



Diocese of  
Dunedin

# Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 15 February 2024

In this bumper issue of our pānui we encourage everyone to reflect further on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and have opportunities to get involved in prayer and practical action.

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Click [here](#) for a printable PDF copy of this edition and see our [newsletter webpage](#) to see previous ones and for accessible viewing options. Have a look at our regular features that may not be featured in this newsletter: [Vacancies](#), [Events and Calendar](#), [Bishop's Diary](#), [Nourishing Faith Resources](#), [Latest COVID-19 Advice](#).

The Diocesan Office and Resource Centre (Peter Mann House) is open 9am to 3 pm Monday to Friday - [click here for more information](#).

Our next edition will be on Thursday 7 March 2024. Please forward any news to [bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz) by 9 am Monday 4 March 2024.

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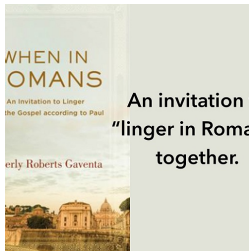
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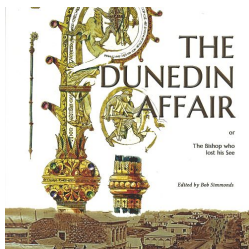
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## **Lent and Easter 2024 Publicity** *by Andrew Metcalfe*

This year Lent and Easter are early, and already preparations are already underway for this important part of the Christian year. Can you help us with with information to invite our wider communities to join with us to refocus on Good News?



## **Lent 2024 Study Resources** *by Anne van Gend*

Easter arrives early in 2024, so now is the time to think about Lent is. Read on for links to options we have for Lenten study resources



## **Registration now open for the annual Lay Ministry**

### **Training Day. "A Ministry of Hope."** *by Lay Minister Training Team*

***"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" (Heb 6:19)***



## **Faith Communities and Diocesan Organisations Returns for 2023-24** *by Andrew Metcalfe*

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## **Local Houses of Prayer** *by Anne van Gend*

The vision of a Local House of Prayer is: 'To see the kingdom come and God's will be done on this particular area of earth, as in heaven.'

Local Houses of Prayer Training  
Workshops, Alexandra, Saturday  
February 2024



## **Register for "How do we work together better?"**

**(UPDATED)** *by Anne van Gend*

In April this year we will have the chance to learn from an expert about the possibilities of "Talking Circles". The workshops are open to lay and ordained alike - anyone who wants to take Jesus' call seriously to become reconciling communities. There is a limit of 15 people per workshop, so register quickly!



## I te Pāpaho - Media and Latest News *by Andrew Metcalfe*

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



## Housing Former Refugees - Can you help? *by Mona Tavakoli*

"[Lord,] when did we see you a stranger and invite you in? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:38-40



## Calling all hymn and song writers! *by Andrew Metcalfe*

Are you a poet, a writer of hymns and songs... with something to share?





Signing the Treaty of Waitangi, 6 February 1840

Photo by Alexander Turnbull Library

## How should we respond to Te Tiriti o Waitangi today?

Andrew Metcalfe — February 13th, 2024

At the Diocesan Council meeting on Tuesday 13 February, members reflected on recent Waitangi day events and some of the debate initiated by the Act Party's request to bring a Bill to Parliament.

You may already have looked at Waitangi reflections and resources we put on our Nourishing Faith mailout, but Diocesan Council wants to encourage all of us to dig a little deeper into this, especially the relationship our church has with The Treaty of Waitangi - Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This can be part of our Lenten preparations, as we pray, fast and give. A great opportunity to look at our own attitudes and speak up for truth and justice in our own country.

### Watch, Read, Listen, Pray and Act

Have a look at the resources below which include some contemporary reflections on The Treaty and information in the public realm. Continue to pray for our country and ourselves, acting when needed, to ensure that we continue to be partners in ensuring Te Tiriti is honoured. We can help ensure it continues to have a positive impact on our future.

[Te Tiriti o Waitangi - the Treaty of Waitangi by Claudia Orange](#)

An entry in Te Ara, The encyclopedia of New Zealand.

