



Diocese of  
Dunedin

# Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 7 April 2022

**Our pānui celebrates creation and conservation at St Luke's Otatara, along with holy week resources and other news.**

**Click here** for a printable version of this newsletter.

If you have any articles for the next edition (21 April), please forward these to [bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz) by 9 am Monday 18 April 2022. We appreciate any news and photos you have to pass on.

**Remember that we are at the [Red setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) (Traffic Lights).** Have a look at [options for worship under the Traffic Lights framework](#). We have information-resources for [isolating at home](#). Opportunities for daily prayer can be found on our [Prayer Resources](#) web page.

**The Diocesan Office and Resource Centre is open by appointment:** please contact us (03 488 0820) if you want to visit or arrange another way to talk to us. [Click here for more information](#).

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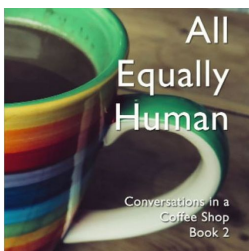
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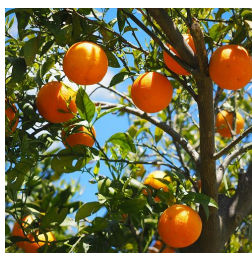


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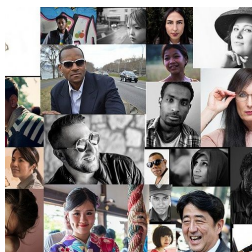
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We don't separately publish our regular features every newsletter, but you can access them here...





A monthly children and family's service used the forest last month for a 'caring for creation' theme.

Photo by Richard Johnson

## St Luke's - the chapel in the bush

Richard Johnson — March 21st, 2022

In the last year, the bush surrounding the little Anglican church of St Luke has been transformed from a weed infested eye-sore, in a community restoration project.

Dot Muir, warden of the church, said that for some time neighbours around the church had been quietly working in the bush to clear weeds, and this ramped up last year to include members of the congregation.





Aaron and Francis Douglas and Dot Muir, from St Luke's — Image by: Richard Johnston

"We had a vision of creating a chapel in the bush, but first we had to do a lot of work around the church and in the bush," said Dot. Weeds were cleared, exotic and invasive trees, including willows and sycamores, were removed, and natives planted. A parking area behind the church was cleared and spread with dunnite. A large cleared area in the bush was covered with wood chip to form a space which can be used for play groups or outdoor meetings.



Family Service at Otatara, 20 February 2022 — Image by: Anne van Gend

This is an ongoing project, says Dot, who expressed the congregation's deep appreciation to the wider Otatara community for so much assistance, including time, energy, plants, woodchip, and machinery.

*This article was originally printed in the Pigeon Post, a local community newsletter edited by Rev'd Richard Johnson (attached below).*

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[Pigeon Post Final March 2022](#)



Holy Week  
2022

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## Some resources for Holy Week 2022

Andrew Metcalfe — April 5th, 2022

We have some resources and information you may enjoy as Holy Week draws near... especially if you are not able to join gatherings in person.

[Diocese of Dunedin webpage on Holy Week services for 2022](#) - a handy place to go to find out what is on offer around the Diocese.

**Bosco Peters** has posted some resources for [Palm Sunday and Holy week](#). This includes prayers, a video reflection and other resources for the week.

Our companion Diocese in Edinburgh also has some [all-age resources for Easter](#) in their latest [Children and Youth news](#).

**Stations of the Cross at Home** - these are attached below in a viewable/printable format (pdf) and in a PowerPoint, shared from the Mercy Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin.

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Photo by Rev. John Graveston

# Children and Families Easter Activity Packs

Rev. John Graveston — March 28th, 2022

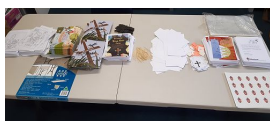
As Easter draws near the Diocese the Diocese has sent out Children and Family Easter activity packs to Ministry Units.

Last week our Child, Youth, and Family Educator finished packing 300 Children's Easter Packs for the Diocese and they are on their way!

Easter is a time of year where extra families come along to church and to help make sure our churches have something to offer their own children and any visitors that come along, our Child, Youth, and Family Educator, Fr. John Graveston, has put together Children's Easter packs. In these packs are:

- The Seriously Surprising Story
- VIP Tamariki: Waru
- Make your own Paschal Candle
- Scratch Cross Craft
- Colouring in pages

## Gallery





Eucharist

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## Chrism Eucharists 2022

Bishop Steven Benford — March 27th, 2022

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

Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ

Having just entered the second half of Lent it is time to turn our attention to the Annual Chrism Services held in the Diocese, and I would like to invite you to consider making time to attend one of them.

The Chrism Mass is a wonderful opportunity to both remember and renew the commitment we made as servants of Jesus Christ. I have planned two Chrism Services – one at All Saints, Gladstone, Invercargill, on **Tuesday 12 April 6pm** and a second at the Cathedral on **Maundy Thursday 14 April at 12 noon**.

While there will be opportunities for ordained and lay to renew their commitment, this year I am not asking for clergy or lay ministers to be robed and to process, but to take a place in the congregation. I expect there will be singing, communion, and an opportunity to be anointed – but we will have to be guided by circumstances nearer the time.

The Oil of Chrism will be blessed and there will be a chance to fill your church and personal containers. In addition to the Oil of Chrism, and this will be a change to recent past practice, there will be two further oils blessed and available afterwards: the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens (for use at baptisms).

If you have oil from previous years, it might be the time to refresh stocks. While I am not superstitious about this, I am sure none of us would want to cause any offence and so I would ask you to dispose of old oil in a respectful and sensible way. It is perfectly acceptable to burn it or pour it into the ground.

COVID, and contingency planning for COVID, is still affecting much of what we do, and this is written recognising all arrangements may have to be revised at short notice.

