



Diocese of Dunedin

# Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 30 September 2021

In Mental Health Awareness week, Bishop Steve reflects on Faith and we remind ourselves of all the resources God gives us.

**Click here** for a printable version of this newsletter. If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, please forward these to [registrar@calledsouth.co.nz](mailto:registrar@calledsouth.co.nz) by 9 am Monday 4 October. We appreciate any news and photos you have to pass on.

**Remember that we are at Alert Level 2:** We are bringing our face coverings to church, scanning or signing in, while continuing with non-contact forms of worship including communion in one kind only. Many places are now open for worship, [check out our website for options](#). Make sure you follow Government Advice to keep yourselves and others safe.

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

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## Supporting Mental Health in Our Communities

Rev'd Dr Meg Harvey has contributed an article for "Anglican Life" (Diocese of Christchurch) on the importance of talking about mental health within faith community contexts.

[To read this article, Click here](#)

Thanks to the Diocese of Christchurch for allowing this to be shared, especially in Mental Health Awareness week....

A reminder also of resources we have to support your mental health and spiritual practice on our website, as well

as previous newsletter articles:

- [Community Support and Resources](#)
  - [Spiritual Practices: Deepening our relationship with God](#)
  - [Supporting Your Mental Health](#)
  - [Mental Health Awareness Week 2021](#)
  - [In September 2020, Bishop Steve reflected on mental health](#) as being about about taha wairua – spiritual wellbeing – discovering things that make us feel awe, hope, strength, unity and connection.
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## How is Faith part of creating Positive Mental Health?

Is Faith a part of our mental health? What if we feel we don't have enough faith? We ask Bishop Steve about this during Mental Health Week 2021.

[Link to Video](#)

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## Supporting Your Mental Health

Are you or someone you know struggling right now? We have more information, suggestions and inspiration that may help...

### [Community Support and Resources](#) (our COVID-19 support webpage)

In August 2021 we are back into lockdown as a more infectious Delta variant of COVID-19 has made itself known.

Even though restrictions have now eased, we know that for many this has an ongoing impact, and it's important to continue to reach out to support (as well as help) others around us.

### [Supporting Mental Health in Our Communities](#)

...an article by Rev'd Dr Meg Harvey in the Diocese of Christchurch.

### Government Resources: Reach out for help

It's okay to feel lonely, overwhelmed, upset or frustrated right now, and there is help available if you feel you need it.

Wellbeing, support, mental health and addiction services are available at Alert Level 4. Some services may be delivered in different ways, such as by video link or over the phone.

The [Ministry of Health](#) and the [Unite Against COVID-19](#) websites list lots of free resources to help you to manage your mental wellbeing.

There are a number of helplines you can call:

- Free call or text 1737 at any time to connect with a trained counsellor. (corrected)
- Young people can contact Youthline, 0800 376 633 or by free texting 234.
- Pacific communities can call the dedicated 0800 Ola Lelei – 0800 652 535.
- Family violence and sexual violence services also continue to be available at Alert Levels 3 and 4.

Remember, if you feel like you are in an unsafe environment, you do not need to stay home or in your bubble. And if you feel in danger, call 111.

**If you or someone you know is in danger and it is not safe to talk, you can still phone 111 and if you do not speak, you will get the option of pressing: 55. You can then listen to the call-taker's questions and instructions so they can arrange assistance for you.**

### Local Advice

In a recent ODT article, [Mental health vital now, psychiatrist](#) Chris Gale had some useful suggestions on how to take care of ourselves as we face such uncertainty in the current pandemic (the article also has a video where Dr Kumari Valentine gives some excellent advice).

## Extra Resources

It is also important to remind ourselves what resources we have in our Faith Communities:

- [Prayer](#) - we can pray for each other and ourselves. Why not reach out to a friend and tell them what you would appreciate prayer for... or to tell them that they are held in your prayers? Don't forget [regular opportunities for prayer](#) that we have together - why not join in?
- [Worship](#) - joining with others virtually can help anchor ourselves and focus our minds on God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Check out some of the [online opportunities](#) we have to participate in worship virtually alongside others or to watch pre-recorded services. [For a small Diocese, we have some wonderful things on offer.](#)
- [Ask for support](#) - If you need more help, talk to a trusted friend or Priest, or **phone 1737** to speak to a trained counsellor, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We also have some helpful information and support on our [Community Response and Resources](#) webpage, including some reflective videos to help refocus if you need to! (see also the links at the bottom of this article).

**Last year the Diocese of Wellington published a series of helpful blogs recognising that it had been a difficult year for many, especially due to lockdowns, isolation and uncertainty.**

Each blog has some questions for reflection to help deepen your understanding. They are helpful not only for any who are struggling with mental health concerns, but also for those who are supporting others.

**PLEASE NOTE: Some of the following articles address the topic of suicide. If suicidal thoughts are troubling you or any of these articles unsettles you, please reach out for some help. Talk with someone you trust, see a doctor or counsellor, or call 1737 to speak to a trained counsellor, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

- [Walking With Jesus As We Walk With Others](#)
- [Mental Distress, Addiction and Uninvited Guests](#)
- [How's Your Heart - Mental Wellbeing](#)
- [Myth busting Mental Health](#)
- [Here to help - supporting those in mental distress](#)
- [Setting Boundaries](#)
- [Taking the first steps towards recovery](#)
- [Pain, Hope and Healing - Suzie's Story](#)
- [The Road Back to Wellness](#)
- [The Grace And Provision Of God – Amanda's Story](#)
- [Caring for the caregivers](#)
- [Where was God? – one carer's story](#)
- [Responding to those in mental health crisis](#)
- [Panic attacks are no walk on the park](#)
- [How do we respond to difficult or unusual behaviour?](#)
- [God With Me Through My Mental Health Journey: Jessica's Story](#)
- [Let's talk together about suicide](#)
- [Helping to prevent suicide – who me?](#)
- [A listening ear: On volunteer mental health support](#)
- [Suicide Grief - What makes it different? What support helps?](#)
- [How can I help this Christmas to be a good one for you too? \(Hopefully not applicable this year!\)](#)
- [Loving who God loves this Christmas – yourself](#)

A wide range of mental health and wellbeing topics are covered here - we hope you have found them helpful and to close this series we'd like to offer you [a simple blessing](#).

[Don't forget we also have resources on our website.](#)



## Discipleship Pathway

Discipleship Pathway is a free, video based, online training resource where some of New Zealand's best church leadership trainers share their skills, stories and tools. Read on for more information.....

In July 2020, after the first New Zealand lockdown, a seed of a dream was planted. What would it look like to take the knowledge, skills and tools from New Zealand's best church leadership trainers and package them into a digital form that could be accessed by anyone in Aotearoa, at any time, for free? So began the journey of Discipleship Pathway. Over the following year our team invited a number of incredible ministry trainers to have their skills recorded as digital classes, with key elements broken into short videos. During this time we have had the privilege of creating some very special content that will ensure no matter where you are in New Zealand, no matter the Alert Level, no matter what your church resources are, you and your team can access high quality training. This is a resource for all of God's people throughout Aotearoa.

We have started the journey of Discipleship Pathway focusing on youth ministry skills and over time we will release more classes which will provide training for church leadership, children's ministry and forming disciples. We are at the very beginning of this adventure and hope that you will join us. Our prayer is that these classes will help to equip you for the call Christ has placed on your heart, whether you live in Auckland or Invercargill, Whangārei or Whakatū. May you be blessed as you serve the Creator who is calling all people unto Himself.

Richest blessings in Christ,

Brad Wood - Discipleship Pathway Director

[www.discipleship.nz](http://www.discipleship.nz)

### FAQs

#### What is it?

Discipleship Pathway is a free, video based, online training resource where some of New Zealand's best church leadership trainers share their skills, stories and tools. Our first classes are focused on youth ministry and over time we will release church leadership, children's ministry and discipleship focused classes.

