michael and All Angels in Clyde. We also share the latest notes from Diocesan Council and Trusts Board plus a whole range of opportunities as the year really gets going...

Remember that we are still 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 Tuesday 9 February. We appreciate any news and photos you have to pass on.

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

Our Website: <http://calledsouth.org.nz>



Make and Learn your own Mihi for Waitangi Day

Last September during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Māori Language week, we were encouraged to join in a Māori Language Moment. This weekend, why not go a little further?

To help revitalise and revive te Reo (and get even better at those moments of te reo in our liturgy and karakia - prayers), its good to have opportunities to ako (learn) and kōrero (speak) all year round.

This Waitangi Day there is a new challenge for New Zealanders: learn how to introduce yourself in te reo Māori. The #MyMihi moment will help you to take another step in your te reo journey.

Here's a simple, short mihi structure for you to learn so that you can level up from 'kia ora'. Watch Sonny Ngatai present [3 easy steps here](#).

So what now? [Learn your mihi](#), get practicing, and [upload your moment](#) to the Māori Language Commission Website. (You can even revisit the [Māori Language Moment](#) while you're there!)

Reo Māori
<http://tuku.reomaori.co.nz/>



Sadness and Gratitude at Secularisation

On Friday 29 January the St Michaels and All Angels' Church was farewelled at Clyde, after 157 years of a visible Anglican building presence.

A group of 34 parishioners, Anglicans from other areas, people with strong connections to the former St Michaels and friends gathered to say goodbye to the building set

aside for worship since October 1877 . For Parish Priests Rev'd Penny Sinnamon and Rev'd Carol Masters, along with Parishioner's from Dunstan parish the represented an important moment as they continue to prepare to hand the buildings in Clyde over to [new owners on 26 March 2021](#).

[Link to Video](#)

Bishop Steve led prayers recognizing the mixed emotions of this kind of event: sadness, grief, gratitude along with disappointment and anger. There was an opportunity for people to voice their memories and feelings during this final service. The scripture reading was from the prophet Jonah while stuck in the depths of a large fish (Jonah Chapter 3. Steve reminded the congregation that Lament is acceptable expression of Christian faith, along with all other kinds of emotions, as well as the observation that the story of Jonah starts with the call of God and ends with the demonstration of God's mercy.

He also relayed a message from Archbishop Philip Richardson who was also secularising [St Cuthbert's Church in Manaia](#), and prayers were said for this community.

During the service the congregation joined in two verses of "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" from memory, with the words and imbedded harmonies making this a fitting accompaniment to the occasion.

The Rev'd Carol Masters (who is retiring shortly) also shared memories after the service of the first ever sermon she preached - which was at St Michaels and also based on the Prophet Jonah: a fitting way to remember beginnings and endings in this special place.

After the official words of secularisation (attached below) people connected and talked with each other. It was a chance to say more than what was said during the service. There was also a remarkable sense of people who had been affected in different ways making peace with each other and seeking forgiveness.

Although this was an "ending" of a particular presence in Clyde, faith carries on as the Parish considers ways that they can continue to spread the love of Jesus Christ in Central Otago.

A Blessing of Angels (from L'Arche Community)

May the Angels in their beauty bless us,
May they turn towards us streams of blessing.

May the Angel of Awakening stir our hearts
To the questions and struggles that are within and without us.
Open our eyes to the shades of light and dark in every one of us
And help us to face what is uncomfortable or difficult to absorb or comprehend.

May the Angel of Expression help us to voice
Our fears, hurts, anger, anxieties and hopes,
Our doubts, ambivalences and uncertainties
Especially when we feel alone in sharing them.

May the Angel of Transformation help us pass through thresholds,
Letting go of what needs to be forsaken
While receiving what is needed for the next stage of the journey
And turning shame into worship.

May the angel of Inspiration give us new understanding,
Moving us out of places where our lives have become too comfortable
And into new territories where all that is awkward is not hidden, ignored or brushed
aside,
Healing our wounds and leading us into deeper truth, freedom and action.

May the Angel of Compassion open our eyes
To the loneliness and suffering – seen and unseen – around us
That we may be filled with love and have the confidence and courage to share it,
Giving life to those around us and healing all our wounds.