**Yours in Christ**

**+Steven**

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**Chrism Eucharist details:**

**Tuesday 12 April 6pm @ All Saints' Gladstone, corner of Dee Street and Holywood Terrace, Invercargill. (*Please note earlier start time for the service.*)**

*This year, instead of a Potluck tea, please bring a non-perishable food or grocery item, which will be collected for South Centre, as a gift for those who are struggling with the pandemic.*

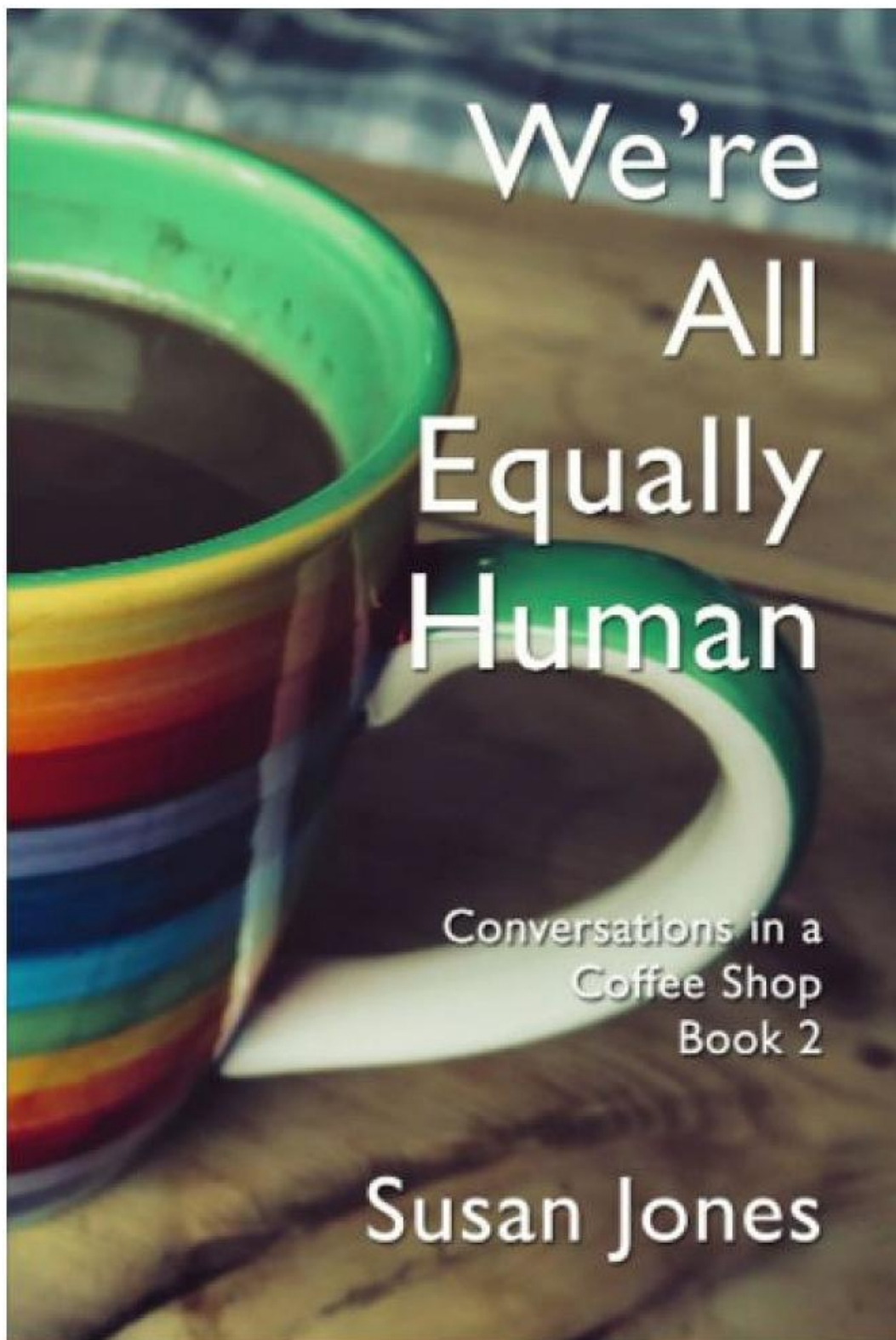
*As a way to connect safely, there is an opportunity for people to catch up after the service, outside the Church (weather depending).*

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**Maundy Thursday 14 April 12 noon @ St Paul's Cathedral**

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All Equally Human cover

Photo by Susan Jones

## **We are all equally human**

Andrew Metcalfe — April 5th, 2022

Susan Jones is taking orders for her new book, *We are all equally human*, book two of the coffee shop trilogy.

*Rev'd Susan Jones - poet, writer, musician and spiritual guide writes:*

*Equally Human* aims to empathise with and educate both gay and straight, inside and outside organised religion. It is intended to resource the church in its ongoing discussions about members of the rainbow community.

The importance of us *all* recognising each other as equally human whatever our orientation is re-affirmed here.

This debate has been present in New Zealand mainstream churches since the 1970s and has raged since 1991.

Public debates do not allow time and space for considered laying out of the relevant points nor exploration of underlying forces greater than all of us.

It has been a privilege to have time to investigate and write on this topic. You can help spread this resource to others not yet entirely convinced.

Have a look at the attached flyer for this book and others that Susan has written.

Susan has shared a seasonal poem from her book *Progressing the Journey* for your reflections:

### **Today**

*Easter Day Year A*

Today, we Christians (yes, us, that stuffy lot)  
are making the country happy  
(well, perhaps not retailers in tourist towns)  
but definitely we are making others happy today.  
They get to have a holiday on this holy day  
accompanied by chocolate eggs  
and other forms of chocolate which have been  
woven into the urban legend over the years.  
(This year I saw a chocolate kiwi in the supermarket aisles.)

It's right the general population is invited to enjoy,  
to re-create, to celebrate at Easter for that is what we celebrate too  
the joy, the release, the freedom, (chocolate covered or not.)

Today we embrace the Spirituality of Life,  
Thankful we have come through the darkness of death.  
We are more than only unscathed.  
Easter reminds us there is transforming power  
afoot in the world and, if we allow it,  
it might just transform us!

© Susan Jones *Progressing the Journey*

Orders: [jones.rs@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jones.rs@xtra.co.nz)

Information: [www.jonessmblog.wordpress.com](http://www.jonessmblog.wordpress.com)

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## **Attachments**

[Flier for WAEH](#)



Practical help....

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## Spare furniture looking to rehome?

St Peter's Parish Caversham — April 4th, 2022

Could it help to furnish the vicarage at St Peter's Caversham?

Rev'd Natalie Milliken ([the next Vicar of St Peter's](#)) and her husband Dan are arriving from Australia at the end of April without furniture.