[Alistair Reese's Waitangi Day sermon: "Not many of us know that Waitangi began as a love story."](#)



"Not many of us know that Waitangi began as a love story" | Dr Alastair Reese - Waitangi 2024 Shine TV

### [Te Tiriti Partnership](#)

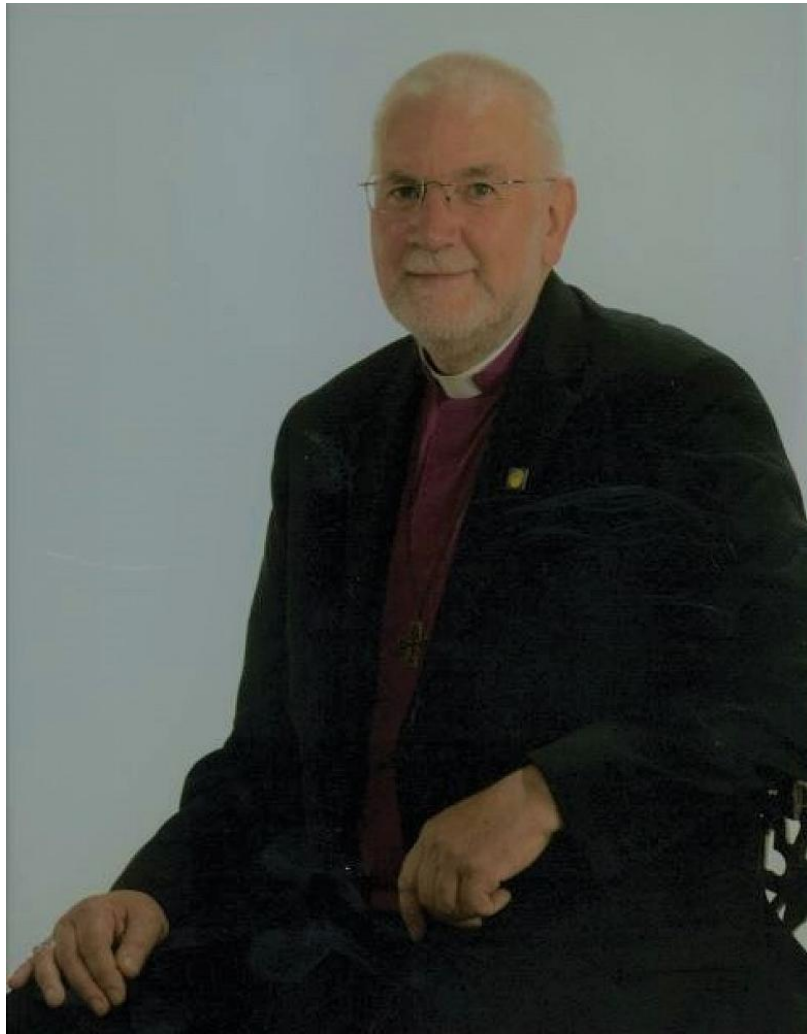
Former Archbishop Sir David Moxon gives an articulate exposition of the signing and the intention of the Treaty of Waitangi / Te Tiriti o Waitangi, drawing together the understandings of those present in 1840 – that is the missionaries, the newly arrived Governor Hobson and officials, along with many Northland Māori chiefs who later took the treaty around New Zealand to be signed by other chiefs.

[Link to Video.](#)



Archbishop David Moxon Te Tiriti partnership Anglican Diocese Auckland

[Bishop Kelvin Wright](#) spoke on Te Tiriti during a sermon at St Michael's (Otago Peninsula Parish) on Sunday 4 February and has reflected further on this in [his blog](#). He also has a link to a [Kate Frykberg blog](#) on the importance of the Treaty to Pakeha New Zealanders.



Bishop Kelvin Peter Wright





Lent - How to Live More  
Fully

Photo by National Disability Educators

## Accessible and Inclusive Churches Rēneti/Lent 2024

Disability Ministry Resources — February 11th, 2024

Kia ora, Greetings, Bula, Malo, Talofa, Namaste - Rēneti/Lent is upon us. Disability Ministry Education is inviting people to reflect on the reality of living in our bodies as God's creation.

**The main theme is "How to live more fully as God's creation."**

Impairment/disability is often seen as wholly negative. However, living with limitation is part of being human. Experiencing our limitations can lead us into life on a deeper level. Sharing these experiences can help us all become aware as to how limitations/impairment are gifts to our communities.

It is hoped that these posters may encourage korero/discussion/talanoa around how do we regard our bodies as part of God's **good** creation.

In this package there are posters for Ash Wednesday; Lent 1; Lent 2 and Lent 3. There will be another package of posters in the next couple of weeks.

Please contact: Revd Vicki Terrell [disabilityresources@anglicanchurch.org.nz](mailto:disabilityresources@anglicanchurch.org.nz) or

Cherryl Thompson [disabilityengagement@anglicanchurch.org.nz](mailto:disabilityengagement@anglicanchurch.org.nz)

We are available to come and meet with groups.

All posters are on the website: [Disability Ministry Resources — Social Justice Unit \(anglicansocialjustice.nz\)](https://disabilityministryresources.org.nz/social-justice)

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### Attachments

[Ash Wednesday Poster](#)

[Lent 1 Poster](#)

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World Day of Prayer artwork 'Praying Palestinian Women,' (right) is by Halima Aziz (left)

Photo by WDP Resources Supplied

## World Day of Prayer 1 March 2024

Ady Shannon - Touchstone — February 12th, 2024

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation led by women which enables us to hear the thoughts, hopes, concerns and prayers of women from all parts of the world. Read on for details about a Dunedin service....