#### Who is it for?

It is for anyone with a desire to be equipped to live out their faith in Aotearoa. Some of our classes are for specific ministry areas but many will be great for personal faith development.

#### Who made it?

It has been made in partnership between the Anglican Diocese of Nelson and the class trainers with funding from St. Johns College Trust Board.

#### Where and when will it be available?

Our first classes are available now at [www.discipleship.nz](http://www.discipleship.nz). These classes include:

- Youth Ministry Essentials with Phil Trotter
- Core Competencies of Youth Work with Zara Maslin
- Pastoral Care with Merrylin Withers
- Youth Ministry in Light of Te Tiriti o Waitangi with Caleb Haurua (available 1 September)

#### How much does it cost?

It is free to enrol in any class, there is no cost to accessing this resource.

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## Sunday Worship

Many will continue to worship on-line this weekend as Alert Level 2 continues - here is information on worship we have heard about.

### [Click here for other On-line Worship and Prayer Opportunities](#)

- If you need some help with setting up some Zoom links - or using our Diocesan Teleconference call system for your own situation (for anyone who does not have ready access to the internet) - please contact Andrew Metcalfe (03 488 0821) or Nicola Wong (03 488 0826).
- Email any further info for this page to [Andrew Metcalfe](#) and we will refresh it - do revisit here for the latest updates.
- [Check out our website](#) for links to other Faith Communities in the Diocese who may be offering on-line worship at this time, or for their website/contact information.
- Unsure of how Zoom works? Have a look at information we have on our [contacts page](#).

### On-line opportunities for 3 October 2021

**Cathedral Church of St Paul Sunday:** [Go to the following YouTube channel where the latest services will be posted](#)

St Paul's is meeting in person, but the services will still be posted on-line.

You can also find out the latest information about worship on our website at [www.stpaulsnz.net](http://www.stpaulsnz.net) - the latest services will be at <https://stpaulsnz.net/worship>

**Dunedin North - All Saints:** [Go to the following YouTube Channel where the latest recorded service will be posted](#). Worship is also taking place in person this Sunday at 8 am (said) and 10.30 am (sung)

**Gladstone Parish (All Saints) Sunday @ 9.30 am**

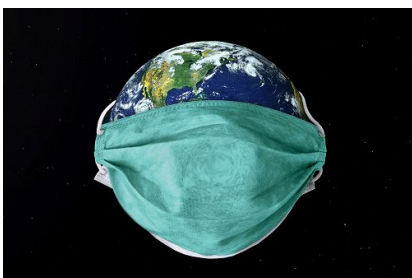
There will be two platforms we'll be using. Zoom allows you to both listen and to participate should you wish, and Facebook Live allows you to watch, listen and be part of the service, but not to interact with the group. Service booklet attached below.

Join our [Zoom Worship Service](#)

or join using Zoom Meeting ID: 850 6702  
1275

Passcode: t28eK7

For those of you who do not have access to your own copy of the New Zealand Prayer Book, a link to download your own PDF copy follows: <https://anglicanprayerbook.nz>



## Continuing at an adjusted Alert Level 2

Auckland remains at on Wednesday 22 September, with the rest of Aotearoa-New Zealand at Alert Level 2. We have some updated information to share including a hospitality clarification.

### What does this mean for us?

**As indicated previously, in our Diocese only churches with a current Action Plan in place can open.**

Although the number allowed is 100, when we have been in this setting previously we have asked



people to assess their building capacity for the maximum number who can be accommodated at 1 metre distancing between individuals and small bubbles of people. **Rather than for everyone to resubmit their Action Plans again, we are asking that you revert to what you had put in place for previous settings of Level 2**, using the previously agreed maximum numbers.

**Everything else agreed to in your plans can remain the same, including not offering hospitality at this time.**

As indicated last week, we are asking you to continue to make sure people are well spaced out in your setting and are feeling safe at worship. We have also updated our [Office Poster](#) for church office spaces where people work and the public may visit, as well as the [Church Safety Poster](#) (both attached below).

### **Another reminder of what we need to do:**

You will need to ensure you have robust contract tracing measures in place, arrange for physical distancing, avoid any physical contact during The Peace or other places in the service and provide communion in one kind (bread) only. **The Government has asked that we wear a face covering in churches. We are limited to 100 people or under in attendance, but you will need to follow the numbers you have assessed can be safely managed in your setting.** There is some lee-way to exclude people directly involved in the service in the total numbers of people who can attend, but we don't recommend "stacking the numbers" with an array of servers and choir members: the general principle is to be more restrained. If you had ways that worked well in the past around this when numbers were limited, do this again... [and tell us about](#) it so we can pass any good ideas on.

**We are also advising that good hygiene practices put in place during Levels 2 and 1 previously need to continue** - the Delta variant is highly infectious whether it be airborne or on surfaces. This means that if you are managing this by having more than one service, you need to ensure there is enough time between them to allow for ventilation and cleaning, and taking special care with any objects that may be used by more than one person e.g. a microphone. It also means **implementing everything else that is highlighted in your Action Plan and in the [Diocese of Dunedin Pandemic Response Framework](#) for Alert Level 2.**

### **Contact Tracing**

**The Government has now mandated at all Alert Levels people attending events must scan in using the COVID-19 tracer app or note their contacts details on a manual register.** Have extra copies of the tracer app poster displayed so people are not congregating to sign in. If you can, **have someone who can ensure people scan in or [note down details of people attending](#) or mark off a roll.** This stops multiple handling of ball point pens. If this is too difficult to arrange, greeters/welcomers should remind people to use the hand sanitiser before and after they have used a pen, or bring and use their own.

You may want to check people into worship inside the church rather than a (cramped) foyer - have a look at your own space and think about where bottlenecks are and how you can maintain at least a 1 metre distance.

**We do have some alternative forms ([sign in sheet](#) and [individual sheets](#))** that can be used for people to note their attendance. We also have a [privacy disclaimer](#) that you can print out and display. For more information on how to maintain privacy, [see the Privacy Commission Website.](#)

### **Face Coverings**

**Encourage (and remind) everyone over the age of 12 to wear a face covering**, and consider having some disposable ones handy if people have forgotten to bring one with them. **Be kind to people who may have difficulty with this.**

Although currently not mandatory, we are strongly advising that this takes place.

[If it does become mandatory in the future to wear face coverings and someone is not wearing one, greeters-welcomers could say **"I notice you are not wearing a face covering, are there medical reasons for this?"** If the answer is "yes", check that they feel safe worshipping today and ask them to make sure they have extra space around them. If the answer is "no", offer them a disposable face covering. If they refuse, ask the person politely to come back another day when they are able to wear a face covering/mask. If there is a problem, ask one of your Wardens for assistance.]

### **Spacing Suggestions**

**Put pew sheets (if you have them) on the pews** to indicate where people can sit to encourage social distancing according to the plan you are following. This also stops greeters from physically handing things to people. **If "bubbles" want to sit together, they must have some space around them.**

**Talk to your greeters-welcomers and ask them to remind people to look at the [Diocese of Dunedin Church Safety Poster \(revised 22 September 2020\)](#)** and to look for the service sheet on the pews indicating where they can sit. (A revised copy of the poster is also attached below - you can enlarge it to A3 size).

### **Communion - the Eucharist**

**Remember that we will be having communion in one kind (bread) only**, and ensure you can do this safely in your settings (physical distancing, sanitising). **Advise people to remove their face covering only for receiving the bread, and replace it afterwards.** Have sanitiser available so people can clean their hands before and after touching their face covering (always a good idea to advise people to bring some with them as well).

