



The South Calling - Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka

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2021

We focus on what makes for success in our churches and organisations, as well as get a reminder about annual returns and other events.

Remember that we are still at [Alert Level 1](#): Keep scanning COVID-19 tracer apps, stay at home (and get tested) if you feel unwell, be safe at church - no intincting (dipping) bread into wine and use the sanitiser provided.

Click here for a printable version of this newsletter. If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, please forward these to bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz by 9 am 1 February. We appreciate any news and photos you have to pass on.

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



Secret Revealed for Successful Charities

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

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

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

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

So, what's important to consider?

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

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

When did you last spent time asking things like:

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

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

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

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

The Charity Sector in Aotearoa-New Zealand

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

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

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

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

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

7 Hard Questions

1. What is our purpose?

2. Do we really have the right to exist?

3. Do we still need to exist?

4. Should we have an end date?

5. Should we continue to try and go it alone?

6. Are we thinking broadly enough about who we collaborate with?

7. Can we reimagine the future?

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

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

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

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

Final Thoughts

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

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

Matthew 7: 24-27 NRSV

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

Want to see the full presentations from the conference?

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



Future For St Michael's Clyde

A media release from Bishop Steven on the recent sale by tender process of St Michael's and All Angels Church property in Clyde

On Friday 29 January I am travelling to Clyde to conduct the secularisation of St Michael's Church at 11 am. This is to enable the church, along with the adjacent hall and land, to be handed over to new owners on 26 March 2021.

This has followed an extensive process for the Dunstan Parish, including considerable community interest in the building with a desire to see it retained in some way. The new owners (formerly from the area) have indicated that they want to keep the church intact and are exploring the process of strengthening its Historic Place Category to ensure it can continue in its present form. They are also willing to explore how the building may be available for wider community use, while eventually building a dwelling sympathetic with the heritage of this area on some of the land for their own use.

Funds released from the sale of this property will allow the Dunstan Parish to progress plans to strengthen ministry in the Central Otago area.

It is always hard to "let go" of a building like St Michael's, which was pivotal as the mother church for Anglicans in the Central Otago and Upper Clutha area. This has been a sacred space for so many of the years and it is hard to say goodbye, although it is encouraging that the intention is for the church building to continue to have a presence in Clyde.

I look forward with interest to see what happens on this site under new owners in the future, but am also mindful that the church is never - and never has been - buildings, but is always **people** who are called together in community. We continue to read the scriptures, pray for each other and our world, while living out the life of Jesus Christ, proclaiming "good news" in our communities and transforming lives through acts of love.

May God bless this new part of the journey, to the glory of Jesus Christ.

+ Steven

Addendum: 27 January 2021

Have a look at what the [NZ Historic Places Register](#) says about St. Michaels, with the foundation stone being laid by Bishop Selwyn in January 1877, it was consecrated on 7 October 1977 by Bishop Neville.



Parish, Local Church and Diocesan Organisations Returns 2021

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

Below are attached Word and .pdf electronic versions of:

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

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

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



St John's Theological College FlexiLearn

OFFERING THREE 5 CREDIT COURSES TO LINK INTO FROM HOME IN 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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



Applications for Social Service and Disadvantaged Youth Funds Grants are now open

The Social Justice Committee (SJC) has opportunities from time to time for parishes and other Diocesan organisations to apply for grants. A further funding

round is taking place with the closing date of midday Friday 11 Feb 2021.

Please note that funding is limited and the Social Justice Committee may not be able to recommend assisting all applicants with their total costs.

Grants are made by the Diocesan Council on the recommendation of the Social Justice Committee and are expected to be sought on a quarterly basis, with the ability to consider urgent applications outside that time-frame on a one-off basis.

In November 2020 the following funding applications submitted during the last funding round were approved by Diocesan Council: **Leslie Groves Society** for a Tovertafel projector and games (specialist dementia resources); **Parata Anglican Charitable Trust** for a pressure mattress and cushion; **Home of St Barnabas Trust** for a combi catering oven and: **Taieri Parish** 12 months funding for their Friday Light Coordinator.