### How to Participate this year

On Friday 1 March 2024 people will gather in 146 countries to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Palestine. It begins in Samoa and travels through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

***In Dunedin, there is a WDP service for Dunedin West Churches at St John's Roslyn, 373 Highgate on Friday 1st March.***

This is of course an ecumenical service.

**Dunedin West** has participants from Mornington, Highgate and Flagstaff Presbyterian churches as well as the Mornington Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.

Details:

**10:00 a.m. for a cuppa and fellowship**

**10:30 a.m. for start of the service.**

***In Invercargill, the WDP Service is at Lindisfarne this year at 10am.***

Preparation for the day is enormous. A New York based international committee works in collaboration with national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

If you are holding a service please let the NZ WDP National Committee know ([wdpnz@extra.co.nz](mailto:wdpnz@extra.co.nz)) as they are often asked for details of services from people who wish to attend.

If you are unable to attend a service or there is not one in near you - you can watch the live stream of the service on the WDPANZ website ( [www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz](http://www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz)). This website also has resources you can use if you are planning your own service.

To listen to the Global Conversation visit <https://worlddayofprayer.net/palestine-2024.html>

### Some Background

Each year the service for World Day of Prayer (WDP) is prepared by women from a different country. On Friday 1 March 2024 people in 146 countries will celebrate the service prepared by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women.

In 2017 the Christian women of Palestine were chosen to prepare the service for World Day of Prayer 2024. At the time, the international committee could not have foreseen how that decision, and the theme "I beg you, bear with one another in love" Ephesians 4:1-3 would resonate with the situation currently unfolding in Palestine.

On Saturday 2 December 2023 at 4.00pm New York time (5am Sunday NZ time) a WDP Global Conversation included representatives from the Palestine National WDP Committee involved in preparing the 2024 service. Their work - in the planning phase for several years - has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. It has taken on a new significance, given unfolding events in Gaza and the West Bank where more than 25,000 people, many women and children, have been killed in indiscriminate attacks since 7 October 2023.

Three representatives from the NZ WDP planning committee participated in the online forum where Palestinian committee members shared personal stories of the loss and devastation they have suffered over recent months.

## **The Global Conversation – WDP service planners talk**

WDP executive committee member, Maral Haidostian, opened the hour-long global conversation by providing context to the development of the service. Planning was initially impacted by the global coronavirus pandemic and then war denied members of the committee the ability to meet in person. She introduced other members of the executive committee and welcomed the global audience - tuning in live from all over the world – saying, "May God's peace and reconciliation prevail."

Australian-based Vicki Marney, WDP committee representative from the Pacific region, gave an overview of the process undertaken every five years to confirm the writer country selected to write the service and prepare resources for future iterations of WDP. The purpose is to ensure "that the voices of sisters all around the world are heard" and that the writer committee is well supported in their mission. In reference to the situation currently taking place in Palestine, Vicky said, "Prior to the pandemic we could not foresee God's plans. The committee now finds itself in a place they might never have imagined."

Rev Sally Azar, Chair of the WDP Committee, became the first ordained female Palestinian pastor in the Holy Land in 2023. Since 2017 she has worked alongside 17 other Palestinian Christian women to write the liturgy for WDP 2024. The group divided themselves into committees tasked with various aspects of the service e.g. music, worship liturgy and Bible study. Rev Azar said, "The service reflects the authenticity of the voices of all the women involved in preparing resources."

In August 2023, the committee gathered for a strengthening workshop in Beit Jala, near Jerusalem. During a two-day retreat, the group of Christian women representing many denominations worked on the service, and visited St Martha's House, Bethlehem. As the gathering occurred on a Thursday, the group collectively celebrated the importance of *Thursdays in Black*, a movement that stands against violence towards women.

## **A Daily Struggle Being a Christian in the Holy Land**

Each of the WDP committee representatives reiterated their pride in being a Christian Palestinian existing in the Holy Land. They also emphasised the difficulties associated with living as a minority group, experiencing aggression and hostility daily. Sharing their struggles and comforting each other in love, as defined by the 2024 WDP theme, enabled them to speak out, comfort each other and move forward in their daily lives and in their WDP preparations. The universal language of love was the main line of communication used throughout the planning and preparation.

Shireen Awwad, a member of the WDP Palestine committee residing on the outskirts of Bethlehem, was candid, emotional and brutally honest as she spoke about the situation in Gaza from a deeply personal perspective. Two of her aunts were sheltering in a church that was attacked; one was killed and the other severely injured. The injured woman subsequently underwent surgery without anaesthetic and her recovery has been compromised by a lack of rehabilitation. Shireen's uncle died because he was not able to get a routine operation.