Diocesan Council and Trusts Board Meeting 26 January 2021

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

Diocesan Trusts Board

- **Anglican Family Care** - Annabelle Cullane, Ruth Zeinert and Joanne Kingi were appointed to the Board for 2 year time periods.
- **Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board** - Dr Tony Fitchett has renewed his term on the DDTB for a further three years, Alan Dunbar has stepped down and the Trusts Board appointed the Rev'd Dr Tony Martin has been appointed into his position. We have been advised that one further Trustee will be stepping down at Easter, so applications for this Board will be opened 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

- **Maori Translation for (sections) of the Diocesan Vision Statement** - this has been finalised and will be placed on the website (see attachment below). We appreciate the help of local Anglican Kaumatua (Monty Montgomery, Fr. Wiremu Quedley) and Archbishop The Most Rev'd Don Tamihere who have assisted to translate key concepts into te reo Maori.
- **Buildings and Properties:** [St Michael's Clyde has been sold](#) through a tendering process, with new owners taking possession on 26 March 2020.
- **Bishop's Update** - Bishop Steve updated the council with a variety of clergy movements which are resulting in further thinking around any new arrangements: Rev'd Sue McCafferty finishes at the Taieri Parish at the end of January and Fr. Hugh Bowron finishes at Caversham at Easter. St Matthews and the Peninsular Parishes are still in the process of looking for new clergy. A recent ecumenical service at Middlemarch was very encouraging and we are looking at ways that we can cooperate more in this way here plus in some other rural localities. With some of the changes and vacancies on the horizon this year it is a good opportunity to look at different models for ministry, and we are looking forward to [Rev'd Anne Van Gend's appointment](#) (Diocesan Community Ministry Enabler) as part of this process. During the Bishop's report Diocesan Council discussed how the Ministry and Mission committees could assist with formulating this further, as well as getting some grass roots input into this.
- **The Diocesan Ministry Educator.** Michael Godfrey reported on the Diocesan ministry Retreat, which was impacted by one presenter who was unable to attend due to illness. The final Boundaries course for 2020 was held in Cromwell, with these sessions having good engagement (and some tweaking will be done). Lisa Barlow was ordained a deacon in December (the first of the ones Michael has seen through the process) and there are more considering similar pathways. Michael has continued to be involved/have contact with various services and groups and attendee the St Thomas Omarama Management Committee where the decision was made to close the Presbyterian Church there. This will need to be looked at in the future (Community Ministry Enabler) to look at on-going Faith Community presence in that area.
- **The Diocesan Child, Youth and Family Educator** - John Graveston has met with children and youth leaders over November and December, and the Young Adults group finished 2020 with a final study followed by a dinner at Luna. John attended a Diocesan Youth Facilitators meeting in Nelson in November as well as a Helping Hurting Teens workshop (we are considering inviting the speaker at this, Neville Bartley, back to do a workshop with us). John attended Synod, the Diocesan retreat and has also taken some annual leave. Vulnerable Children's requirements for the risk register is in process.
- **Diocesan Registrar's Report** - Andrew Metcalfe reported on progress (and viewing stats) for Faith Community videos:

3556 views of videos as of 8 January 2021

Top 10 Videos (54% of videos viewed):