Child Care Funds

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

Social Service Funds

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

Disadvantaged Youth Funds

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

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

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

Application forms/further information:

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



House and Garden Fundraiser for Anglican Family Care

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

through on the Taieri.

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

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

A fantastic gift idea!

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



Diocesan Property Consultation 2020-21

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

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

Why are we doing this?

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

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

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

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

What do I need to do to prepare?

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

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

Here is the [Survey Link](#)

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

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

The survey has the following questions:

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

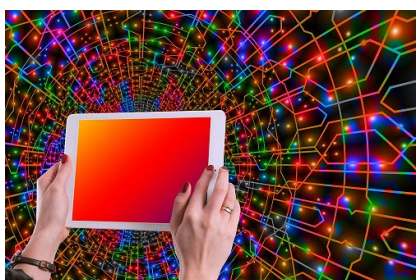
missing? (see pages 7-8 of the Diocese of Dunedin Strategic Property Strategy Consultation Paper 2020)

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

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

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

Please continue to hold this process in your prayers.



I te Pāpaho - In the Media

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

Latest Videos

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

Local Media

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

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

[National Anglican News at Taonga](#)

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

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

In the National & International Media

(with thanks to the Diocese of Christchurch)

- [Philip Burdon](#) donates an extra 4mil to the Reinstatement of the Christ Church Cathedral.
- Another ceiling smashed for females in [Africa](#).
- Relics found beneath the [Catholic Cathedral](#).
- Doctor in Horowhenua with one-stop-shop youth hub [writes poetry](#) to youth.
- While Joe Biden says "A cry for survival comes from the planet itself" NZ youth lament our political action on [Climate Change](#)—and they're right—we're going to miss our [methane reduction targets](#), Auckland's public transport price hikes contradict the [Climate Action goals](#), companies are still [dumping illegally](#), and global [ice-loss is skyrocketing](#). Is it any wonder some of our younger people are now presenting with [ecological anxiety and depression](#)?
- Heritage requirements and churches—[the tension is real](#).
- [Setting boundaries with family](#)—post Christmas do you need to refresh the rules?

Fun Fact...

- The Oxford home of Christian writer JRR Tolkien (LOTR) may be turned into a [writing retreat space for fantasy writers](#).

Worth a look - WORLDWIDE

- [Bishop of Oxford reinstates Lord Carey's PTO](#)
- [Stolen ancient coins returned via Catholic priest](#)
- [Ratana leader urges voters to break with Labour](#)
- [Akld Tongan Church immigration scam investigated](#)
- [Palmerston North Council opposes All Saints' plan](#)
- [Melbourne Anglican site becomes Hindu temple](#)
- [Turkish religious authority bans evil eye amulets](#)
- [Episcopalians offer aid to pandemic-hit performers](#)



Relationships and Conflict Training Day

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

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

This year we will be looking at the following topics:

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

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

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

St Marks is located at 19 Renfrew Street, Balclutha:



Events and Calendar

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

Let us know anything that your Parish, community service or other organisation is doing and we will place it here. Make sure you visit this page regularly and keep all that is going on in your prayers.

[Link to Diocesan Office Calendar](#)

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

[Link to Christian Calendar](#)

Dates for feast days and other Christian observations

Shared Worship Opportunities

Daily Morning Prayers: Tuesday to Saturday at 9 am via Zoom with Bishop Steve. No computer or smart phone? Telephone 04 886 0026 (it may be a toll call depending on your plan), then key in the meeting ID: 959 771 603 66

Daily Evening Prayer: Tuesday to Friday at 5 pm with Bishop Steve. Meeting ID: 934 8425 0283

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

Southland Based Events

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

Dunedin Based Events

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

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

RVSP appreciated (but not necessary), contact David McKenzie

david.mckenzie@salvationarmy.org.nz

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

321 Taieri Road (entrance off Helensburgh Road)

All proceeds to Residents' Activities and Opportunities.

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

VARIETY CONCERT Presented by Judy Bellingham

Fundraiser in Support of Leslie Groves Hospital

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

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

MUM HEART GROUP

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

Southland Based Events

PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday 30 January @ Holy Trinity Invercargill, 8 - 9am. Bring a Gold coin. This is a week earlier than normal to avoid the Saturday of Waitangi Weekend.