If you have spare lounge and easy chairs, dining table, couch, small occasional tables or other items you think might be helpful ***please contact Di Best on 021 202 1343.***

It will be very helpful if all donations are in the vicarage by Saturday 23rd April.

***Thank you.***





Psalms 31 | Bible Society of Ukraine

Video by Canadian Bible Society

## Fast and Pray for Ukraine

CWS — March 22nd, 2022

CWS invites you to fast and pray for Ukraine and for peace this Friday and every Friday through Lent. You may want to use Psalm 31 in your prayers...

We can do more than follow the reports of people in danger and on the move. In prayer and fasting, we can express our support for the people of Ukraine and our longing for peace.

Please join us in this initiative started by a group in Dunedin. If you are doing something for Ukraine, please let us know so we can encourage others. We may not be able to meet with each other but we can pray and fast together. Messages can be sent to [cws@cws.org.nz](mailto:cws@cws.org.nz) or posted on Facebook.

Donations to the [Ukraine Crisis Appeal](#) will help local members of ACT Alliance respond to people in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. ACT Alliance is providing food, water, bedding, shelter, healthcare and psychosocial support. We are grateful to the many people who have already given so generously.



CWS Ukraine Appeal — Image by: ACT Alliance

### We are Ukraine

*Heinke and Peter Matheson write:*

It is important that we keep informed about the war in Ukraine, and attempt to enter into the human tragedy that is being enacted before our eyes. Yet it is also disempowering and dispiriting, in the literal sense of that word, to be a mere onlooker. This is no TV drama. Real people are suffering utterly terrible things. Other real people are planning a campaign which sends bombs and missiles down on everything from apartment blocks to maternity hospitals.

## So what do we do, what can we do, we who are so far away, we who hold none of the levers of power?

This is Lent, when we walk with Jesus of Nazareth towards Jerusalem. Radical evil was rampant then, too. And we know there are no easy answers.

Traditionally prayer and fasting have been an essential part of the Christian armoury. They both take us into the heart of the suffering and lead us beyond it. We are planning this modest fast every Friday as a way of bringing our bodies as well as our minds into play. Fasting disrupts the usual pattern of our day, and gives us a tiny insight into the total disruption of the lives of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, children torn apart from their mothers and fathers, and seeing things no child should see. It is wonderful to observe the response of Polish and German folk among others opening up their homes to those in flight.

By fasting we can open up our hearts. The money saved from our usual meals can go to CWS or other aid agencies. **WE CAN DO SOMETHING.** It has been such a privilege to get to know some of our Ukrainian neighbours here, and to stand in solidarity with them. One small gesture is that in Dunedin we are wearing armbands which read: **WE ARE UKRAINE.** Fasting cements the link with Ukraine.

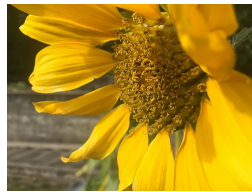
To do without solid foods for one day is a tiny thing. The Kingdom, however, is all about mustard seeds.

We look forward to hearing from all participants what the fasting has meant for you, what songs, gestures, new initiatives it has generated. We hope and pray that this war will not drag on too long, but the signs are not good, so we may be joining you on Fridays for some considerable time.

Shalom

(March 3, 2022)

## Gallery





Helping hands

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## **Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Saturday?**

Cathedral — April 6th, 2022





St Paul's Cathedral — Image by: St Paul's Cathedral

As we prepare to welcome international visitors from April/May we are looking for more volunteers to help out in the Cathedral Shop. Duties are currently allocated on a 2 hour slot – (10am to 12noon or 12noon to 2pm).

The shop is open daily and we have vacancies mainly on Saturdays and also some during the week.

If you know of anyone in your parish that may be interested in joining our team, we would love to hear from them.

Thank you for sharing this opportunity.

Deborah

**Deborah Hanson - Office Manager**

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[Volunteering St Paul's](#)

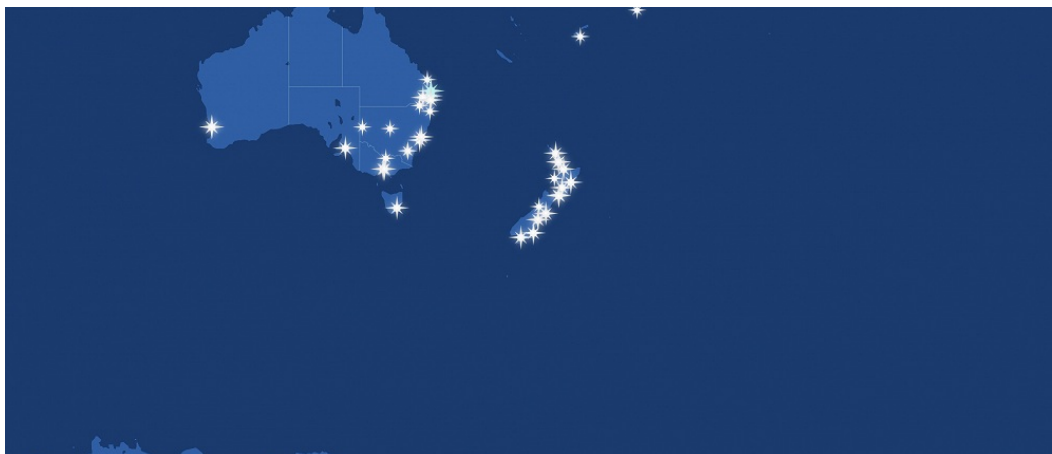


Photo by Thy Kingdom Come

# Thy Kingdom Come 2022

Thy Kingdom Come — April 6th, 2022

Who is in your prayers right now to be drawn into the love of Christ?

Take part in Thy Kingdom Come 2022 with these three official resources, designed to help your entire church join in with ten days of global prayer from 26 May to 5 June 2022.

- The **Novena** booklet offers nine days of reflections on the book of 1 Peter, written by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.
- The **Prayer Journal** will help you focus your personal prayers throughout Thy Kingdom Come, with short Bible verses, reflections, responses and prayers.
- To help younger readers grow in faith, the **Cheeky Pandas** return this year in an exciting jubilee-themed adventure.

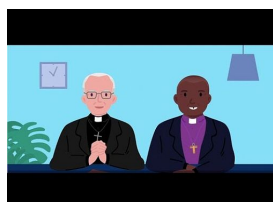
International customers should email [orders@hymnsam.co.uk](mailto:orders@hymnsam.co.uk) for a postage quote.