**You will need to think carefully about how people move around:** for smaller groups, you may decide to take the Bread to them (but only if you can do this while maintaining physical distance). You may decide to put markers to indicate a 1-2 metre distance and not to have people gather by an altar rail i.e. ask people to come forward, maintaining a 1-2 metre gap and distributing the Bread in an area at the front of the church where people can return via side aisles. **Whatever you arrange, it needs to be in your Action Plan and clearly explained to your congregation.**

### **Singing**

**What about singing?** The [Diocese of Dunedin Pandemic Response Framework](#) has advice on this in the Liturgical Practices and Hospitality section (pg. 17 onwards) as follows:

*In the absence of specific Government advice you may like to consider **not** having congregational singing but listen to recorded singing or have one or two cantors singing with appropriate physical distancing i.e. at least 1 metre of clear space around each singer. It's fine to hum along with your face covering on.*

*Current evidence has shown that there is a risk for any activity such as singing, shouting, talking loudly where airborne droplets can travel significant distances. For those in the pews, keep your face covering on at all times.*

**If you do decide to allow choir or community singing, you must clearly indicate that you are doing this in your service publicity and before the service begins**, so that anyone who is not comfortable with this can take precautions e.g. continue to wear a face covering, ensure they have extra distancing, or choose to attend a spoken service or an on-line opportunity. You may also choose to increase physical distancing in your setting to reduce the risk of any airborne transmission.

*In Level 2 any choirs who are practicing or performing must be included in faith community Action Plans. These will ensure that Choirs can demonstrate how they will maintain physical distancing of at least a 2 metre between the singers, music group and congregation.*

### **Hospitality**

We are not recommending you offer hospitality in Level 2 this time around. You may want to offer more informal opportunities to catch up via a Zoom morning tea - if you would appreciate a link to do this from one of the Diocesan Zoom accounts, please contact us ([Nicola](#) or [Andrew](#)) or phone 488 0821 and we can set this up for you.

### **Still... this is a lot to take in...**

The Diocesan team are continuing to update information on the website, and you can access this by [following this link](#).

**If you realise that your Action Plans still need some tweaking and have not done this to date, please contact the Diocesan Office now via [Nicola Wong](#)** so that we can ensure you have everything in place. A reminder: **I'm asking that all plans are updated and signed off before you reopen.**

All of us in Aotearoa-New Zealand are taking this extra care to ensure we keep ourselves and our communities safe and to reduce the risk of community transmission. Let us continue forward in love and faith (not fear!) and remind ourselves how much we are loved by God.

**+ Steven**

## **Link to [Government Advice for Churches at Alert Level 2](#)**

The Government advice (22 September 2021) for places of worship is as follows:

*At Alert Level 2, places of worship can host services and ceremonies to a maximum of 100 people in any indoor or outdoor defined space. The gathering limits do not include staff — for example, clergy.*

### **Advice for places of worship**

- All places of worship must have ways for attendees to record their visit. This can be done by asking everyone to scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app, or by recording their contact details manually.
- Offer online services so people who cannot attend in person can participate.
- Some religious rituals or practices need close contact — for example, a christening. Try to keep the time spent in close contact to a minimum.
- Remove communal resources such as prayer mats or prayer books.
- Encourage attendees to wear a face covering.
- Clean and sanitise musical instruments and other shared surfaces thoroughly before and after use.
- Singing, for example church choirs and other types of performance can go ahead. Performers do not need to wear a face covering.
- You can serve food and drink and host events or functions such as catered morning tea — as long as you keep to the gathering limits.
- Encourage contactless donations instead of a cash collection box.

### **[Funerals, tangihanga and last rites at Alert Level 2](#)**

### **[Weddings and civil unions at Alert Level 2](#)**

### **If you are going to a place of worship**

- We strongly encourage you to wear a face covering when visiting a place of worship.
- You can mix with friends and whānau, but please be considerate of others and leave enough space for people to keep their distance if they want to.
- Do not attend a service or prayer if you are unwell.
- Scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app or give your details to the place of worship to support contact tracing.
- Take home any personal items you bring in with you — for example, a prayer mat or prayer beads **(or, in our settings, a prayer book)**

### **Celebrations and festivals**

*At Alert Level 2, you can get together with up to 100 people for a faith-based celebration or festival. The number of people who can attend a gathering or celebration does not include anyone leading or working at the gathering.*

*If you are organising a faith-based celebration, you need to do the following:*

- Make sure you do not exceed the gathering limits. You can offer a livestream option so more people can attend from home.
- Keep a record of everyone who attends. You can do this by creating a NZ COVID Tracer app QR code for your venue or location and asking your guests to scan in, or by recording their contact details manually. You do not need to keep contact tracing records if you are hosting a private gathering at your home and everyone knows each other.
- Make sure the venue is big enough for people to spread out comfortably if they want to.
- Provide seated table service if you are serving food or drinks. Try to seat extended household bubbles together at one table and place the tables 2 metres apart to help with physical distancing.



## **Travelling to a faith-based gathering at Alert Level 2**

At Alert Level 2, you can travel to other regions that are at Alert Level 1 or 2 to attend a faith-based gathering — such as services, ceremonies and festivals. If the gathering is in an Alert Level 2 region, the gathering limits apply.

If you are travelling to an Alert Level 1 region to attend a faith based gathering, make sure you do it in a safe way. This includes:

- keeping a record of who you have been in contact with, and what transport services you used
- wearing a face covering on public transport services and flights
- keeping a 2 metre distance from people you do not know
- regularly washing or sanitising your hands.



## **Gospel Conversations**

The Latest Gospel Conversations for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Te Rātapu Rua Tekau mā rua o He wā noa iho (Mark 10: 2-16)

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

What do we do with Jesus' blunt statements on divorce? This Gospel passage which has caused heartache and debate and division is discussed today by Gary Griffith-Smith, Anne van Gend, and our latest Gospel Conversation visitor, Lucy Flatt, chaplain of Craighead Diocesan School in Timaru. The issue is far more complex than anything that could be covered in our 15 minutes but since a similar passage comes up each year, there will be more to come! For all the sternness of Jesus' discussion with the Pharisees, the lectionary reading also shows us the warmth of Jesus gathering the children to him: as always, bringing the small and sidelined (which in his day would have included the vulnerable divorced women) into his love.

### **MARK 10:2-16 (NRSV)**

"Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."

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

[Link to Video](#)



## Synod 2021 Essential Information

Our first session of Synod took place by Zoom on Saturday 18 September, see below for links to what happened this day plus the date for a further day to complete Synod for 2021.

### [The First Day of Synod took place on Saturday 18 September](#)

Click on the link above for a summary of what took place.

**Day 2 has been scheduled for Saturday 6th November from 10 am to around 4 pm.**

This will take place at St Matthew's Dunedin - put this date in your diary and plan to be in Dunedin in person (subject to change according to Alert Levels). We will let you know when the proceedings for the day have been finalised. **Please note, we can only meet for certain at Alert Level 1, if we are at Alert Level 2 we will advise how we are going to run this day.**

[Welcome slides for Synod](#) - a reminder of how we will run this.

### **The Synod Book (Synod paperwork).**

The Synod book (parts 1,2, 3 and 4) is now available (follow the links below or see attachments at the end of this article).

- [Part 1 - Synod Proceedings and Paperwork;](#)
- [Part 2 - Reports;](#)
- [Part 3 - Financial Information;](#)
- [Part 4 - Synod Conference Session Papers](#) which includes pre-reading for a Conference session

**Tip:** if you go to the Index of each part of the Synod book and Ctrl + click on information you want to go to, this will take you there without having to scroll through all the pages.

**Spotted any mistakes?** Let us know and we will make sure corrections are included when the 2020 Year Book is published.

### **Catering**

**Bring your own food for Saturday 6 November - we will refund any catering payments made to date.**

**Webpage:** <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/synod-info/>

This is the best way to access the most important information about Synod (this will be updated closer to Synod).