Parents write their children's names on their hands or legs as a way of identifying them as many people killed in the incessant bombing are being buried without being identified. Shireen talked about the carnage that ensued when an ancient historic Greek Orthodox Church, in which many were taking sanctuary, was bombed.

As the indigenous Christian population of Palestine is being forced to leave Gaza, her fear is that their churches will become museum pieces – no longer places of worship for the small, courageous and brave Christian community. Her moving commentary was supported by graphic images showing scenes of devastation, mass graves and raw human grief.

“It is a sad situation and there is no justification that Israel can continue doing what they are doing now. There is no safe place. The only solution now is to pray.”

Shireen’s plea for world action to encourage Israel to stop the inhumane attacks that represent “a collective punishment on all civilians because of Hamas,” must include peace and justice. “Peace without justice is not peace.”

### **The artwork: ‘Praying Palestinian Women’**

The artwork ‘Praying Palestinian Women,’ is by Halima Aziz, a Palestinian visual artist and design student based in Germany. Born in Hagen, Germany in 1999, Halima grew up in Palestine. Following the war in 2008, her family moved back to Germany. Halima had an interest in art from an early age and started painting professionally in 2017.

Halima has used motifs and symbols which indicate the origin and cohesiveness of these women. Olive trees are a sign of everlasting and abundant life because they can live for thousands of years. The Palestinian people are deeply rooted in their country and this is underlined by the golden roots of the tree. Poppy flowers are a reminder of loved ones who have given their lives for their country. Traditional Palestinian dress symbolises the people’s creativity and their country’s rich heritage. The keys are a symbol of the hope to return to Palestine.

[Shared from Touchstone Magazine](#) (follow this link for the full article)

NZWDP committee members are Pauline McKay, Zella McGirr, Mary Caldwell, Cornelia Grant, Stephanie Johnston, Sheila Nokes, Lynne Scott and Roz Wilkie.



Christian World Service

Photo by CWS

## Christian World Service Update on Palestine

Christian World Service — February 14th, 2024

Recently Christian World Service received another report from the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees in Gaza.

[Click here for the full CWS Update \(February 2024\)](#)

DSPR Gaza is continuing operating its one remaining Primary Health Clinic - in Rafah. The administration has moved out so medical staff can treat more people. Despite constant bombing, the staff are caring for pregnant and new mothers, attending to toothaches and so much more. They are seeing more than 400 people a day.



Gaza Parent Activities — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

Over a million people are sheltering in Rafah where its Primary Health Clinic is one of four functioning medical centres. If the threatened large-scale offensive begins, DSPR Gaza warns there will be more civilian deaths and the relief system could collapse. Resources are extremely limited but it has attended to 8,654 children and adults plus another 2,000 people with vital medical (including dental) care. Staff have reached more than 4,546 people with psychosocial care. Mothers and children are its primary focus. Read more in the [100-Day Report](#).

"The destruction of our premises, the limitations of our resources, the poor connection and fragmentation have never prevented DSPR Gaza from keeping a light in the middle of darkness and trying to help people live with dignity," says DSPR Gaza.

Thank you for standing with the people of Gaza in this time of crisis. CWS has sent an initial \$60,000 grant for Gaza.



Please [give](#) what you can to the people of Gaza.

Donations can be made through CWS:

- Online and by direct deposit to the Gaza Palestine Emergency Appeal
- By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72
- By Post to: CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8140

For more information, please contact: Rev Dr Tim Pratt, National Director [tim.pratt@cws.org.nz](mailto:tim.pratt@cws.org.nz)

*NB: CWS is a member of [ACT Alliance](#) a coalition of over 140 churches working together on humanitarian, development in over 120 countries.*

## Gallery





Peace for Gaza

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pixabay.com

## Petition for Peace in Gaza

Andrew Metcalfe — February 6th, 2024

Do you want to make your voice heard in our house of representatives over what is happening in Gaza?

We have a petition that you can gather signatures for in your church and local community this Lent.

Print out one of the forms below (you can print as many copies as you need of the second page), gather signatures and send completed forms to

Mrs Dot Muir,  
33 Blairlogie Close,  
RD9,  
Invercargill 9879  
email: [garydotmuir@outlook.co.nz](mailto:garydotmuir@outlook.co.nz)

**by 1 April 2024**

**The petition reads:**

**To Party Leaders:**

**Christopher Luxon  
Winston Peters  
David Seymour  
Christopher Hipkins  
James Shaw  
Marama Davidson  
Rawiri Waititi  
Debbie Ngarewa-Packer.**

We, residents within Otago and Southland, urge you and all Members of Parliament to:

- work actively for a just and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians.
- inform the United States and Britain of New Zealand's total opposition to a continuation of the Gaza War in any form.
- agree to contribute to a United Nations peace-keeping force and to United Nations humanitarian aid.
- support a two-state solution in which both Israel and a Palestinian state would exist within secure borders.