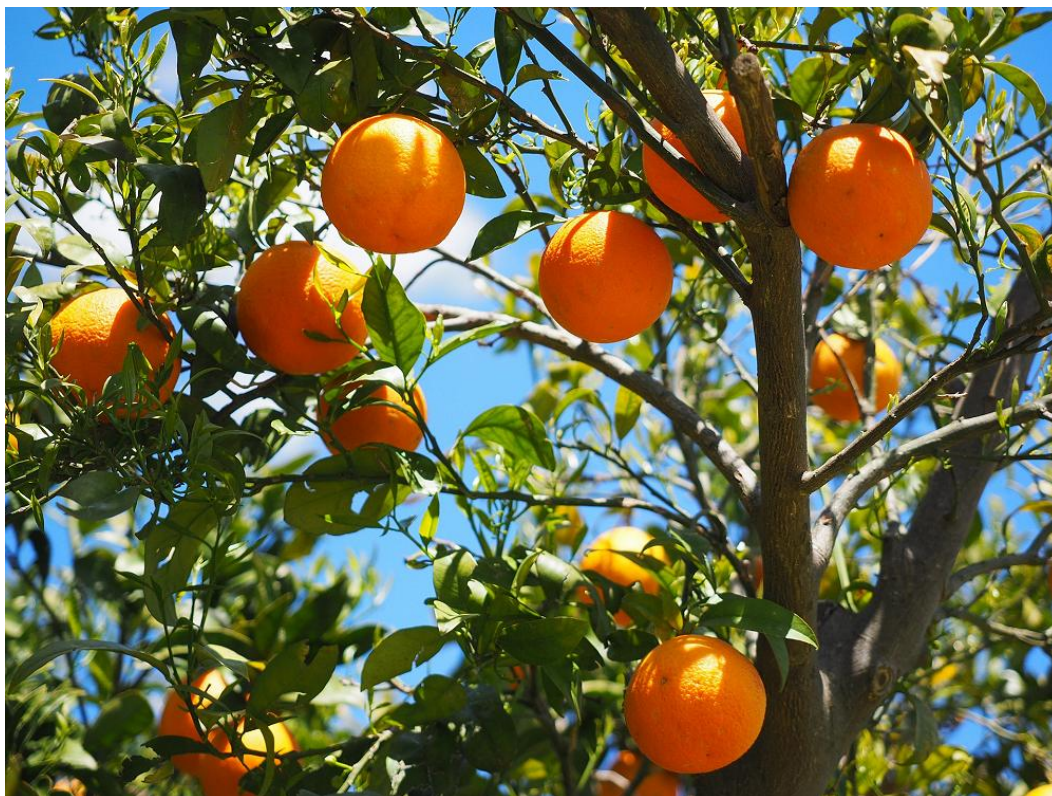
Further information available at [www.chpublishing.co.uk/thykingdomcome](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/thykingdomcome)

Have a look at the international They Kingdom Come [website](#) for more information and resources on how you and your Parish can be involved this year.

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## Video Gallery





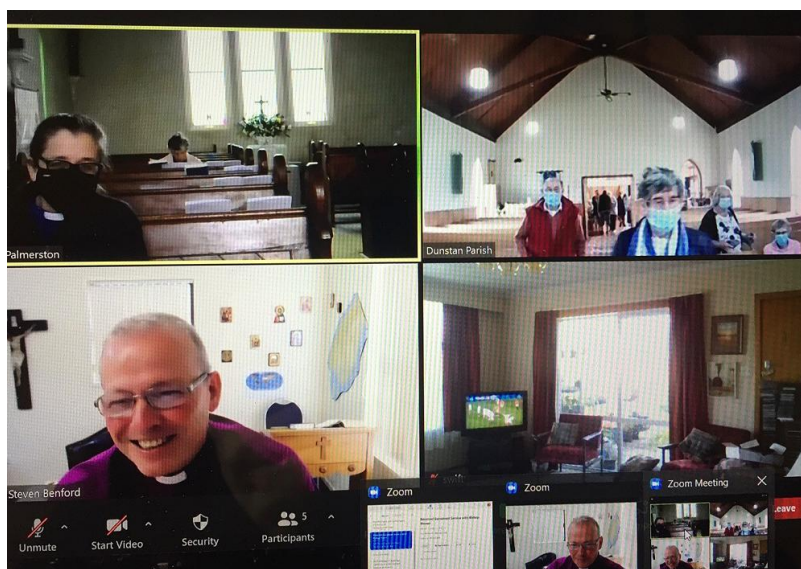
Abundance....

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## Monthly On-line Services

Bishop Steven — March 27th, 2022

Join us on Sunday 24 April from 9.30 am for worship (starting at 10 am) with congregations and individuals throughout the Diocese.



Gathering and preparing for Worship (from top left: Palmerston, Alexandra, Bishop Steve...and Lumsden. — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

**The next service is on 24 April**

[Click here for the Zoom Meeting Link](#)

**Meeting ID: 936 0920 3636**

- We have an order of service that can be used for all services (attached below).
- Hymns and readings for each service are also attached (these will be updated for each specific date).



## Who can join us for any of our services?

Any group (or individual) who can gather around a screen!

- In places where church services are only occasional, maybe two or three of you could meet together in someone's home and join us from there.
- Faith communities who don't "need" this but are open to trying something new may like to join us to support smaller groups. (Alexandra was an example of this).
- Ministry teams of small churches may simply like a week off from finding a priest and filling a roster.
- Individuals who, for whatever reason, cannot attend a regular service are also welcome to join us and share in spiritual communion if we cannot get the reserved sacrament to you.