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### **Attendance - Leave of Absence**

All Synod reps are expected to attend this session of Synod. If you are unable to attend, email the Bishop via his [Executive Assistant](#), Nicola Wong with **Request Synod Leave of Absence** in the subject line, or phone 03 488 0826.

- A reminder that the [Guide to Synod](#) is useful to have a look at, especially for newer Synod members.
- Also, check out the [2020 Yearbook](#) which contains a record of the proceedings from Synod 2020.

If you have any questions please contact the Diocesan Office: **registrar@calledsouth.org.nz** or phone **03-488-0821**

Parish and Local Churches Annual Returns [See separate article.](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions for a Synod held Virtually

Below are some questions (and answers) that should be helpful. If you have any questions that could go into this space, please contact Andrew Metcalfe at the Diocesan Office:

**registrar@calledsouth.org.nz**, phone **03-488-0821**

### **1. How do I get into the Synod virtually?**

- [Click here to connect to the Virtual \(Zoom\) Synod from 8 am on Saturday 18 September.](#)

**If you have problems with technology, you can still join via telephone: Call 03 659 0603 and when prompted, key in the Meeting ID: 637 910 9235**

**We will admit you individually and allocate you into Breakout rooms.** For any members of the public or observers with no speaking rights, they will be directed to the live stream on our Website or Facebook feeds.

### **2. I'm not that familiar with Zoom - is there any help available?**

Have a look at the

- [Virtual Synod User Guide](#)
- [Zoom User Guide](#)

The above Virtual Synod user guide also has directions for getting help and support on the day if anything goes wrong for you.

**We are also offering an opportunity for any Synod rep to "test things out" via Zoom** before we go live on September 17. You can do this [via this link](#) from **4 to 4.30 pm on Wednesday 15 September.**

### **3. I don't have access to the internet or a device I can use for Zoom. What can I do?**

Please contact the Diocesan Office 03 488 0821 and we can talk through some options. For example, you might be able to identify a friend or relative who can help by letting you use their device (computer or iPad/tablet or smart phone). We can arrange for a test drive a few days before Synod if this would be helpful, or you could join a test session we have arranged [via this link](#) at **4 pm on Wednesday 15 September.** You need to change the name that shows for the person joining the meeting so we can identify you (see [Virtual Synod User Guide](#))

**You can use your phone to join into the session:**

**Call 03 659 0603** and when prompted, key in the Meeting ID: **637 910 9235** and follow any other prompts you are given.

### **4. We would like to be present with other Synod reps rather than taking part individually by Zoom. Can we do this?**

Yes you can, but only if it is safe to do so. If we are in Level 2 on 18 September you will need to keep a record of who is there and stay the recommended distance apart (e.g. 2 metres). You will need to each have a device you can watch proceedings on and use to vote when required. This device can be computer or iPad/tablet or smart phone that you can connect to the WiFi in the area you are in. **We recommend if you do this that you have your own headphones plugged into your device so that you don't create electronic feedback on Zoom. We are not able to offer a facility where one person can register votes for others in the room.**

### **5. How can I vote during Synod?**

The Virtual Synod User Guide shows you how to do this using the **Yes** and **No** functions in Zoom (via the Reactions button). **If you want to note an abstention**, use send a private message via the chat function to Andrew Metcalfe (or Nicola Wong if in a breakout room) and this will be noted.

## **6. What happens if we need to vote in houses (clergy and lay)?**

When everyone has joined Zoom, we will set things up so that the Synod is divided into two categories via a Zoom feature called **Breakout Rooms**: 1. Clergy and 2. Lay. If anyone has speaking but not voting rights, they will not be admitted into a room but will stay in the main meeting area.

- If we need to vote in houses, we will enable the breakout rooms. When we activate them you will automatically be put in with others in your category - you don't need to do anything. If you are on gallery view in Zoom, you will see a different selection of people appear.
- The host of the meeting will join each room in person and put the question that you are being asked to vote. Use the **Yes** and **No** buttons as above.
- When the votes have been recorded, the host will leave.
- When the breakout rooms are disabled, you will automatically come back into the main meeting after a few seconds.

## **7. What about elections?**

If we need to hold elections for General Synod Te Hinota Whanui representatives, we will put you back into Breakout rooms and then share a voting link in the "chat" area of Zoom. **If you are having trouble, unmute yourself and ask the host of the chat room (Nicola Wong) to email you the link.** Click onto the link you receive in the chat area, or by email, for the election taking place and complete the voting on the ballot paper there: the ballot paper will tell you what to do.

We have a [trial version of an election ballot paper](#) that you can access now to see how it all works closer to Synod.

## **8. How can I raise a Point of Order during Synod?**

To raise a Point of Order click the "Raise Hand" icon, click the "Chat" icon, send a message to "Everyone" with the words **"Point of Order"**; press the "Enter" key on your keyboard to send the message. The Host and Co-Host will monitor these messages and advise the President that a Point of Order has been raised. You will then be un-muted so you can speak.

## **9. As I thought we were going to be meeting in person, I didn't order a hard copy of the Synod Book. I don't think I can read the paperwork on-line plus participate in Zoom. Can the office send one to me now?**

If you struggle to read documents on-line and don't have access to a printer, see if there is someone else nearby who has a hard copy, they may let you have a read of it. The Synod books have been published in 4 parts to make the information easier to access: if you need to print anything off, we'd recommend printing Part 1. **If you really get stuck**, we can send you a copy of Part 1 but you must let us know before **Wednesday 8 September** so there is time for us to print and get it to you.

Another trick is that you could join Zoom via another device (iPad/tablet or smart phone) leaving your computer free to look at any documents.

**The best advice is to be prepared:** read through information before hand, note anything you want to talk about and come ready to participate.

## **10. My internet connection is not good and if things (like videos) are being shared via Zoom on the screen, it can tend to cut out. What can I do?**

You might find turning off your camera reduces the drain on your home internet system. Any videos being presented will be available on <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/synod-info/> so you won't miss out on anything. Contact John Graveston via the Chat function in Zoom, he may be able to help you.

We will live stream Synod via our [Facebook page](#), so you can view proceedings there as well.

## **11. There are references to Standing Orders and Standing Resolutions. Where can I see these?**

Standing Orders are the rules that run how Synod operates. You may want to look at these - they will be referred to in Synod and also there are motions to suspend some standing orders as we find ways to conduct our business electronically. Click on the following: [Standing Orders of Synod](#)

There is also reference to the Standing Resolutions in Motion 13 - you may like to look at these as a reminder of what is still in place. Click on the following: [Standing Resolutions](#)

**12. Zoom can be quite tiring. Can we make sure that we don't go for more than 90 minutes at a stretch?**

We will keep an eye on this. The longest session time in the morning is around 120 minutes, but there will be natural breaks for elections and the entire Synod will be finished by 1.30 pm at the latest.

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## **I te Pāpaho - In the Media**

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

### **[Latest Videos](#)**

Last week the Martyrs of the Pacific were remembered, Bishop Ross Bay from Auckland reflects on this in [this video](#).

[Younger Christians in the Diocese of Wellington](#) are campaigning for equity in public transport for Wellington City. They're advocating for free public transport for Community Services Card Holders and students, as both a justice issue for low income people as well as reducing climate emissions caused by transport.

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

### **Latest Gospel Conversation**

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

### **Local Media**

**Selwyn College** has been in the news around the decision to run a Ball (for Selwyn residents only) (ODT 18 September, 20 September and the latest on 22 September 2021: [University decided not to hold balls at Level 2](#))

### **[National Anglican News at Taonga](#) [Anglicans urge G7 vaccine share](#)**

The Anglican Communion's Health and Community Network and the global Anglican Alliance for aid, development and advocacy have called on the G7 group of countries to share their Covid-19 vaccination stocks.