1. Church Safety Video (for Alert Level 2): 337 hits
 2. Palm Sunday Video (during lockdown): 252 hits
 3. New Ministry at St Paul's Cathedral: 233 hits
 4. Maundy Thursday Video (during Lockdown): 179 hits
 5. Good Friday Video (during lockdown): 177 hits
 6. Cathedral Evensong on the steps (post fire): 171 hits
 7. A Question with +Steve (20 February): 165 hits
 8. Connecting Faith (Southland and Dunedin City): 139 hits
 9. Bishop's Charge at Synod: 131 hits
 10. A question with +Steve (16 April): 131 hits (during lockdown)
- The [About Us page on the website](#) has been changed to reflect our Vision Statement. Revised privacy legislation is on our radar, and Andrew reported on a Charity Law, Accounting and Regulation conference attended in November (see [separate article](#) on this). Other items in his report were dealt with below.
 - **Stewardship Committee** - this has been meeting and has affirmed the tasks set out in the Terms of Reference (see Governance Structure document attached below). The committee recognises that these tasks cannot be undertaken in a vacuum, and will require close co-operation and co-ordination with Dio Council, Dio Office, Parishes, Ministry Units, other Diocesan Organisations and the Diocesan Trust Board. The primary purpose of the Stewardship Committee will be to enable ministry, in other words to understand clearly what it is that God is calling us to do - to build the Kingdom of God in this Diocese, and then work out what that means for the finances.
 - **Diana Abercrombie** has had to step down from Diocesan Council. Lay members of Council will be considering another Synod Lay representatives who can be co-opted into this position.
 - **Decisions made during the meeting:** The meeting approved Anne Gover, Lauren Pegg and Damon Plimmer to join the Bishop as part of **Title D panel**; A change in the form of **annual returns and statistics** gathered was reviewed and will be taken to Synod this year (these will reflect a change reporting requirements for charities, and will connect us more clearly to the **Five Marks of Mission**); The **2020 Yearbook** was confirmed and the Bishop authorised to sign minutes from Synod 2020; Approval was given for the Diocese to purchase two **late model second hand hybrid cars** from existing funding set aside for this for Educator(s) and Enabler use; in principle the Council agreed that the Diocese should support **in principle the migration of parish accounts to a cloud based system** (this is in early thought stages); a decision was made to take some **suggested changes to statutes 11 and 27** (resulting from a resolution passed at the November meeting) to Synod this year around **clergy removal expenses** and clarifying Diocesan funding for any **stipendiary curates**; suggested changes to the Standing Resolutions were also agreed and will be taken to Synod and; Diocesan Council agreed a procedural motion for **material related to Synod** to be available on line and in paper version for those who request it.
 - **Items for general discussion** - Diocesan Council will reflect on the **outcomes of an Away day** in December at its next meeting and is looking to improve some of the ways they operate. The session of Synod that dealt with **Selwyn College – Te Maru Pūmanawa** was will also be discussed then, with Diocesan Council starting to work on the actions that need to arise from this.

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 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, Rt 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 McDougal. **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:

9 March, 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.



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](#)

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](#)

Refresh the mess: Messy Church Australia National Conference

The Messy Church Australia Team are excited to host the second National Messy Church conference – although for the first time online!

What a great opportunity to gather as a team, not worry about the hassle of travel and be refreshed and inspired for a new year of messy ministry!

Register early to book your spot and to be kept up to date with all the latest details!

Come along, join in the fun and let's 'refresh the mess'!

Date & Time: 20th February 2021, 5:30pm - 9:30pm

Location: Online

Cost: \$15

For more information [click here](#)

Intergenerate and Children's Spirituality Summit About this online combined 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

No applications are sought this quarter for Child Care funds but instead see next paragraphs.

Social Service Funds

Applications are now able to be made for grants from the **Social Service funds** under the control of Diocesan Council. **Please note that most of the funding available in this category are for projects that come under the definition of aged care.**

Disadvantaged Youth Funds

Applications are now able to be made for grants from the **Disadvantaged Youth funds** under the control of Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council has recently obtained legal advice that monies held in this account may be used for that purpose, and has resolved that **"youth" means those aged between 10 and 24 years of age, i.e. over 10 and under 24 years old.** The term disadvantaged will be given its usual, wide, meaning.

The closing date for applications for all grants is midday 11 February 2021.

Application forms (see below) may be submitted on-line using [this link](#) or in hard copy, but in either case must be sent to the Social Justice Committee care of the [Registrar \(Mr Andrew Metcalfe\)](#), so that they can be considered by the Social Justice Committee on 16 February, with the Diocesan Council considering grant recommendations at its 9 March meeting.

Application forms/further information:

- [Social Service Funds Grant Application Form \(pdf version\)](#) (a form you can write on and send back, see attachments at the end of this article) or [Social Service Funds Grant Application Form](#) (Word version that you can type into and send in – also attached at the end of this article)
- [Application for Funding for Disadvantaged Youth \(pdf version\)](#) (a form you can write on and send back, see attachments at the end of this article) or [Application for Funding for Disadvantaged Youth](#) (Word version that you can type into and send in – also attached at the end of this article)



Relationships and Conflict Training Day

You are invited to participate in the 'Relationships and Conflict' Training Day to be held on Saturday 13 February 2021 at St Mark's, Balclutha.

It is open for anyone in the diocese who is interested in attending, but is recognised as an essential part of the Lay Ministers' training requirements.

This year we will be looking at the following topics:

1. **Justice and Peace** (Anne Van Gend)
2. **Techniques for dealing with tricky situations** (Kelvin Wright)
3. **Mediating Dangerously** (Michael Godfrey)
4. **Conflict management Syles** (Anne Gover and John Graveston)

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided by the Balclutha Parish - please bring your own lunch, Bible, Prayer Book and pen.