- commence the process for recognition of a Palestinian state.



War and Peace — Image by: Supplied

***Together, we can make a difference.***

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## **Attachments**

[Petition for Peace - Word Version](#)

[Petition for Peace - PDF Version](#)





Bishop Steven Benford and Marley

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## Update on Farewelling +Steve and Lorraine

Andrew Metcalfe — February 14th, 2024

We have an opportunity as part of saying goodbye to Bishop Steve and Lorraine to "Get Marley Home" to the UK with them...

**The most important work we can do is to pray, putting ourselves and the future in God's hands as we move towards the next phase of our life together.**

### Farewells and Gifts of Love



Marley in her bed, Bishop Steve's office — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

We have been thinking about appropriate gifts to say goodbye - and one is to "**Get Marley (the Bishop's Dog) back to the UK**". Marley has been a welcome addition to many congregations over the years, and we would love her presence to continue in the lives of Bishop Steve and Lorraine. We understand the cost of this will be in the vicinity of 3-5 thousand dollars. If you would like to contribute, you can make a donation directly into our bank account as follows:

**Diocese of Dunedin 06 0901 0015680 00**

**Reference: Marley**

We are currently planning one or two occasions where there will be an opportunity to farewell Bishop Steve and Lorraine...watch this space!



Called South Facebook logo - Prayer

## Arrangements

After Bishop Steve departs around Pentecost (May) there will be an interregnum, where the Bishop's role will be covered by the Vicar General (The Venerable Jan Clark) supported by the Deputy Vicar General (The Venerable Dr Anne van Gend).

The Archbishop will appoint a Commissary to help prepare for any Electoral Synod. The Commissary is usually the Bishop of another Diocese. This is still in process, we will let you know more information when we have this.

Diocesan Council (along with the Commissary) will look at the arrangements required. This usually includes the collation of a Diocesan Profile that will be circulated to all Electoral Synod members before any Electoral Synod.

Synod reps (lay and clergy) will be part of any electoral College and will be asked to pray, think and talk widely in their faith communities about whose name could be put forward as a candidate.



We will also be thinking further about our Vision and Mission as a Diocese over the coming months as part of a wider discernment process.

## **Meanwhile...**

You may like to use the following prayers privately and as you meet with others over this period:

### **A Collect**

God of unchangeable power,  
you have revealed yourself  
to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
keep us firm in this faith  
that we may praise and bless your holy name;  
for you are one God  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

E te Atua mau tonu,  
kua whakaatu nei koe  
ki a mātou he Matua, he Tama, he Wairua Tapu;  
puritia mātou i roto i tēnei whakapono  
kia pai ai tā mātou whakamoemiti me te manaaki i tōu ingoa tapu;  
ko koe nei te Atua kotahi  
ināianei ā mō āke tonu atu.  
Āmine.

(From A New Zealand Prayer Book pg 616)

### **A Prayer for the Diocese**

God our Creator, sustain your church in this diocese as we discern the future.  
Bless Bishop Steve and Lorraine and all who work with them in this time of discernment and change.

Guide the work of the Commissary, and the Arrangements Committee, giving wisdom and grace to members of the Electoral Synod.

Help us to be honest about who we are, hopeful for who we may become, and clear about the person you are calling to be our next Bishop.

[Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer]