### **[Anglicans back LGBT conversion ban](#)**

The Archbishops of Aotearoa and New Zealand have joined this Church's Social Justice Unit and Māori, Pakeha and Polynesian T3 youth, to stand up for the Conversion Practices Prohibition Legislation Bill, which sets out to protect LGBTQIA+ people from harmful practices that attempt to change their sexual orientation.

### **[Afghanistan call on Govt grows](#)**

Church leaders and Christian aid and development agencies have joined Afghan New Zealanders and legal advocates to amplify their call on the Government to do our part for the people of Afghanistan.

- [Resources to help your ministry unit join #ActforAfghanistan](#)
- [Pressure remains on Government to take action](#)
- [Govt faces mounting pressure to rescue stranded NZers, Afghans](#)

### **In the National & International Media**

(with thanks to the Diocese of Christchurch for information below)

### **News...**



- Read about the new [Ministry Standards Commission](#) for our National Anglican Church
- A Christian 'magician' who won talent show demonstrates [care for others](#)
- A reminder of God's promises—challenging our [negative self-talk](#)
- Do you have a fear of missing out? [Jesus can help you with that](#)
- A brave and honest opinion from journalist Jehan Casinader about [mental health and toxic beliefs](#)
- Every week is Te Wiki Te Reo Māori week, so let's use the [resources available](#)
- Research reveals how [singing can heal people](#) by tapping into awe and wonder.

## Worth a look

- [How contemplation creates compassion](#)
- [Texas Gafcon church slams female bishops](#)
- [Stop and smell the flowers – for mental health](#)
- [UK Heritage trials hour of silence at monastic sites](#)
- [A new start after 60: as a trans CofE priest](#)
- [UK study finds the young pray more often](#)
- [+CapeTown wants clergy vaccine mandate](#)
- [+Tasmania sells 127yo church for reparation \\$](#)
- [Vanuatu laments inaction on West Papua at UN](#)
- [German religious symbol law causes job losses](#)
- [Court downgrades anti-gay Xtian foster carers](#)
- [US Bible museum returns 1000s of stolen artefacts](#)
- [Women rise to leadership in Black US churches](#)
- [Meet Archdeacon Leatuao Larry Tupa'i-Lavea](#)
- [US faith leaders applaud extra 125K refugee quota](#)
- [The Holy Cross - living into its meaning](#)
- [Meeting lost tribes of Israel in India & Myanmar](#)
- [Brian Tamaki preaches against lockdown, masks](#)
- [Vatican City enforces Covid tests, vaccination](#)
- [Catholic women push for female diaconate](#)
- [Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris ready to reconstruct](#)
- [US deports Haiti migrants back to chaos](#)
- [Pākehā offenders get 3x name suppression](#)
- [Why way more Pākehā avoid convictions](#)
- [90% NZ high court judges are Pākehā men](#)



## Events and Calendar

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

**Let us know anything that your Parish, community service or other organisation is doing and we will place it here. Make sure you visit this page regularly and keep all that is going on in your prayers. Some events have been removed as they will not be possible in person under Alert Level restrictions.**

### [Link to Diocesan Office Calendar](#)

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

### [Link to Christian Calendar](#)

Dates for feast days and other Christian observations

## SHARED WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**[Daily Morning Prayers:](#)** Tuesday to Saturday at 9 am via Zoom with Bishop Steve. **Meeting ID: 959 771 603 66**

**No computer or smart phone?** Telephone **03 659 0603**(it may be a toll call depending on your plan), then key in the meeting ID: **959 771 603 66**

**Daily Evening Prayer:** Tuesday to Friday at 5 pm with Bishop Steve. **Meeting ID: 934 8425 0283.**  
**No computer or smart phone?** Telephone **03 659 0603**(it may be a toll call depending on your plan), then key in the meeting ID: **934 8425 0283**

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

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

See [separate article](#) for more information

## ANGLICAN and ECUMENICALLY BASED EVENTS IN THE SOUTH

- **Diocesan Ministry Conference Saturday 20 November 2021** - [see this separate article](#)

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### Southland

All of the below events are "covid willing" and we will accept the requirements applying at that particular date.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**(that is not a breakfast): Saturday 2 October 8 - 9am @ Holy Trinity Invercargill.

**ARCHDEACONRY MEETING:** Tuesday 5 October 12 - 2pm @ Holy Trinity Invercargill. Gary Griffith-Smith will be talking about South Africa, the history, culture and spirituality that have brought the country to the present. --- If the number attending mean we cannot satisfy Social Distancing requirements in the morning tea room then we will move into the hall.

**FELLOWSHIP GROUP:** Monday 11 October, 6pm @ Jocelyn Graham's 68 Pomona Rd, Makarewa. This event depends on being in level one.

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

### Dunedin

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## NATIONAL EVENTS

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

- Confidence in the Bible with Bishopdale College, 3 evenings in the weeks of October 18—November 1

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## OTHER EVENTS

**Saint Peter's Caversham, Hillside Road, Dunedin**

**Quilt and Craft Show**

**Saturday, 9 October 2021 from 1 to 4pm**

**In the Church: Quilts and Crafts on display. Organ music. \$5 entry**

**In the Hall: Raffles, Baking, Plants and Nic-Nacs for sale, Afternoon tea**

*If at Alert Level 2 we will proceed, ensuring physical distancing and no afternoon tea being served.*

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**For Southland News to pass on, contact Keith Gover: [keithgover@xtra.co.nz](mailto:keithgover@xtra.co.nz) or 027 222 4055**

**For all other news, contact the [Diocesan Office](#)**

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## Bishop Steven's Diary 30 September - 13 October 2021

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

### Thursday 30 September and Friday 1 October

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

Various meetings

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

### Saturday 2 October

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

### Sunday 3 October

10am - [Zoom Morning Prayer](#)

### Monday 4 October

Day off

### Tuesday 5 - Thursday 7 October

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

Various meetings

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

### Friday 8 - Monday 11 October

Annual Leave

### Tuesday 12 October

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

10.30am Diocesan Trusts Board and Council meeting

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

### Wednesday 13 October

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

Various meetings

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



## Karakia for our climate: Vigils for COP26

Karakia For Our Climate is an ecumenical group of young Christians organising nationwide prayer events in support of strong climate action.

We are just over a month away from the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, known as

[COP26](#). COP26 is a meeting of world leaders, scientists and climate activists from the 1st to the 12th of November 2021 to drive ambition and action towards climate change.

You are invited to [join us in karakia \(prayer\)](#) for our climate throughout COP26, from 31st October - 12th November for a series of online and in-person vigils.

COP26 is a crucial meeting. Scientists have told us that the window to limit the global impacts of climate change is rapidly closing. Some of the impacts such as sea level rise are already locked in for decades to come. These will impact us all, and especially low lying nations, disadvantaged groups in our communities and future generations.

This meeting is a call for Christians across Aotearoa New Zealand to pray for climate action. We are holding prayer vigils to pray for our global leaders to increase their ambition and commitment towards securing global net zero emissions by 2050 and keeping to 1.5C degrees of warming.

[Join us as we pray for our global leaders, for climate justice, for humanity; for God's creation.](#)

The prayer vigils will wrap around COP26. There will be online prayer at the beginning and during:

- [Nationwide Zoom karakia](#): 8pm, Sunday 31st October (Zoom link to be shared closer to the time only with those who [REGISTER](#))
- Daily online prayer via [Facebook](#) Live: 8pm every day from 1st November - 11th November

... and an in-person vigil for the closing of COP at **12th of November, in:**

- [Auckland/Tāmaki Makaurau](#): 7:30pm at St James, Church St, Māngere Bridge
- [Wellington/Te Whanganui-a-Tara](#): 6:30pm at St Peter's on Willis St, Wellington
- [Dunedin/Ōtepoti](#): 5:30pm at Knox Church, Dunedin

If you'd like to organise a public local vigil event please be in touch with us at:

[karakiaforourclimate@gmail.com](mailto:karakiaforourclimate@gmail.com)

- Will you join us in community to pray for COP26? [Register here.](#)
- Unable to join the online vigils? [Sign up here to receive daily prayer resources.](#)

By coming together - whether online or in-person - we can feel more connected as we intercede for a better future.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Jordan and the Karakia for our Climate team.