Registrations are being accepted up to Monday 8 February. Complete and send the form in the poster attached below to Anne Gover, 4 Lennox Street, Gore 9710, or email the completed form/details required to annegover@xtra.co.nz

St Marks is located at 19 Renfrew Street, Balclutha:



House and Garden Fundraiser for Anglican Family Care

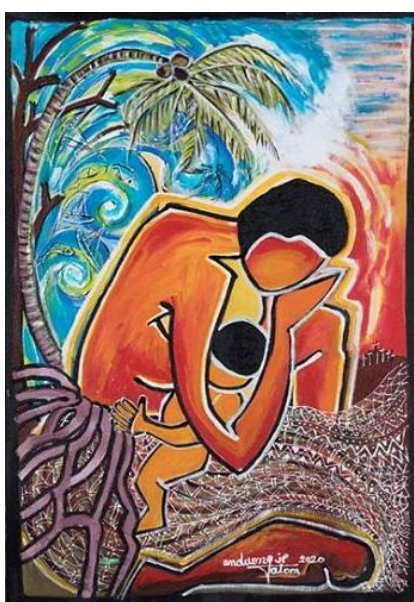
2021 marks the 50th year of Anglican Family Care and we are planning a year of celebration! Beginning with a HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR on 14 February, we have an array of stunning homes to view & gardens to stroll through on the Taieri.

One of our featured gardens has a collection of heritage roses that have been recognised as "A Garden of National Significance" (5 stars), as assessed by the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture.

Tickets are \$30 per person, available from our Dunedin office (266 Hanover St), De Winkel Mosgiel (128 Gordon Road, Mosgiel), Simply Flowers & Events (70 Musselburgh Rise) and our website anglicanfamilycare.org.nz/house-and-garden-tour

A fantastic gift idea!

Attached below is a poster - print it out and put it somewhere to be seen...



Join the World Day of Prayer 2021

A series of devastating tropical cyclones form the backdrop to this year's World Day of Prayer services to be held on Friday, March 5. Services are being organised by local committees throughout the country. All are welcome.

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

The service and accompanying Bible study include their reflections on the story Jesus told about building houses. In a

land rocked by earthquake and cyclone, covered in volcanic ash, or threatened by rising seas, the decision about where to build can be critical. ["Building on a Strong Foundation"](#) offers time for reflection and prayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mobile: 021 289 1225



Bible Society Celebrates 175 Years

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

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

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

City: Invercargill
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.



From the Diocesan Ministry Educators Desk: Lent 2021

Lent is fast approaching, we have updated this article with some resources we are aware of.

I have been asked about Lenten resources for 2021. You will note that this is a fairly early Lent, so if you are ordering resource material time may be tight.

I am so far aware of the following:

A. The Diocese of Waiapu is preparing a series suitable for small groups and/or individual study: [Turning](#)

Turning:

turning towards God

turning towards God's world, starting at the margins

The six-week programme is addressed as follows (by weeks):

1. *Welcome (to Lent, to this theme)*
2. *Turning towards God - repentance and reconnection*
3. *Turning towards God - attending*
4. *Turning towards God's world*
5. *Turning towards God's world, starting at the margins*

6. Turning towards the future

These will be made available by the Diocese of Waiapu when complete. For further information contact deborah.broome@waiapu.com

B. [Rebuilding the Ruins](#) is produced by the Wellington Diocese along with Theology House in Christchurch and looks at the ruins in our lives, our Church, and our world, seeking God's direction to rebuild what has been destroyed. **Orders for physical copies need to be in by 3 February.** More information is here: <https://hail.to/st-barnabas-fendalton/article/s2kOCgX>

C. [A River through the Desert](#) is offered by St George's College Jerusalem and explores the geography of Israel, following Jesus from Galilee to Golgotha.

Various resources are available for group or individual study during Lent which starts on Wednesday 17 February:

Journey well

Michael



Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board (DDTB) Trustee Vacancies

Could you contribute to the Diocese of Dunedin by being a Trustee of the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board? We have some more vacancies coming up this year...