*(Adapted from Archbishop Election Prayers 2017, Anglican Diocese of Perth)*



Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

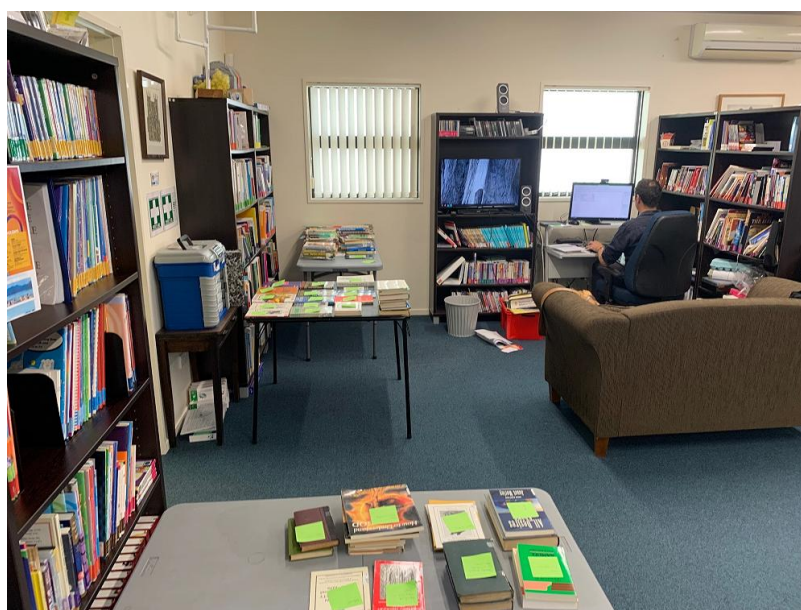
## Diocesan Library Makeover

Andrew Metcalfe — February 13th, 2024

We have been fortunate to be able to employ Eddie O'Connor to help assess our library and resource centre at Pater Mann House, with a view to streamlining and making it more accessible.

Part of this is making closer links with the John Kinder Theological Library in Auckland, but also having a needed assessment of our collection, making sure that what we have is useful and relevant.

People may know Eddie in recent roles looking after the Parish of Takaka, and previously to this running the Sister Eveleen Retreat Centre in Christchurch. What you may not know is that Eddie is a trained librarian - and we are very fortunate to have him help sort things for us. Eddie started his month working with us on Monday 12 February.



Eddie at work sorting resources — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

There will be a number of books and resources that will be available once we have double checked them. We are looking at what we need to keep, what needs to be archived and what we don't need in the collection.

We will let you know when these are available on a first in first served basis.



Photo by Rev. John Graveston

# A Rocha Dunedin: An Evening with Peter Harris

Rev. Dr. Selwyn Yeoman — February 6th, 2024

A Rocha is a global family of conservation organisations working together, in response to the worldwide crisis of biodiversity loss, to carry out community-based conservation projects. Peter Harris (co-founder of A Rocha) is visiting Dunedin on Monday 19 February 2024.

Peter will be with us in Dunedin on Monday February 19th, from 7.00-9.00pm, at Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern Street.

His visit is a remarkable opportunity for us to hear a wonderful story, and be inspired for the vision of caring for creation as an integral expression of the gospel.

It opens all manner of possibilities for our churches in challenging times and I warmly invite you to join us for the evening.

To help our planning, please use this link to let us know you'll be coming <https://shorturl.at/agBKM>

Nga mihi nui - Every blessing

Selwyn Yeoman

A Rocha Dunedin planning group

## Gallery



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## Attachments

[A ROCHA DUNEDIN may 2022](#)

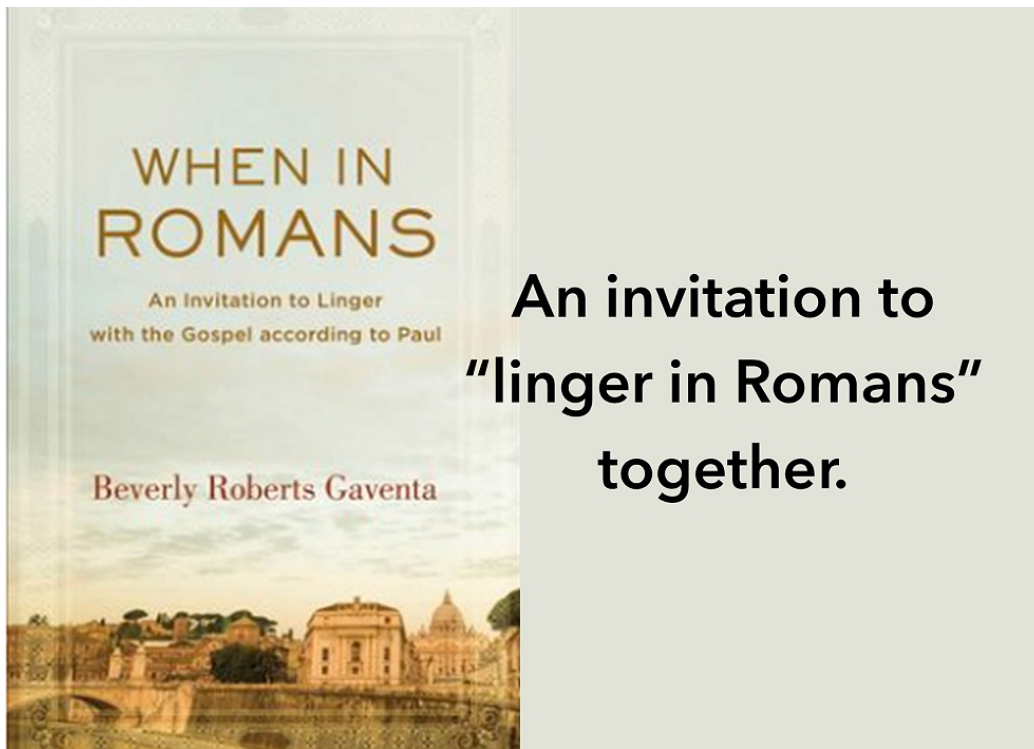


Photo by Anne van Gend

## Join Katie Marcar over lunch to delve into this fascinating book together.

Anne van Gend — February 13th, 2024

Beverly Roberts Gaventa is someone with an infectious enthusiasm for Paul's writings. She has been invited by the University of Otago Theology Programme to give the Burns Lectures in July-August this year... and Katie would like to know if you want to attend on or before March 1.