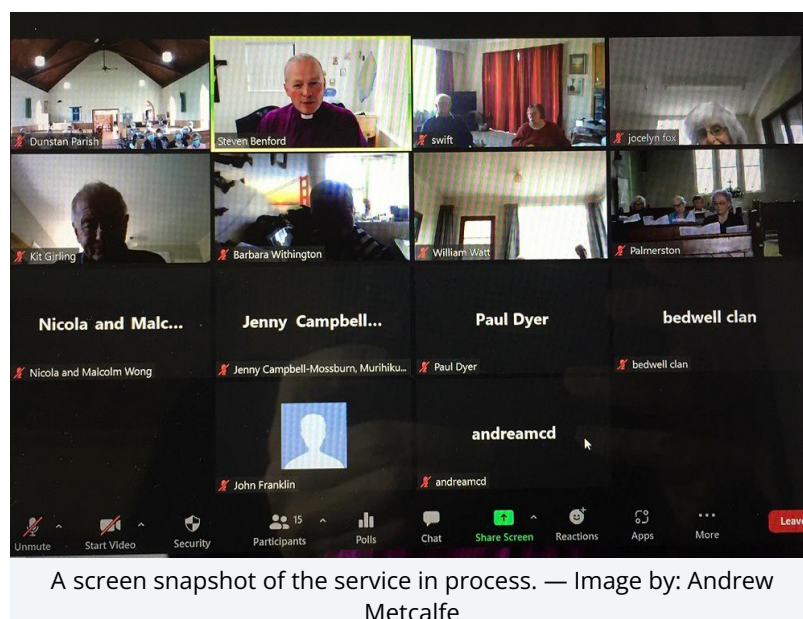
**If you let us know in advance, we can ensure reserved sacrament gets to any small gathering. If you are wanting to meet in your own church, Anne van Gend can work with you to provide and set up whatever equipment and internet connection is needed.**

Please contact Anne van Gend by [email](#) or phone (03) 488 0820 extension 207

This is not meant to be a plan to replace communal, in person worship, but is offering an alternative to both assist some who can gather together but lack a preacher or priest, and for those unable to meet with others.

## Why Do this?

This is part of our ongoing commitment to find ways to support and minister with all those across our Diocese, with further services being planned for the 4th Sunday in April and possibly beyond. We are all aware that there are communities and individuals across our Diocese for whom running or attending a Sunday service can be difficult. There are the regular issues of finding a priest, filling a roster, overcoming distances and so on. With Covid-19 are added barriers, for example physical vulnerability or people needing to self-isolate.



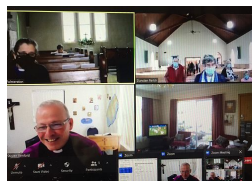
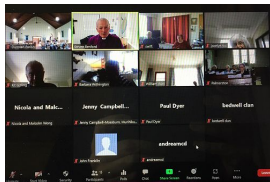
Service are using Reserved Sacrament in various physical locations from Stewart Island to Lumsden, Alexandra and Palmerston, with smaller groups and individuals being given an opportunity to take part in a moment of Spiritual Communion.



Eucharist — Image by: pixabay.com

**+Steven**

## Gallery



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## Attachments

[Hymns for March 27th](#)

[Readings for March 27th](#)

[Order of Service for Congregations on-line](#)



Protecting Sheep (by shepherds, not masks...!)

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

Diocesan Office — April 4th, 2022

Our updated guidance on the traffic light settings from 5 April 2022

[Have a look at our updated Frequently Asked Questions page.](#)

## Highlights for All Levels

### Level Red

- All churches and faith communities advised to have contingency plans
- Limit of 200 people at any indoor gathering
- Face masks must be worn at all gatherings
- Meetings in private homes do not require face masks (but we recommend groups reach agreement on this)
- Medical grade masks must be worn by all leading and serving in worship services
- Strongly advising communion in one kind (bread) only and that people return to their seats to consume the bread.
- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping, but we are recommending this is kept in place for our settings.

### Level Orange

- There is no limit for outdoor gatherings.
- There is no limit for indoor gatherings.
- You do not need to wear a face mask outdoors.
- Other face mask rules remain unchanged.
- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.

### Level Green

- There are no restrictions.
- We encourage you to keep up good health behaviours.

- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.

## Good Health Behaviours

See <https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/keep-up-healthy-habits/>

These include:

- [Wear a face mask](#)
- [Do it for each other](#)
- [Stay home if you are sick](#)
- [Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser](#)
- [Cough or sneeze into your elbow](#)
- [Clean or disinfect shared surfaces regularly](#)
- [Improve ventilation](#)
- [Keep your distance from people you do not know](#)
- [Keep track of where you have been](#)
- [Stay up to date with your vaccinations](#)

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## Our Response

### A note from Bishop Steve

Tēnā koutou Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us about having faith and "The Message" translation of Chapter 11 verses 1 and 2 reads:

**The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.**

Over the past 2 years we have all been affected by something we can't see, but as the current variation of COVID-19 makes its way around our communities, we continue to hold onto another firm foundation of faith that influences our response to everything taking place.

Of many lessons we have learnt, we now know so much more about how to keep ourselves safe than we did two years ago. There is nothing like a pandemic to sharpen up some of our health and safety practices!

As our country's response changes and New Zealand opens up itself more to each other and the wider world, I want to encourage us all to stay tuned into our own local communities needs and respond as we need to. This means that even though there may be fewer restrictions on what we are required to do, we will continue to keep our most vulnerable members safe by practicing good public health measures. This will ensure that our faith communities don't become "super spreader" sites. In many ways, this is similar to the Alert Level 2 precautions we had in place, where we figured out better and safer ways to worship.

If your faith community is feeling vulnerable and needs to take it easy around "opening up" completely i.e. you want to remain with vaccine pass only services for a while longer, you have my support for this. Alternatively, if you feel the time is right to move to a less restrictive setting (mixed serves where no vaccine passes are required), then you have my support for this as well. **Please advertise clearly what you are doing - and let Andrew or Nicola in the office know so we can update our [on-line worship page](#).** Have your contingency plans in place if you have to change how you do things for a while: the office is happy to assist with Zoom links if you need to go back on-line for any gathering.



For those of you who are continuing to follow our advice around having Eucharist in one kind only (bread) you may like to take the opportunity this Easter to share the wine again, but with clear messaging that this is only for those who want to do so (please see below for more guidance around this).

Thank you for all that you have been doing to keep each other safe and caring for so many around you. As I write this our season of Lent is drawing to a close, we look forward to the day of resurrection where we recall how Christ has indeed overcome the old order of fear, sin and death. Thanks be to God!

**+Steve**



Traffic Lights — Image by: pixabay.com

## Our Guidance

**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 put in place 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. **There are no restrictions to attending indoor gatherings of up to 200 people, but some may continue to offer Vaccine Pass Only services.** 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](#)
5. **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.
6. 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.