Applications for membership of the DDTB will be considered by the Diocese of Dunedin Trusts Board on 9 March 2021. Please send any applications for this before 2 March 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. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

[End of an era: church deconsecrated:](#) A service in St Michael's and All Saints, in Matau St, Clyde, on Friday secularised the church, marking the end of 158 years of Anglican ownership of the 2580sqm site and its 144-year-old church (ODT, 1 Feb 2021). [See also article in South Calling.](#)

[St Michael's and All Angels Church sold:](#) The Anglican Diocese of Dunedin is remaining tight-lipped over the sale of St Michael's and All Angels Church in Clyde. (ODT, 27 January 2021)

[Long-serving staff farewelled at home:](#) Two women who have clocked up more than 80 years of service between them have stepped down from roles they held at Gore's Parata Rest Home. (ODT, 21 January 2021)

[National Anglican News at Taonga](#)

[Bishop Ben Te Haara dies at 88:](#) The first Bishop of Te Tai Tokerau, Bishop Ben Te Haara (Waiohau Rui Te Haara) has died at his home in Rāwhiti in the Bay of Islands aged 88.

Review slims ACO team: Staff roles are set to be reordered from the current structure of the London-based Anglican Communion Office (ACO) following a review into the operational priorities of the ACO.

Mihinare & prisons: 4 things to do - While the standoff at Wakeria prison has been resolved – thanks to iwi intervention – it has once again highlighted the failure of Aotearoa New Zealand's system of imprisonment and justice. Here three Māori Anglican priests lay out four key ways Mihinare can respond

In the National & International Media

(with thanks to the Diocese of Christchurch)

- If you have access to Disney+, the family film [“Soul” by Pixar](#) is worth watching.
- In England, the Anglican Church has appointed a [Bishop for Housing](#) who will work with developers and housing associations including sitting in the House of Lords to advocate on issues of housing justice.
- [Have we left it too late?](#) “NZ took out a loan against the future, and the interest payments have been building,” says commentator Alex Braae, from The Spinoff about the “ambitious but achievable” Climate Change Report delivered by Dr Rodd Carr last weekend.

Blog...

- A young Wellington writer asks "[Have we put God in a box?](#)"

Worth a look - WORLDWIDE

- [AA & the spiritual keys of liberation](#)
- [Slaveowner church puts 10% of funds into reparations](#)
- [Magdalene laundries inquiry reveals shameful past](#)
- [ACNA rules you cannot be gay and Christian](#)
- [Lutheran Danes oppose sermon translation law](#)
- [Xtian nationalists at Capitol cause soul searching](#)
- [US Episcopalians challenge Christian nationalism](#)
- [US Catholic bishops affirm care for LGBT youth](#)



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.

NZ Bible Society 175 Anniversary 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.

Southland Based Events

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

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUP: Monday 8 February, 6 - 9pm. Guest speaker, Gillian Swift. Meet at Jocelyn Graham's place in Makawera 68 Pomona Rd, East. Travel North from Invercargill on Highway 6. Turn right at Makawera country Club. Jocelyn has her name on the gate on your right, 200m from the corner.

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

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

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

Dunedin Based Events

The Salvation Army Social Policy & Parliamentary Unit's report State of the Nation 2021

- **Date: Thursday 18 February 2021**
- **Place: The Haven – The Salvation Army Dunedin 575 Princes St 5:30pm** for presentation – **SPPU senior policy analyst Paul Barber**
- **Food and drink from 5:00pm** and following the presentation.

RVSP appreciated (but not necessary), contact David McKenzie
david.mckenzie@salvationarmy.org.nz

Leslie Groves Fete Saturday 27 February 2021 11am - 2pm

321 Taieri Road (entrance off Helensburgh Road)

All proceeds to Residents' Activities and Opportunities.

Donations of items for sale much appreciated. Please contact **Brian Tegg 027 413 5400**

VARIETY CONCERT Presented by Judy Bellingham

Fundraiser in Support of Leslie Groves Hospital

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

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

MUM HEART GROUP

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

Equipping for Ministry

Licensed Ministers Training Day Saturday 13 February 2021

RELATIONSHIPS & CONFLICT TRAINING DAY: @ St Mark's Balclutha 9.30am-3:30pm. This training day is open to all but is an essential part of Lay Ministers' Training. Topics to be covered, Justice & Peace, Tricky Situations, Mediating Dangerously, and Conflict Management Styles. Facilitators, Anne van Gend, + Kelvin, Michael Godfrey, John Gravestone and Anne Gover. See [separate article](#) for further information and registration by Monday 8 February.