ARCHDEACONRY MEETING: Tuesday 2 February, 12 - 2pm @ Holy Trinity Invercargill. We will be sharing with John & Aleisha Graveston and hearing about their work. John is the Youth & Families Worker for the Diocese and Aleisha is the Coordinator for Tikanga Toru(three). All are welcome at Archdeaconry meetings. Bring your lunch if you wish. Come for all or part of the time. --- We will need to decide about the desirability of an Archdeaconry meeting on Tuesday 6 April. This date is in close proximity to Holy week, Easter and the Chrism Eucharist.

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

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

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

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

Equipping for Ministry

Licensed Ministers Training Day Saturday 13 February 2021

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

Welcome to a Quiet day for the beginning of Lent

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

Lead by Rev'd Vivienne Galletly.

Saturday 20th February 2021 10am - 4pm.

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

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

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

(Offered in conjunction with Southern Coastal Deanery).

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

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

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

Date: 28 February - 5 March

Venue: En Hakkore, Orangapai (near Ranfurly)

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF ST LUKE THE PHYSICIAN - Fellowship and Healing Day

Early notice. Please put in your diaries.

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

St Luke's on the Taieri in Mosgiel.

Bon Smith

OSL Southern Co-Convenor

THEOLOGY PROGRAMME AT OTAGO UNIVERSITY

Greetings from the Theology Programme at the University of Otago!

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

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

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

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

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

Very best wishes and many thanks

Paul Trebilco, Theology Programme, University of Otago

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

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

Other Community Events

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

Newsletters

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

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

For Southland News to pass on, contact Keith Gover: keithgover@xtra.co.nz or 027 222 4055
For all other news, contact the [Diocesan Office](#)



Vacancies: 27 January 2021

A regular update of Diocesan vacancies and those further afield.

Anglican Family Care:

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

Diocese of Dunedin Otago Peninsula Parish

PART TIME PRIEST IN CHARGE/VICAR

The Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish is seeking a permanent part-time Priest in Charge/Vicar.

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

The parish is able to support a 50% stipend, and the appointee would be ably supported by a strong team of lay-leaders and a number of retired clergy. The appointee would be a person who values and enhances this leadership, and the appointment would be for a three-year term in the first instance. Accommodation and/or an accommodation allowance on a pro rata basis would be arranged with the successful applicant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christ Church Cathedral, Diocese of Nelson Nelson

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

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

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

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

Richmond Parish – Vicar (full-time)

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

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

Expressions of interest can be made through the Bishop's office by sending a formal letter of enquiry and current CV to the Bishop's PA, bishops.pa@nelsonanglican.nz or Ph: 03 548 3124 . Closing date is Friday 29 January 2021

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

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

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

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Diocese of Christchurch

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

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

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

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

Applications close: March 1, 2021



From the Diocesan Ministry Educators Desk: Lent 2021

Kia ora koutou - Greetings from the DME desk and welcome to Education2021!

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

I am so far aware of the following:

A. The Diocese of Waiapu is preparing a series suitable for small groups and/or individual study. Yet to be finalized, they pick up a series of priorities identified by the bishops of Tikanga Pakeha, addressing the theme(s)

Turning:

turning towards God

turning towards God's world, starting at the margins

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

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

5. Turning towards God's world, starting at the margins

6. Turning towards the future

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

B. Theology House has again produced a fine resource, <https://theologyhouse.ac.nz/resources/rebuilding-ancient-ruins/> (or at <https://movementonline.org.nz/lent>). Contributors include Bishop Ellie Sanderson, Wellington and Jay Ruka, Co-Dean of Taranaki Cathedral, so it's likely to be a very good and challenging resource (you can check out [Chapter 1 here](#)). **Orders for physical copies need to be in by 3 February.** More information is here: <https://hail.to/st-barnabas-fendalton/article/s2kOCgX>

C. I believe the Diocese of Waikato-Taranaki is working on a resource too ... watch this space.

D. A Google (etc) search "Lenten Studies 2021" brings up a plethora of other resources, including the Cokesbury *Words of Life* series (very expensive), the British *Churches Together* series *Poet's Gospel*, and others.