## Principles for Worship at All Settings

**a. At the Red and Orange settings, the wearing of face masks is required in all indoor gatherings, including when singing.**

**b. 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.

**c. All Workers and volunteers (Clergy, people with a lay license) must wear a medical grade facemask (for example a Type IIR/Level 2 mask or above) while working in public facing roles.** These include the widely available 'blue' medical grade mask.

**d. Face masks 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.

### **e. Eucharist/Communion**

- **All presiders and servers must practice good hand hygiene.** This means washing or sanitising hands before ablutions (ritual purification) and handling/distributing any sacraments.
- **Eucharist in one kind (bread only) at Red until Easter 2022.** This recognises that we are in a situation where community transmission is taking place of COVID-19 or any highly contagious variant. 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.
- **We recommend people receive the Eucharist while standing.** This avoids any contact with altar rails.
- **Any president at Eucharist/Communion can restrict communion to one kind only** if there are any concerns about the presence of COVID-19 in the community.

**f. Good Health Behaviours: we recommend these are followed at all times (see above).** Previous guidance from the Diocese concerning non-contact forms of The Peace, hygiene, ministry to children, youth, the elderly, as previously issued for [COVID-19 Alert Level 2](#) or subsequently updated should be followed.

**g. Meetings in private homes do not require face masks**, but we recommend groups reach agreement on this, recognising that current COVID-19 variants are more transmissible.

**h. Hospitality:** If you are operating a **gathering[1]**, you can serve food and drink at Green, Orange or Red. We are not recommending offering of indoor hospitality at Level Red if there is active transmission in the community.

**Please note:** where Government Guidance talks about 1-metre physical distancing and capacity limits: Capacity limits are based on the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was 1 metre apart. People do not have to keep 1 metre apart at the venue. In some cases a maximum number is also specified. The limits include everyone, including children, in a defined space, except workers.

### **Government Advice for Places of Worship (as of 9 February 2022, the latest update)**

See: [Faith-based gatherings at Red | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

## Leaders in Ministry (Clergy and Lay)

**The Bishop has previously indicated that all lay people involved in public-facing public ministries related to a worship service or other parish/church work must 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 were not fully vaccinated were, under previous public health orders, significantly constrained in their ministry and were asked to confirm their vaccination status to be able to continue ministry.**

We are currently seeking advice around this as settings are adjusting: if there are any queries around this, please contact Bishop Steve through his EA, Nicola Wong ph. 03 488 0826.

## 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, Red*).

**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 local 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 any service in the Red setting of 200. Communion may be in one kind only at Red – please take the bread back with you to your seat to consume.

**The following service(s) are open to anyone with a current Vaccine Pass:** (*replace these words with your details*). There are no restrictions, **but you must wear a face mask and give each other plenty of room.** We are asking that you keep your face mask on when singing. Please show us your vaccine pass, continue to sanitise/wash your hands, scan or sign in for local contact tracing purposes.

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



QR code for Traffic Light Service information — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

## 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.*

**[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.

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## Attachments

[Notices for Open-Closed Churches 2021](#)

[COVID-19-Kia-ora-Please-have-your-vaccine-pass-ready](#)

[COVID-19-Protection-Framework-Guidelines-for-places-of-worship](#)

[Church Safety Poster Orange Green Levels](#)

[Notices for Open-Closed Churches 2021](#)

[No Vaccine Pass Required Poster](#)

[Vaccine Pass Requirements Poster](#)

[What to Do and Say at the Door](#)

[COVID 19 Readiness Checklist](#)

[Kete-Whanau-small-version](#)

[Diocese of Dunedin COVID-19 Protection Framework Guidance April 2022](#)





Social Justice

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## A passion for Social Justice?

Andrew Metcalfe — March 16th, 2022

As annual general meeting season is upon us and faith communities are looking at who can take on particular roles, the Social Justice Committee is keen to connect with more Social Justice representatives.

### **Ondine Godtschalk, chair of the Social Justice Committee writes:**

The Social Justice Committee would like to ask that as parishes -faith communities approach their AGMs and elect their vestries, they should consider having someone with a 'social justice portfolio'.

Some faith communities do this already. But we are keen for there to be someone on each vestry who would be a social justice advocate and who the social justice committee could potentially make contact with during the year.

With AGMs currently underway, the committee has asked me to write to each parish to both encourage this and to invite parishes to let us know who that person would be.

**The annual returns to the Diocesan Office have a place where such a person can be identified, but sometimes this is left blank. Can you prayerfully consider this and identify who could be your person?**

A reminder that it doesn't have to be someone on your Vestry - there may be another person who has a passion for Social Justice, but they do need to be able to help keep Social Justice on the agenda of your Faith Community's leadership group. A Vestry identified portfolio is the best place to start.



In the Media - I te Pāpaho

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# I te Pāpaho - In the Media

Andrew Metcalfe — April 5th, 2022

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

## Local & Wider News

**Church Works With Student Groups To Host Pride Service:** Last Sunday, St. Paul's Cathedral hosted a "queer-affirming reflective service" alongside Dunedin Pride, the Student Christian Movement and representatives from St. Hilda's Collegiate School. This is believed to be the first service of its kind in Dunedin. (Critic Te Arohi, 1 April 2022). NB: A Pride Service was hosted by Glenavon Methodist Church in Dunedin in 2002)

**Safeguarding the Integrity of Creation:** For over a decade our movement has made strides, through a variety of means, to better align with the fifth mark of mission, "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." (Anglican Movement, Diocese of Wellington, 31 March 2022).

**Foodbanks struggling to keep up with surge in demand:** Dunedin foodbanks are struggling as Covid-19 and inflation hit New Zealanders in the back pocket — and winter is still to come (ODT, 24 March 2022).

**Food Support Demand Increases by 400%:** Since the Omicron outbreak began, the Wellington City Mission has experienced a 400% increase in demand for food support. They are spending \$20,000 a week on groceries to ensure the shelves of the Social Supermarket are stocked to meet that need. (News for our Movement, Diocese of Wellington, 22 March 2022)



By Australian cartoonist Simon Kneebone, 2014

We are All Migrants — Image by: Simon Kneebone

**We are all Migrants:** Chris Fraser writes: "Some years ago there was a cartoon which caught my attention. It was of a naval vessel showing the power of its guns, with its commander leaning over the stern looking down at the tiny overcrowded boat below filled with migrants. "Where are you from?" he shouted. Back came the response, "Earth."... (News for our Movement, Diocese of Wellington, 22 March 2022).