Welcome to a Quiet day for the beginning of Lent

brought to you by the letter "r" - revelation, reflection, redemption, repentance, remembrance.

Lead by Rev'd Vivienne Galletly.

Saturday 20th February 2021 10am - 4pm.

St Margaret's Anglican Church, 4 Seaview Terrace, Brighton.

Please bring: Bible, journal, pen, your own lunch. Hot drinks provided.

Participants are invited to make an offering of a Koha to defray expenses.

(Offered in conjunction with Southern Coastal Deanery).

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

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

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

Date: 28 February - 5 March

Venue: En Hakkore, Orangapai (near Ranfurly)

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF ST LUKE THE PHYSICIAN - Fellowship and Healing Day

Early notice. Please put in your diaries.

Saturday March 13th 2021, 10 am to 3 pm.

St Luke's on the Taieri in Mosgiel.

Bon Smith

OSL Southern Co-Convenor

THEOLOGY PROGRAMME AT OTAGO UNIVERSITY

Greetings from the Theology Programme at the University of Otago!

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

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

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

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

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

Very best wishes and many thanks

Paul Trebilco, Theology Programme, University of Otago

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

- The Big Story of the Bible with Bishopdale College (Bible and Theology people), 6 Tuesday evenings 23 February—30 March
- Prayer and walking in Spirit with SOMA (short-term mission experts), 4 Tuesday evenings 4-25 May
- Worldviews and Communicating across cultures with BTC, 4 evenings in the weeks of June 7-29
- Sharing the faith in practice with Church Army (gospel sharing experts), 3 Tuesday evenings 27 July—10 August
- Prayer Ministry in the Spirit's Power with SOMA (short-term mission experts), 4 evenings in the weeks of September 6—27
- Confidence in the Bible with Bishopdale College, 3 evenings in the weeks of October 18—November 1

Other Community Events

New Baroque Generation Concert, Friday 5 February 2021 at St Paul's Cathedral (and in other venues throughout the Diocese)

Newsletters

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

The latest newsletter from South Centre is on the website: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/organisations/>

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](#)



Vacancies: 4 February 2021

A regular update of Diocesan vacancies and those further afield.

Anglican Family Care:

For current vacancies see their website [here](#)

Diocese of Dunedin 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 and a number of retired clergy. The appointee would be a person who values and enhances this leadership, and the appointment would be for a three-year term in the first instance. Accommodation and/or an accommodation allowance on a pro rata basis would be arranged with the successful applicant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Christ Church Cathedral,
Diocese of Nelson Nelson**

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

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

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

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

Richmond Parish – Vicar (full-time)

Are you the person that God is calling to journey with us in Richmond parish to grow God's Kingdom in our community? Based in an evangelical tradition, we are theologically broad. We have worked hard to become a safe, inclusive place, and want to become more effective in our community with as many parishioners as possible exercising their spiritual gifts. We are looking for a skilled preacher and teacher, a person of prayer and spiritual insight, and someone who is able to communicate vision and bring others into the vision. Parish Profile:

<https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/vacancy/richmond-parish>

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: 03 548 3124 . Closing date is Friday 29 January 2021

Blenheim South Parish - Priest in Charge (full-time)

St Christopher's is looking for a full-time Priest in Charge to lead a team of committed lay people to build disciples and reach out to impact and transform the local community. We have a long history as an evangelical church, deeply valuing good biblical teaching and a missional focus. Our church is well resourced and we are looking for someone with a passion for the gospel, good relational skills, management skills and who is a genuine team worker.

Parish Profile: <https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/vacancy/blenheim-south-parish>

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: 03 548 3124
Closing date is Friday 29 January 2021

**Senior Ecumenical Chaplain—University of Canterbury
Diocese of Christchurch Canterbury Tertiary Education Chaplaincy Committee**

(0.5 FTE)

The Canterbury Tertiary Education Chaplaincy Committee (CTECC) is an ecumenical Christian entity responsible for providing chaplaincy services at Lincoln University and University of Canterbury. We are looking for applicants for appointment as Senior Ecumenical Chaplain based at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch. It is hoped this role will commence in term two of the Academic year (Mid April 2021).

This rewarding and varied role is a half time stipendiary position (0.5 FTE) with a housing provision, which may be held in conjunction with other commitments.