<https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/karakia-for-our-climate>

Follow us on [Facebook](#)



## Anglican Missions Board

Please read on for the most recent update from Michael Hartfield...

Kia ora Dunedin

Please find attached the Tikanga Giving Schedule for your Diocese for end August 2021 and thank you for supporting us.

Giving for the year end Aug 2021 is down by a modest -2% on the same period last year (c/f a decline across all Diocese of -2.6%).

While the decline won't have been helped by going back into lockdown again, we want to do all we possibly can to lift the profile of our overseas mission and development projects - which are of course needed more than ever. So Steph and Campbell are looking forward to the opportunity of attending Synod where they will have all sorts of good stories to tell!

We should reach in the next few days the initial goal of raising \$80k for the [Get one. Give one. Campaign](#) but we want to push on and raise more. So far, the funding will provide Covid vaccinations for 7,600 people who would otherwise not receive them. While that is so encouraging, we want to do better than that, so please continue to promote the Campaign where you can through the Diocese and through your own contacts. Many thanks.

Ngā mihi and best wishes, Michael

Rev. Michael Hartfield - National Director



## Get one. Give one. Campaign

The Get one. Give one. Campaign is an opportunity for Anglicans in Aotearoa New Zealand to pay it forward to others as we receive our vaccines for free (and now all over 12 years can book in!). Over \$100k has been given so far to the Get One. Give One. campaign ... can you help increase this even more?

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

**The Get one. Give one. Campaign** has exceeded its target of \$80K!! THANK YOU for your generosity. As well as the \$83K

reached via the Givealittle page, Anglican Missions has received donations directly into our account and together they reach just over \$87K!

With this amazing achievement, we are able to support more than 8,700 people become fully vaccinated against the Covid virus.

While celebrating this achievement, we are pushing on to increase our target and widen our support.

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

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

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

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

### Why the campaign

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

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

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

The unit cost of delivering one vaccine comes to between \$5 and \$10. We are asking everyone to donate \$10 to cover the delivery of a single vaccine to someone in the majority world. This includes



the cost of delivery networks such as local distribution, storage, vaccination centre staffing. etc. See more here: <https://www.corecommitments.unicef.org/kp/covax-delivery-cost.pdf>.

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

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

### Many thanks and God bless

Steph Fry - Programmes Manager / Development Advisor  
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## Education for Ministry

### Open Invitation to EFM Mentor Training

To support the life of EFM groups and provide for the possibility of new groups forming, we need mentors who are trained in the necessary skills to facilitate co-learning EFM groups.

A mentor is neither an expert, nor a tutor. A mentor is a co-learner who has the added group skills to ensure that a safe, honest, non-judgmental learning environment is fostered within the group.

If you are or have been an EFM Mentor OR think that you might have what it takes to be a mentor, and/or are interested in in stepping into the adventure that is EFM please register for this Mentor Training experience.

Education for Ministry (EFM) is offering EFM Mentor Training from 6pm Thursday 4th November – 6pm Friday 5th November 2021.

EFM will cover the travel, training, and accommodation cost for **1 night** (Thursday 4th November) for this Residential Training Event held at the Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

The training will commence with a light meal at 6pm Thursday 4th November at the Home of Compassion, and will conclude with a light meal at 6pm Friday 5th November.

All participants will be required to do some reading and preparation for the Training Event

### **REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Friday 8th October 2021**

As there is a limited number of rooms available, please forward your registration promptly.

If you require accommodation for Friday night (5th November), EFM will invoice you for the additional \$70.00/person. Please note that we cannot guarantee availability of accommodation on Friday night.

***Please share this invitation and attached Registration Form with all who may be interested in Mentor Training.***

Nga mihi nui

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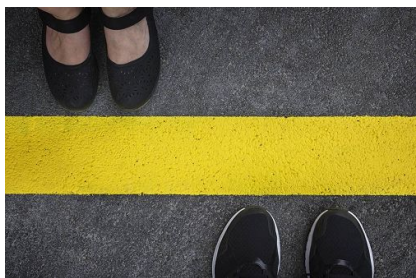
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## Postponed: Boundaries Workshop Series for 2021

Given the Alert Levels and Delta situation the Workshops scheduled over the next few weeks are being rescheduled. New dates will be advised - watch this space!

**The Diocesan Ministry Educator, Ven Dr Michael Godfrey, and the Diocesan CYF Educator, Rev'd John Graveston are leading a series of Diocesan wide Boundaries**

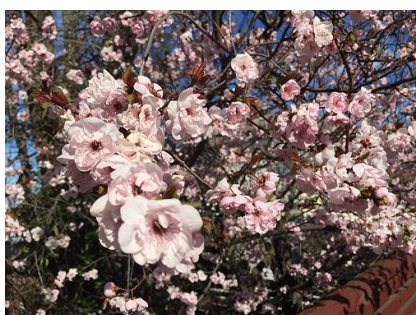
**Workshops. Attendance at a Boundaries workshop every three years is an essential requirement for those wishing to hold, or holding, a Licence from the Bishop.**

**Lay Ministers** - It is an essential requirement to ensure that you have attended a Boundaries Workshop within the last three years if you wish to be re-licensed or are being Licensed for the first time with a Lay Licence.

Those holding a **Licence as a Priest** need to ensure you attend a Boundaries Workshop every three years.

If you have not attended a Boundaries Workshop within the last three years, please ensure you attend one this year.

If you are not sure when you last attended a Boundaries workshop, please contact Nicola Wong, EA to Bishop Steven, for information [bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz) or 03 488 0826



## Update: Diocesan Ministry School: Saturday 20 November 2021, 10am - 4pm.

The recent lock-downs have reminded us how quickly levels can change and plans need to be re-arranged. We have therefore decided that the November Ministry School needs to be shaped so that it can be held no matter what level our region is at.

On Saturday, November 20th, then, we invite you to gather as Archdeaconries in Wanaka, Invercargill, Dunedin and (possibly) Oamaru. These smaller gatherings will make it more likely that we are able to meet face-to-face than if we try for a larger, central, group. It also allows us to throw the day open to any who are interested in coming, whether licenced or not.

The day will start with worship and continue with input sessions from some of our planned speakers over Zoom. Each presentation will be followed by a time of face-to-face discussion and activities with your archdeaconry in response to the talk. There will then be a chance to engage with the speaker with questions and observations that have arisen during the discussion. This format has created a positive experience at other conferences and combines the advantage Zoom gives us of being able to access speakers from around the region and country, with the advantages of face-to-face discussions.

Moving the School from three days to one means we have had to narrow our focus. We still want to use the time constructively to deepen our understanding of how others might receive our gospel as "good news", and have decided to focus on unpacking the mysteries of the younger generations (which in our churches generally means anyone under 40!).

Anyone who has paid for the original ministry school will have their payments refunded. Your Archdeaconry may decide to go out for lunch, so that will be an expense, but otherwise the School will not cost anything.

Should we find ourselves back down in level 3 or 4, we will make the Zoom link available to everyone and encourage all to join in from our own homes.

It will still be helpful to know in advance how many people each Archdeaconry centre will be expecting, [so please continue with filling out this form.](#)

Contact us at [educator@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:educator@calledsouth.org.nz) if you have questions.

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## Coronavirus Covid-19 Update: Level 2 Alert Information and Links to advice

We moved to Alert Level 2 at 11.59 pm on Tuesday 7 September 2021. This is requiring some adjustments for faith communities, with a requirement for contact tracing, up to 100 people only indoors and encouragement to wear face coverings.