Anyone who is interested in reading and discussing her book on Romans is invited to a lunchtime discussion session in Dunedin, taking place sometime in July before the Burns lectures begin. If you'd like to purchase your own copy, please do so now since shipping can be very slow! You do not need to be a biblical scholar to join in! The invitation is to all who are interested.

**If you would like to participate, please email Katie on or before March 1 on [katie.marcar@otago.ac.nz](mailto:katie.marcar@otago.ac.nz).** Closer to the time she will be in contact with you to find a lunchtime that suits.





# The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd

Scattered People of the Good Shepherd - February 2024

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd Service Details

Bishop Steven — February 11th, 2024

Our next service takes place on Feb 25th at 10 am. Service sheets (revised for 2024), hymns and readings are attached at the end of this article.

[Click here for the Zoom Meeting Link for the 4th Sunday of each month](#) from 9.30 am for a 10 am start.

### Meeting ID: 998 4865 4542

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

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

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

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

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

Please contact Anne van Gend by [email](#) or phone 0272647245 (please do not leave a voice message).

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

### Why Do this?

This is part of our ongoing commitment to find ways to support and minister with all those across our Diocese, with services planned for the 4th Sunday of each month. We are all aware that there are

communities and individuals across our Diocese for whom running or attending a Sunday service can be difficult. There are the regular issues of finding a priest, filling a roster, overcoming distances and so on. With Covid-19 are added barriers, for example physical vulnerability or people needing to self-isolate.

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



Eucharist — Image by: pixabay.com

**+Steven**

#### **Documents for 28 January 2024**

- Scripture Readings, Hymns, YouTube links and the Order of Service attached below.
- **If you need a hard copy of the new service sheet, contact Anne van Gend - we will get one out to you.**

#### **Gallery**



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#### **Video Gallery**



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#### **Attachments**

[Service Sheet Scattered People of the Good Shepherd - 2024](#)  
[Readings 25 Feb 2024](#)  
[SONG LINKS FOR FEB 25](#)  
[Song words 25 Feb 2024](#)



Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## There are 12 Chapters This Year. What will you write?

Dot Muir — February 14th, 2024

Read on for a link to the latest news from Anglican Missions, including information about their Lenten Appeal...