The role exists to promote and nurture the Spiritual well-being of students and staff in cooperation with the University of Canterbury and encompasses pastoral care and spiritual support. Chaplains are often asked to officiate at events, help with education and resourcing of others on campus, inform University matters around policy, assist in critical incident, and actively promote understanding and dialogue in a diverse and multi-faith community.

The Senior Ecumenical Chaplain performs 4 functions;

A Mediator—helping to facilitate positive relationships between the various faith groups at UC, local churches, and the wider University.

A Resource—being available to assist and nurture the Spiritual and pastoral life of the University.

A Voice—Advocating for groups of faith and educating the wider University on such matters.

A Light—Actively engaging in opportunities to embody faith, hope and love on campus.

This position is persons of Christian faith from any denomination. There is a preference for those who have a theological qualifications and experience working in a University or similar context. A Clergy person would have significant advantages in this role due to the functions Chaplain's often perform on campus, while lay applicants would be expected to be in good standing within their Christian denomination.

Formal applications close for this position on February the 10th, 5pm. Applicants should send a cover letter and CV to Michael Morley-Bunker (CTECC Secretary) on mmb@extra.co.nz. If you would like to discuss this position further with the Chair, please call Rev James Ulrich on 021 744 413 or email jullrich212@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

Applications close: March 1, 2021

**Part Time 0.4 FTE Vicar South Christchurch
Parish**

The Parish of South Christchurch worships at St Nicholas Church at the crossroads of Barrington and

Frankleigh Streets, in Barrington. We are committed to serving God at work in our community, and the spreading of the Good News of Jesus through prayer, teaching, study, and supporting community strengthening activities in practical ways.

We seek a Vicar who has a prayerful vision to play an important role in the regeneration of discipleship, community and faithfulness in South Christchurch.

To this end, we can offer a 0.4FTE position for a clergyperson with Christ-like love for God and neighbour, missionary zeal, and pastoral heart. An inspiring leader in worship - Word and Sacrament - to help us focus our energies on prayerful, pragmatic, priorities for God's equipping of each of us for our individual, as well as corporate, journeying.

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 5 pm Monday 22 February 2021 and are to be sent to bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz



Parish, Local Church and Diocesan Organisations Returns 2021

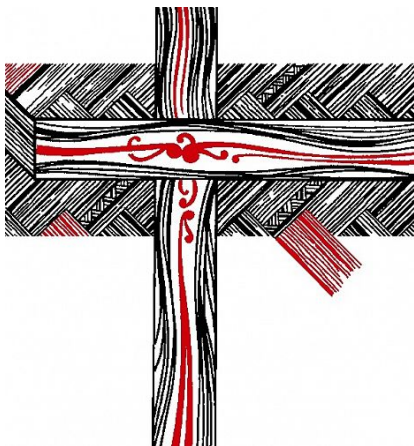
Information about annual returns were posted to Parish and Local Church administrators on Friday 29 January. For electronic versions of this information, please read on...

Below are attached Word and .pdf electronic versions of:

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

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

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



Anglican Clerical Directory 2021-2022

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.



Diocesan Property Consultation 2020-21

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

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

Why are we doing this?

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

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

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

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

What do I need to do to prepare?

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

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

Here is the [Survey Link](#)

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

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

The survey has the following questions:

- **What are the particular dynamics you have around properties entrusted to you?** (see pages 2-5 of the Diocese of Dunedin Strategic Property Strategy Consultation Paper 2020)
- **In your setting, what is the most important consideration when thinking about property and how it can aid your ministry in the future?** (think of this in terms of where you think your Parish might be at in 10-20 years time)
- **What is your take on the Strategic Property Criteria?** Anything not quite right? Anything missing? (see pages 7-8 of the Diocese of Dunedin Strategic Property Strategy Consultation

Paper 2020)

- **If you were to rank in order of importance the suggested Strategic Property Criteria, what would this be?** (individual exercise)
- **What weight would you give to each criterion?** (each person will be given 20 dots to "spend" as they want by placing these next to each criteria displayed in the room or entering the numbers into the survey).

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

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

Please continue to hold this process in your prayers.



Secret Revealed for Successful Charities

The Diocese of Dunedin has a huge variety of organisations, all wanting to thrive. What is one secret of success that we can learn from?

The Diocese of Dunedin includes a whole variety of organisations - from Parishes to social service agencies in Dunedin and Invercargill, rest homes, a psycho-geriatric hospital, a girls' school and a University hall of residence. Being successful means making a real difference in our communities, often having a larger impact than our size would indicate. But, often we are not thriving as we could be.