**All Saints' Vision for Youth and Young Whānau:** With a vision focussed on youth and young whanau, All Saints Hataitai are reimagining how their church facilities might contribute to wellness in their community (News for our Movement, Diocese of Wellington, 22 March 2022).

**Thousands of Churches close each year - what will happen to their buildings?** As congregations shrink and close, church leaders must decide whether to give their buildings a second life (Religion News Service, 15 March 2022).

**True freedom resides in unselfish concern for our neighbour:** In a world of constant distraction, we are encouraged to let ourselves be deceived by the false "gods" of the age in which we live, the Rev Dr James Harding writes (ODT, 18 March 2022).

**Cathedral takes pride in service:** A Queer Evening Church Service for Dunedin Pride month will focus on joy and hope, a local Christian says. The service, on Sunday, March 27, is being organised by Student Christian Movement Otago and St Paul's Cathedral (The Star, 17.March 2022).

**Schools hope home learning will work as a 'circuit-breaker':** The spread of Omicron has left Dunedin high schools with huge number of absences and lacking staff, but some are sending pupils home to try to relieve some stress. Senior pupils at St Hilda's Collegiate School will be attending class online from today as Covid-19 spreads throughout the community. (ODT, 16 March 2022)

**Kai and Community in Lyall Bay:** The vibrant yellow Pātaka kai sits on the fence of 67 Freyberg Street and is a sign of God's beautiful movement in Lyall Bay (Anglican Movement, 16 March 2022)

**Why we must all take responsibility for the Parliament protest:** Justin Duckworth is the Anglican bishop of Wellington. He spent the recent protest at Wellington's Cathedral of St Paul, which sought to provide a safe space for protestors whilst not supporting the protest kaupapa.(Stuff, 12 March 2022)

**Raising funds for redevelopments:** Redevelopment of a Dunedin high school chapel is soon to begin, after a change in fire regulations left the building unsuitable to fit the whole school. St Hilda's Collegiate School director of development Amanda Burke said about three years ago the school chapel was assessed under new fire regulations and deemed unsafe to fit the 450 pupils and more than 60 staff (ODT, 15 March 2022).

### **Snippets shared from Christchurch**

- St Mary's Timaru [selling book to raise funds](#)
- [Roof of Christchurch Cathedral coming off!](#)
- Women do more work for less pay—in developing countries even more so—so [FairTrade](#) has developed a leadership school for women.
- [Anglican Church apologies](#) to mother whose baby was taken.
- [High fuel prices—a good or a bad thing?](#) This counter-intuitive argument comes from our missionary in Uganda, Nick Laing.
- An [Anglican App 'Tuia'](#) is being launched specifically for our side of the world! Aotearoa/Pacific
- NZ Anglican Church making progress on its [carbon footprint](#)
- The Norwest News features the [All Souls Community Worry Wall](#) on Papanui Rd.
- Bishop Peter talks about the Christchurch [cathedral rebuild](#) on a global platform called Anglican Ink, while Charlie Gates (reporter) talks about how the [costs have increased](#), the [NZ Herald](#) and [NewstalkZB](#) both outline how the engineering feats ensure progress is happening.
- Citizen's War Memorial to be back in use by [Armistice Day](#) 2022.
- Catholic Church reports on the Combined Ash Wednesday Service and focuses on Bishop Peter's sermon about the unpopular subject of [sin and confession](#).
- Anglican Priest, Rev'd Dr James Harding, offers an opinion on Lent—[looking out for the wellbeing of our neighbour](#).
- Trapped in poverty, on the breadline, at the bottom of the begging ladder—and the [cost of living](#) continues to rise.
- Anglicans Dr Rachel Mash and Nicholas Pande take on the global 'plastic pandemic' at the UN with a [#TurnOffThePlasticTap sculpture](#)
- A new [Catholic precinct](#) is proposed for central Christchurch. It will be bounded by Colombo St, Armagh St, Manchester St, and Oxford Tce on the banks of the Avon River. It includes a new Catholic cathedral, a commercial building, a new 600-space car park, diocesan offices,

apartments, and commercial space.

- [Christ Church Cathedral](#) will feature as part of Christchurch's second annual architecture festival.
- Sadly, [this now exists](#)—if only we could be there for one another as a loving community
- From [prison to community leader](#)—an inspiring story
- [Algae becomes Bio-jet fuel](#) and more in a carbon-negative plant in Turkey
- The government's recycling plan is now out—read about it [here](#) and [have your say](#)

## **[National Anglican News at Taonga](#)**

### **[Pacific Anglican prayer app almost here](#)**

An innovative new Anglican prayer app designed with Pacific Christians in mind is on the cusp of release by the Common Life Liturgical Commission. Julianne Clarke-Morris goes behind the scenes for a peek at what's in store.

### **[Christchurch seeks new Missioner](#)**

Christchurch City Mission is seeking a new Missioner to guide and manage its work supporting and uplifting people struggling to get by.

### **[Church turns carbon to conservation](#)**

Six years ago Te Hīnota Whānui General Synod moved to carbon offset our Church's provincial air travel by investing in Pacific ecosystem restoration. To date, that single line in a wider fossil fuel divestment plan has led to \$25,000 in payments to indigenous reforestation.

### **[Christ Church Cathedral well on track](#)**

After two solid years of stabilising, the Christ Church Cathedral project is moving head into a new phase of its work to reinstate the historic Cathedral damaged in the 2011 earthquakes.

- [Inflation risk could add \\$4.6m to Cathedral reinstatement](#)
- [Cathedral roof removal achieves milestone in restoration](#)

### **[Māori saints lead in Lent 2022](#)**

Māori Anglicans are journeying this Lent with Māori Anglican saints and ancestors in a series of Wednesday evening services livestreamed via the Pihopatanga o Aotearoa Facebook group.

- [Read Rēnata Kawepo's story told in Rev Zhane Tahau Whelan's sermon](#)
- [Watch the full online service from Wednesday 8 March](#)

### **[Dangerous words: women, Bible, Earth](#)**

Auckland-based biblical scholar Dr Emily Colgan has challenged Anglican women to unmask the dangerous 'either or' thinking embedded in both biblical and modern language that links women and the earth.

### **[Anglicans at UN urge Russian exit](#)**

Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa who heads the Anglican Communion's United Nations reference group has welcomed the UN General Assembly and UN Human Rights Council calls for an end to hostilities in Ukraine.