Please consider how this may impact on any activities you have planned - this includes agreed on maximum numbers with physical distancing and ensuring other hygiene provisions are in place. Remember, you can still receive communion but only in one kind (the bread). Please contact us if you need any support with organising events by Zoom. *The main message is to play it safe so we can maintain all of our hard won gains.*

***We are aligning ourselves with advice-resources from Government sources, including [information on Level 2](#) and have also developed our own [Policy and Guidelines around Level 2 including our Pandemic Response Framework](#).***

***We also have a separate article from the Bishop that gives more information*** [to churches around what they need to put into place.](#)

*All churches which remain open under Level 2 must have a [COVID-19 Tracing Poster](#) displayed, as well as filling in contract tracing information for anyone attending services or groups.*

*Remember that the vaccine is rolling out - [find out more here.](#)*

***This is an on-going situation where we need to plan carefully, follow guidance and not let our guard slip as it can only takes one contact to start a new cluster.***

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## Summary of Level 2 for Faith Communities

**Groups of up to 100 can meet including weddings and funerals - tangihanga (we have Action Plans in place that put local group number limits in place, so that we can safely distance ourselves in churches). For all group occasions appropriate public health measures include physical distancing and contact tracing measures. We are being encouraged to wear a face covering in any indoor area with others with this being mandatory in retail areas and public transport (including taxis and uber rides).**

*Regular worship services can continue for Churches who have an approved Action Plan from the Bishop.*

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## Directions for churches: Liturgical practice, hospitality, pastoral care, church activity groups and church office areas

All of our current advice is in our updated **Diocese of Dunedin Pandemic Response Framework** and the associated **Diocese of Dunedin Policy for Ministry and Worship** [available here](#). Please review this and provide it for key people involved in ministry in your faith community.

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### More Detail on Alert Level 2

[Level 2 i.e. Reduce](#) have a variety of requirements we need to meet. These measures, alongside the vaccination programme, are ultimately working towards reducing the impact/eliminating the COVID-19 virus.

Remember, not all people will choose to be vaccinated for a variety of reasons. Please be kind to each other and see if you can help direct others to reliable sources of information that will help with good decision making.

We have [policies, guidelines and resources](#) that will help you adjust your activities under Level 2.

Key information from the [latest Level 2 guidance](#) as it relates to Faith Communities is summarised below:

#### [Link to Government Advice for Churches at Alert Level 2](#)

The Government advice (22 September 2021) for places of worship is as follows:

*At Alert Level 2, places of worship can host services and ceremonies to a maximum of 100 people in any indoor or outdoor defined space. The gathering limits do not include staff — for example, clergy.*

#### **Advice for places of worship**

- All places of worship must have ways for attendees to record their visit. This can be done by asking everyone to scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app, or by recording their contact details manually.
- Offer online services so people who cannot attend in person can participate.
- Some religious rituals or practices need close contact — for example, a christening. Try to keep the time spent in close contact to a minimum.
- Remove communal resources such as prayer mats or prayer books.
- Encourage attendees to wear a face covering.
- Clean and sanitise musical instruments and other shared surfaces thoroughly before and after use.
- Singing, for example church choirs and other types of performance can go ahead. Performers do not need to wear a face covering.
- You can serve food and drink and host events or functions such as catered morning tea — as long as you keep to the gathering limits.
- Encourage contactless donations instead of a cash collection box.

#### [Funerals, tangihanga and last rites at Alert Level 2](#)

#### [Weddings and civil unions at Alert Level 2](#)

#### **If you are going to a place of worship**

- We strongly encourage you to wear a face covering when visiting a place of worship.
- You can mix with friends and whānau, but please be considerate of others and leave enough space for people to keep their distance if they want to.
- Do not attend a service or prayer if you are unwell.
- Scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app or give your details to the place of worship to support contact tracing.
- Take home any personal items you bring in with you — for example, a prayer mat or prayer beads **(or, in our settings, a prayer book)**

## **Celebrations and festivals**

*At Alert Level 2, you can get together with up to 100 people for a faith-based celebration or festival. The number of people who can attend a gathering or celebration does not include anyone leading or working at the gathering.*

*If you are organising a faith-based celebration, you need to do the following:*

- *Make sure you do not exceed the gathering limits. You can offer a livestream option so more people can attend from home.*
- *Keep a record of everyone who attends. You can do this by creating a NZ COVID Tracer app QR code for your venue or location and asking your guests to scan in, or by recording their contact details manually. You do not need to keep contact tracing records if you are hosting a private gathering at your home and everyone knows each other.*
- *Make sure the venue is big enough for people to spread out comfortably if they want to.*
- *Provide seated table service if you are serving food or drinks. Try to seat extended household bubbles together at one table and place the tables 2 metres apart to help with physical distancing.*

### **Travelling to a faith-based gathering at Alert Level 2**

*At Alert Level 2, you can travel to other regions that are at Alert Level 1 or 2 to attend a faith-based gathering — such as services, ceremonies and festivals. If the gathering is in an Alert Level 2 region, the gathering limits apply.*

*If you are travelling to an Alert Level 1 region to attend a faith based gathering, make sure you do it in a safe way. This includes:*

- *keeping a record of who you have been in contact with, and what transport services you used*
- *wearing a face covering on public transport services and flights*
- *keeping a 2 metre distance from people you do not know*
- *regularly washing or sanitising your hands.*

**Only controlled gatherings will be permitted** (a maximum of up to 50 indoors or 100 outdoors) while maintaining public health hygiene, physical distancing and contact tracing requirements. This is to reduce the risk when people who know each other well socialise or fellowship together.

**Any small or larger church related groups or services must conform to public health measures including washing hands, keeping surfaces clean, limiting numbers to allow safe physical distancing and noting attendees for contact tracing. An Action Plan for these must be signed off by the Bishop. Smaller gatherings/groups can still take place on-line with no restrictions.**

### **More about Gathering and Events**

You can have friends and family over to your home, but play it safe — keep surfaces clean, wash your hands, and keep the numbers low so you can practice safe distancing. **Please note, home groups or any other church related small group can meet in private homes if an [Action Plan](#) around this has been prepared and signed off (see also a [Small Group checklist](#) to help you prepare your plan).**

**Please note we don't recommend you offer hospitality at Level 2. If you intend to, it must be signed off in your [Action Plan](#).**

### **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](#)

### **Key additional points for all of us:**

- Ensure you **follow directives** for places you visit or work in (see our posters on [Church Safety](#) and [Church office areas](#))



- **Be kind.** Make a difference by checking-in on others, especially the elderly and vulnerable.
- **Look after anyone that needs help.** Drop supplies to those at home sick and ensure you have no physical contact.
- **Keep up your physical distancing habits** and other ways of staying in touch with more vulnerable people i.e. the phone, a video messaging system or something similar

### Got symptoms or have health questions?

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

### Not sure who to talk to?

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

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

### Staying safe and well

At every alert level people should take measures to stay safe and well.

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

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



## Vacancies: 30 September 2021

A regular update of Diocesan vacancies and those further afield.

### Diocese of Dunedin

**Hospital Chaplain (General) Part time (0.5 FTE) Hospital Chaplain (General Health) based at Dunedin Hospital, Southern DHB**

You can find the [job description here](#)

You can find the [application form here](#)

The position is advertised on Seek : <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/54059631>

If applying for this position please submit a CV, Cover letter and Application form.

**Applications close on Wednesday 20 October 2021.**

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

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## **Diocese of Auckland**

### **Vacancy - Priest Associate, Parish of Howick**

See attached Parish profile for full details.

Applications close 22 October 2021

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## **Diocese of Wellington**

### **Will you lead us onward on our journey with God?**

Onslow Anglicans is the Anglican parish serving the beautiful Northern Wellington suburbs of Khandallah, Ngaio, Crofton Downs, Broadmeadows, and Te Kainga.