Journey well

Michael



Coronavirus Covid-19 Level 1 Update

At Level 1 we need to continue to take care of each other and ourselves. We have updated our Level 1 information to remind each other what we need to do....

Although all Church Services and Pastoral care can take place with no restrictions, we need to keep hygiene measures in place. All of us need to keep track of where we have been and who we have seen using the Government Tracer App or our own records. Let's continue to be mindful of others around us in church settings.

If you need a hand with renewing your Government Tracer App posters, contact Peter Mann House: we can help with smaller sized posters and laminating them for protection.

Click on the following for [Frequently Asked Questions and Information for Level 1](#)

We are aligning ourselves with advice-resources from the [Government on Level 1](#), and have also developed our own [Policy and Guidelines around Level 1 in our Pandemic Response Framework](#). We are still in a pandemic alert system and need to watch we don't become complacent.

Key points for all of us

- **While not requiring physical distancing in church, we are encouraging this to continue,** especially being sensitive of other's needs (physical distancing) in pews. [All church buildings and premises must display the NZ COVID Tracer poster](#) to help with contact tracing if required.
- **Remember, while we have access to communion in both kinds, we are not practicing intinction** (dipping the wafer into the wine) - feel free to acknowledge the cup if you don't want to drink from it: taking the wafer only (communion in one kind) still counts as receiving in both kinds.
- **Make sure you have access to face-masks** if this is required in the future e.g. Level 2 (if there is any community transmission) or for places where physical distancing is difficult in

Level 1. [Have a look at current advice](#) on the use of these. Please follow Government recommendations for mask use when using public transport. **Have a look at the posters attached below on how you can make your own masks and check out these videos.**

- **Some at-risk people may not be comfortable being with a larger group of people** - offer other ways of staying in touch with them i.e. the phone, a video messaging system or something similar. It's OK for anyone to wear a face mask for your own or other's protection. **Be kind.** Make a difference by checking-in on others, especially the elderly and vulnerable
- **We are continuing to maintain high standards of public health** (around cleaning, providing hospitality and so on).
- **Look after anyone that needs help.** Drop supplies to those at home sick and ensure you have no physical contact.

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline 0800 358 5453 and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. All public venues (Businesses, churches etc.) should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels again if we have to.
10. People will have had different experiences over the course of the pandemic. Whatever you're feeling — it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself. Ask for help if you need to.

Are you potentially an at-risk person?

There is guidance for people at higher risk of COVID-19. It includes advice under the different Alert Levels, who is at higher risk, and how they can protect themselves. [Information for at-risk people](#)

Anyone who has returned to New Zealand from overseas must abide by NZ government requirements. Currently this is to remain at a Government organised quarantine facility. This involves self-isolating by staying indoors and avoid contact with other people for 14 days from the date of arrival and then follow lock down procedures until advised otherwise.

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

For more information, click [here](#).

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



St Hilda's Collegiate School 125th Anniversary

St Hilda's Collegiate School is turning 125 this year. It is celebrating this milestone with Old Girls, families, staff and supporters from Friday 19 March to Sunday 21 March.

The 125th is a wonderful opportunity for our St Hilda's community to come together and celebrate this special milestone in the history of our school.

The weekend will begin at 4pm on Friday, March 19th, 2021, with registration and a cocktail function at the school. On Saturday, March 20th, there will be a schedule of activities taking place at St Hilda's including school tours, decade group photos, a morning tea for all former staff and Board members, film screenings, exhibitions, performances and a Gala Lunch at the Glenroy Auditorium at the Dunedin Town Hall.

On Saturday evening, there will be a '125 Years of Inspiring St Hilda's Women' event in the Arts Building at St Hilda's, where a panel of influential St Hilda's Old Girls will talk about their career and life journeys since leaving St Hilda's.

On Sunday, March 21st, there will be a Chapel service and morning tea at the school, and then a lunch and tours at Tolcarne. There will also be merchandise available to purchase throughout the weekend, including a limited number of the St Hilda's Rose especially grown for this 125th celebration.

To find out more and purchase tickets, [follow this link](#).