## **The Wider World**

- [Tauranga church gifts building to local iwi](#)
- [The story of Fiji's first Anglican Church](#)
- [Pope apologises for Canada RC residential schools](#)
- [Rowan Williams urges UK to add Trans to ban](#)
- [Episcopalians move funds to slavery reparation](#)
- [Anglicans urge protection for Ukraine's vulnerable](#)
- [UK conversion therapy ban leaves out trans people](#)
- [Covid-19 showed nations can end homelessness](#)
- [US-Zimbabwe dioceses partner on dairy start-up](#)



- [Scandal halves Hillsong's American church base](#)
- [+California puts land in housing, organic farm](#)
- [400yr Mikmak-Catholic relations under strain](#)
- [Hirini Kaa on Māori & Christian ideas of the sacred](#)
- [Gloriavale employment case urgent to ensure safety](#)
- [WCC team visits Hungary, Ukraine, Romania](#)
- [Kyiv Jews facing the latest onslaught](#)
- [US Xtians put in \\$100m to reach sceptics](#)
- [Ukrainian priest tells his escape story via Mariupol](#)
- [Putin's line 'We share one faith' leaves out a lot](#)
- [Episcopal migration ministry readies for Ukrainians](#)
- [Bishop likens racism to asymptomatic Covid](#)
- ['OK Doomer' climate activists say it's not too late](#)
- [Scottish Episcopalians tackle cost of living crisis](#)
- [Attendance remains flat as US churches reopen](#)
- [After 20yrs Australia lets jailed refugees into NZ](#)
- [Chch Catholics plan inner city complex](#)
- [Pope denounces power abuse in Ukraine war](#)
- [Oz Anglicans see changes in theological education](#)
- [How young working class men benefit from church](#)
- [Taranaki Cathedral's whare aims to bring healing](#)
- [UK: 80yr-old priest stops traffic to 'insulate Britain'](#)
- [Indian state court rules hijabs are 'non-essential'](#)
- [Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin criticises UK on Ukraine](#)
- [CofE pressures TotalEnergies on Ukraine inaction](#)
- [Washington Cathedral publishes pandemic sermons](#)
- [Indigenous Canadian Anglicans unveil church plan](#)
- [What if we shift grocery outlets to public ownership?](#)
- [200 people left my church: I wanted to know why](#)
- [Tigray faces world's biggest health catastrophe](#)
- [Chaplain serves crew on Russia-bombed ship](#)
- [Europe's Russian Orthodox pressed on two sides](#)
- [Ukrainian Easter egg making becomes prayer](#)
- [Internet no safer 3 years after mosque attack](#)
- [UK churches undertake citizen science 'nature count'](#)
- [Vatican breaks silence on children of RC priests](#)
- [Italian nuns form football team](#)
- [Pope Francis condemns bombings in Ukraine](#)
- [Amsterdam Russian Orthodox oppose Moscow](#)
- [Brazilian RC bishop hopes synods will end clericalism](#)
- [US religious order offers Lenten daily reflections](#)

## Latest Videos

The latest Gospel conversations:



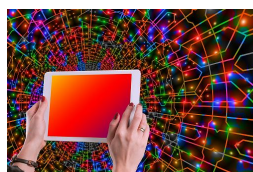


[See our website](#) for videos in the Gospel Conversations series.



[A moving reading of Psalm 31](#) by people in Ukraine

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St Hilda's Appeal  
2022

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# St Hilda's 125th Anniversary Chapel Appeal

Andrew Metcalfe — March 16th, 2022

St Hilda's is asking for donors to help make a new spiritual and learning heart of the school a reality.

The Chapel & Whitby Hall will be the spiritual and social hub of St Hilda's. The redevelopment of the Chapel will allow the whole school to worship together, once again. The adjoining Whitby Hall is to become a truly modern learning and living space. An innovative library and social hub design will give students spaces for reading, studying, socialising and meeting.

To find out more and to donate, [click here](#)

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Diocese of Dunedin Faith Communities  
2022

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## Regular Features

Andrew Metcalfe — April 6th, 2022

We don't separately publish our regular features every newsletter, but you can access them here...



Bishop Steven Benford — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

### [Bishop's Diary](#)

An opportunity to be aware of where Bishop Steve is in the Diocese and to continue to hold him in your prayers.





Vacancies — Image by: Nicola Wong

## [Vacancies](#)

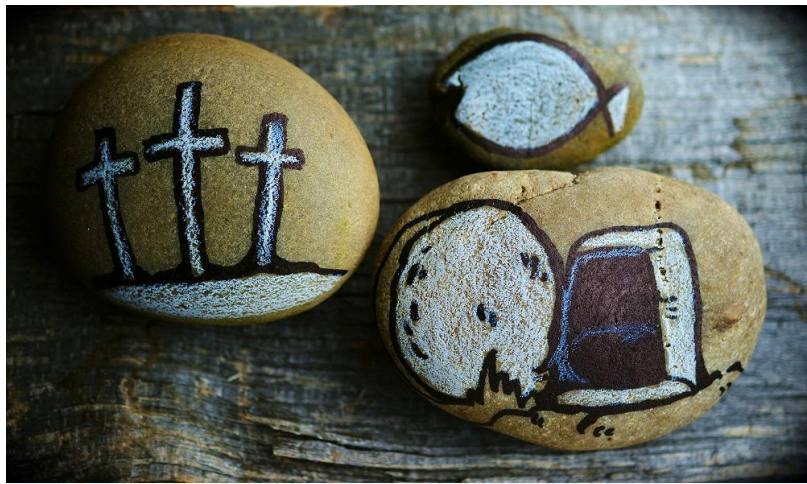
Find out what positions there are for clergy and non-clergy people in the Diocese and beyond.



Diary of Events — Image by: pixabay.com

## [Events and Calendar](#)

The latest of what is going on in Otago and Southland in our churches as well as other organisations. Check this page to make sure an event is still taking place.



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## [Gospel Conversations](#)

A taonga in our own Diocese, these are lively and thought provoking conversations on the weekend lectionary Gospel, perfect for preachers and any person of faith. Click on the images below for the latest conversations:



Lent 4 2022 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Anne van Gend



Lent 5 John 12:1-8 Anne van Gend



All of these are available [from our website](#).