We are a small parish with a big heart looking for you to lead us onward in our journey to know and share the good news of the Gospel. Our recent/long period of interregnum has been a time of spiritual discernment: a time when the refiner's fire has helped us to clarify our way forward.

Our committed group of faithful Christians is active in promoting social justice and deeply rooted in faith. We enjoy a mix of traditional and contemporary music woven throughout our Anglican liturgy.

Our parishioners live our faith through friendship and fellowship with one another and to the wider community. We are practical and are often busy cooking and delivering meals or offering our pastoral support to those in need.

We are ready to welcome a full time Vicar for a minimum of three years to build on our foundations, to lead us in reaching out to the wider community, and help us grow through mentoring, nurturing, and encouraging our parish as we worship and fellowship together.

If you're keen to learn more about us and the opportunity we offer, please email Paul Carey in the Bishops' Office - [paul@anglicanmovement.nz](mailto:paul@anglicanmovement.nz). Please also send your application and CV to Paul by 5pm, 30th September 2021.

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### **Part Time 0.75 FTE Vicar - Amberley**

## **Diocese of Christchurch Parish**

Amberley is an active, growing, rural service centre town in North Canterbury.

The Amberley parish is seeking a new vicar to provide strong and inspirational leadership and build on the existing community relationships. A vicar with the energy and versatility to meet the needs of a small town parish that wants to grow. We are looking for someone who relates to all age groups, is cheerful and welcoming, with an appreciation of the church's role in rural communities.

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](mailto: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 4 October 2021 and are to be sent to [bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz](mailto:bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz)

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## **Diocese of Waiapu**

### **Vacancy for Dean of Waiapu Cathedral, Napier.**

The Bishop of Waiapu is seeking to appoint a priest to the role of Dean of Waiapu Cathedral.

Waiapu Cathedral is unique in that it holds the cathedra of the Bishop of Waiapu and the cathedra of te Atipihopa o Aotearoa reflecting the long history of the relationship between Waiapu and te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa. As well as being a place of worship for significant gatherings of the Diocese the Cathedral is also the home for the parish serving the needs of Napier's inner-city community. Parishioners regularly gather from across the Heretaunga Plains: Napier, Hastings, Havelock North and further afield to worship at the Cathedral enjoying a rich heritage of Anglican choral worship.

Following the retirement of the incumbent, Bishop Andrew is seeking to appoint a Dean to lead the Cathedral through the next season of ministry in Napier City and Waiapu.

For further information about the role, the Parish Profile and application details please contact in the first instance Sandra Gifkins (PA to Bishop Andrew Hedge, Diocese of Waiapu) [sandra.gifkins@waiapu.com](mailto:sandra.gifkins@waiapu.com)

Closing date for applications is **31 October 2021**.

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## Spiritual Practices: Deepening our relationship with God

The Diocese of Wellington have a great new resource on their website about Spiritual Practices. Growing in spiritual maturity is one of our tasks as Christians seeking to develop in our relationship with God. Whether you are a new Christian or have been one for a while, there is something

for you here.

[Visit the Website here](#)

**Links to other pages on website:**

- [Live Simply](#)
  - [Get Creative](#)
  - [Pray](#)
  - [Go deeper in community](#)
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## Frequently Asked Questions - Covid Vaccination and the Christian Response: Ngā Pātai Auau – Rongoā Āraimate Kowheori me te Urupare Karaitiana

We are aware of an email campaign targeting churches with an opposing view on vaccinations. We have information below that can help you look in the right place for what you

need to know,

### What to do if you get an unwanted email about the COVID-19 vaccination Programme

**Rev'd David Wright (Wakatipu Parish) has these suggestions:**

*I am aware of some emails that are in circulation coming with the Subjects "Churches straying" or "Your Church is straying" or "Your Church : God or Jacinda".*

*If you receive any of these emails :*

1. **DO NOT** click on any of the links in the email.

2. DO NOT reply to the email.

3. FORWARD the entire email to [covid@ops.cert.govt.nz](mailto:covid@ops.cert.govt.nz)

4. Use your email program to BLOCK the sender.

5. DELETE the email.

6. Please PRAY for the individuals/groups who feel the need to send such misinformation.

If you become aware of any of our parishioners/members of our wider community that receive any of these emails please ensure that they receive the above guidelines.

### **Vaccine Information**

We have an Interchurch document attached below - helpful if you have questions about the vaccine and also if Te Reo Maori is your first language.

A useful Dunedin City Baptist document is also attached below.

Link to article on [Dealing with misleading of false vaccine information in your workplace \(or Church\).](#)

### **The Anglican Health and Community Network**

This network has been working with the World Health Organisation Faith Based Communities of Practice to help shape a series of webinars on advocacy for COVID-19 vaccine equity.

Please find the link to WHO webinars for civil society and faith-based organizations on COVID-19 here: [WHO EPI-WIN - YouTube](#). There are lots of technical updates here as well as the series on faith engagement in advocacy for Covid-19 vaccine equity. Rev. Rachel Carnegie Executive Director of the Anglican Alliance is speaking on Webinar 2. Part 2, entitled: 'The role and impact of faith actors in overcoming Barriers to Covid-19 Vaccination' [here](#).

Please find the Anglican Alliance resources on COVID-19 for Churches [here](#):

Bible studies in a time of Covid-19 can be found [here](#):

### **WHO information on COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccine Safety**

**What follows is more technical links to information that may be helpful to many.**

- Ethical framework for WHO's work in the ACT-Accelerator (1 July) [COVID-19 Vaccines](#) > [Ethical Considerations](#)
- Sentinel surveillance of Adverse Events of Special Interest (AESIS) after vaccination with COVID-19 Vaccines (1 July) [Vaccine Safety](#) > [Observational Study Protocol Templates](#)
- Cohort Event Monitoring (CEM) for Safety Signal Detection after vaccination with COVID 19 Vaccine (Observational Study Protocol Template) (1 July) [Vaccine Safety](#) > [Observational Study Protocol Templates](#)

### **International Travel**

Implementing a risk-based approach to international travel (Policy Brief + Technical Considerations) (2 July) [International Travel](#) > [Risk Based Approach to International Travel](#)

### **Essential Health Services**

Strengthening real-time monitoring of health services in the context of the COVID-19 (Implementation Guidance for Assessments of Frontline Service Readiness) (1 July) [Essential Health Services](#) > [Health Service Capacity Assessment](#)

### **IPC**

Considerations for quarantine of contacts of COVID-19 Cases (Interim Guidance)(25 June) [Considerations for Quarantine](#)

### **Lab**

Recommendations for national SARS-CoV-2 testing strategies and diagnostic capacities (25 June)  
(Interim Guidance) [Laboratories](#) > [Testing Strategies \(Recommendations\)](#)

## **Surveillance**

Indicator framework to evaluate the public health effectiveness of digital proximity tracing solutions  
(25 June) [Surveillance](#) > [Digital Technologies for Contact Tracing](#)

## **RCCE**

- Joint (WHO-UNICEF-IFRC-GOARN) toolbox for empowering families to manage risks (18 June) - [RCCE](#) > [Family Risk, Health and Happiness](#)
- Joint (WHO-UNICEF-IFRC-GOARN) toolbox for managing health and happiness (18 June)- [RCCE](#) > [Family Risk, Health and Happiness](#) and [Mental Health and Behavior](#)
- [Epi-Win](#) Slide Sets:

61 on how to care for a person with COVID-19 infection at home

60 on SARS-CoV-2 variant nomenclature

59 on COVID-19 therapeutics

58 on the role of health workers in the uptake of COVID-19 vaccines

## **Public Health and Social Measures**

Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19 (Interim Guidance) (14 June) [Surveillance](#) > [Adjusting Public Health Measures](#)

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