Late last year at a Charity Law, Accounting and Regulation Conference, Craig Fisher, a consultant with RSM New Zealand (specialising in governance, audit and assurance advice as well as restructuring, growing, and developing organisations) spoke about this. His context was "knowing when it may be time to call it quits" and how an organisation may plan for the future by considering collaborations, mergers... or closing down.

This might sound a bit alarming, and we are certainly not suggesting that we all call it quits (!), but there was some excellent advice given about what makes for growing, thriving organisations that is worth sharing more widely with our Boards and Parishes. None of us want to be in the position of calling it a day, but it's important to be thinking of the future... and sometimes that may mean some things that in their existing forms need to finish, with new things replacing them.

So, what's important to consider?

Successful charities are all about the why, not the how.

They know **why** they are there and **why** they do what they do. Organisations that are not so successful get caught up more in the **what and how**, risking losing sight of the bigger picture, that is, **their purpose**.

When did you last spend time asking things like:

- **Are we really being effective?**
- **What could we be doing differently?**
- **Could others do this better than ourselves?**

There is a difference between being effective... and being busy fools! This is why it's important to pause, reflect and ask: are we doing the right thing?

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the charities sector and has been likened to a blowtorch i.e. amplifying and speeding up existing issues organisations have been facing. Business-as-it- was in the past has gone and we are starting to realise that some things won't go back to the way they were.

Think of it like a tornado: it will destroy some buildings but leave others untouched. COVID-19 has had this kind of impact with some being literally brought to their knees and others experiencing record results. It is a very unequal impact.

The Charity Sector in Aotearoa-New Zealand

Overall we are characterised by having large number of small entities that are often poorly resourced.

- They tend to be more operationally focused rather than strategic (focused on day to day running, doing what they have always done vs thinking ahead, altering course to meet changes)
- Often they can have weak financial models and positions
- Often they can underinvest in Information Technology and in people

This is why many people are seeing COVID as a "burning platform for change"... although there often people around us (even ourselves!) who won't change even if the situation gets really desperate...

There has been an extraordinary amount of money put into the public and private sectors since the pandemic began. We are doing pretty well health wise (barring another outbreak and current virus mutations), but we risk becoming complacent and thinking things will just go back to normal. Predictions are that 2021 will be even more challenging.

So... there are seven questions that are important for charting the future:

7 Hard Questions

- 1. What is our purpose?**
- 2. Do we really have the right to exist?**
- 3. Do we still need to exist?**
- 4. Should we have an end date?**
- 5. Should we continue to try and go it alone?**
- 6. Are we thinking broadly enough about who we collaborate with?**
- 7. Can we reimagine the future?**

The secret is to spend time reflecting and asking questions like these

Hard questions... but important to ask. If our Parish or Organisation is all about solving a particular problem (maybe think of it as a "wicked problem"), how will we know when we have achieved what we have set out to do? The prospect of shutting up shop might feel like failure... but it could actually be the ultimate measure of success - job done! **But only if we are truly focused on our purpose...** and not ending up in failure because we have completely missed what we need to be doing, and instead "doing what we have always done".

Part of the dynamic of asking these questions is that it helps us to really look at our impact: how can we see and measure what we are doing? It's not all about being busy...

If we are not collaborating, we run the risk of doubling up on what others are doing, or actually adding to the misery of a situation. A classic example is when there is a family with identified needs who get three knocks on the door from three agencies offering food... and then none for the next three weeks. Think of the difference if those three agencies had collaborated or even joined forces in some way.

Final Thoughts

Reflecting on the future in this way is hard - and can be really challenging, especially if we and others lives and livelihoods are involved. But it is a (now not so secret) technique that really makes a difference.

We want to encourage all Diocesan Organisations and Parishes to spend time whenever they meet together to think more strategically - being wise and more effective, rather than getting caught up only in what you are already doing.

Matthew 7: 24-27 NRSV

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

Want to see the full presentations from the conference?

- [When is it time to call it quits](#)
- [Collaborations, mergers and practical considerations of closing down](#)

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19



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 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** if this is required in the future e.g. Level 2 (if there is any community transmission) or for places where physical distancing is difficult in Level 1. [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 these videos.**
- **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.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. 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.
8. All public venues (Businesses, churches etc.) should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
9. Stay vigilant. 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.
10. 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](#).