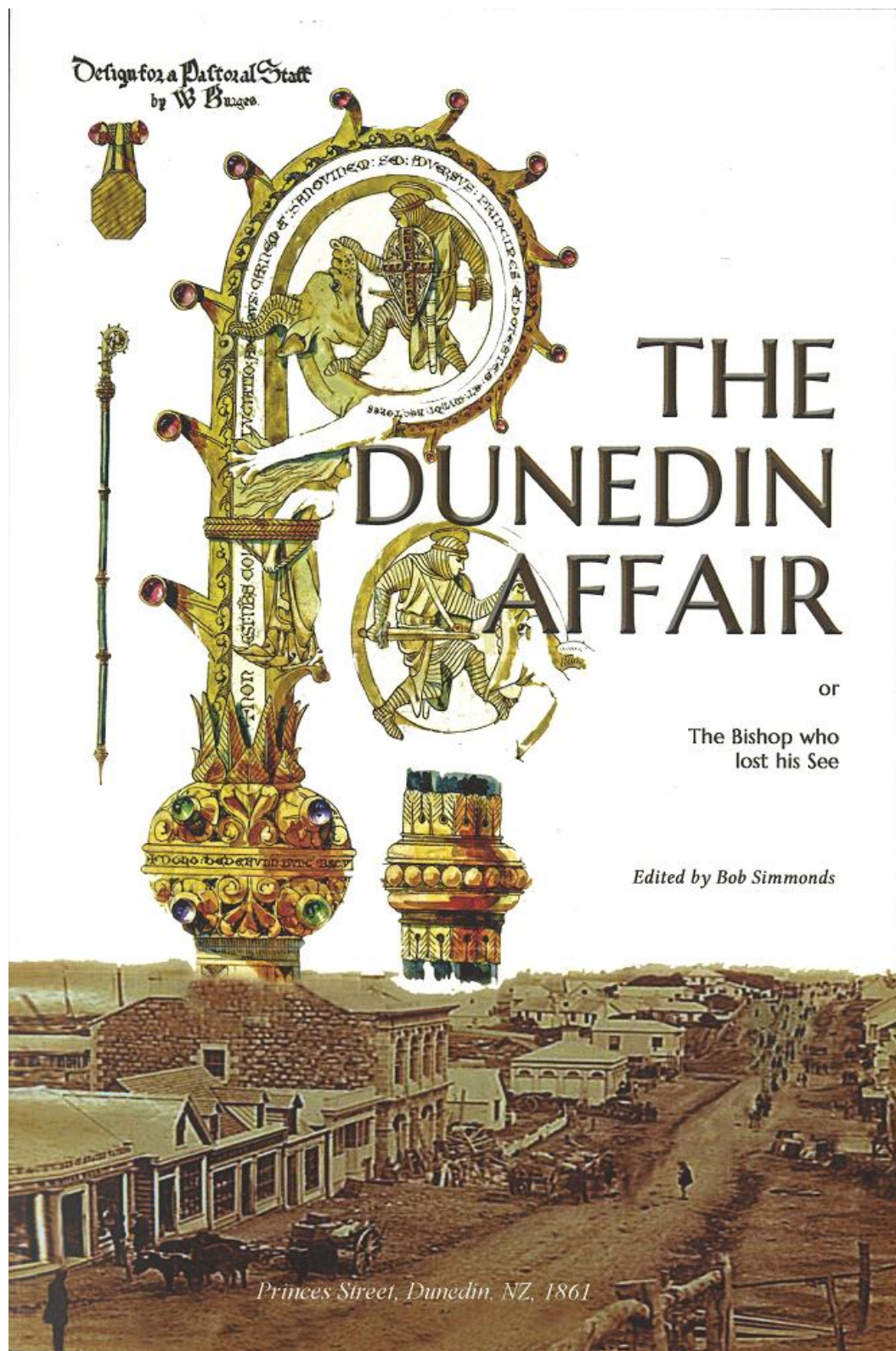
[Link to Newsletter](#)

### **Our Mission Encourager Dot Muir writes:**

Please find information for you regarding Anglican Mission's for 2024.  
Thank you for all your support in 2023.  
Reading through this information you will find that Anglican Missions have partnered with other agencies to become a stronger support for people in need.  
Please support our Anglican Missions in 2024: we are making a difference.  
Blessings

**Dot Muir**





The Dunedin Affair - The Bishop Who Lost His See (Bob Simmonds)

Photo by Image supplied

## The Bishop Who lost His See

Andrew Metcalfe — February 14th, 2024

A new book edited by Bob Simmonds has been published on the Rev'd Henry Jenner, the "first" Bishop of Dunedin who never took his seat.

### From the Dust Cover of this New Book...

"In 1865 the Archbishop of Canterbury asked the Vicar of Preston-next-Wingham to become the first Bishop of Dunedin in New Zealand. From his knowledge of the gifts and abilities of the man he was sure that the Rev Henry Jenner would make an excellent spiritual leader of that newly created Diocese.



Henry Lascelles Jenner

What the Prelate didn't know was that this very southern part of the then colony had a number of problems not experienced in the Home Counties of England. The culture created by is mainly Scottish migrants, the social and economic challenged created by a recent gold rush, and the struggle of the colonial church to assert itself as independent from the Mother Church in England, all combined to create a situation in which Henry Jenner was to become a victim of the resulting economic, insular and religious problems.

The result was that, after having travelled half-way around the world, visited mining towns and sheep stations on coach and horseback, and becoming as familiar as he could with the country, it was decided by a committee vote that he was unacceptable as the new Bishop of Dunedin. He therefore returned to the vicarage at Preston, where he was the remain for the rest of his life.

This is the story of the events, the people, and the controversies that made up this Dunedin Affair. Like much that is set in the past, it perhaps has some useful lessons for our present times."

### **Purchasing this book**

This book is available directly from the author for around £20 (including post and packaging) , who you can contact at [writerbobsimmonds@gmail.com](mailto:writerbobsimmonds@gmail.com). You will be sent an invoice and you can pay for this on-line via PayPal (see extra information attached below). You don't need a PayPal account to do this.

The Dunedin Affair is also available from Waterstones in the UK, who will ship it internationally (but they purchase it from the author and send it on):

<https://www.waterstones.com/author/bob-simmonds/484489>

We also have a copy in the Diocesan Library at Peter Mann House, if you want to borrow it.

See also: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/bishops-of-dunedin/>



## Attachments

[Paying by PayPal](#)



Photo by Rev. John Graveston


## Diocesan Children Ministry Hui March 2024


Rev. John Graveston — January 7th, 2024

Get ready for a dynamic and inspiring Diocesan Children Ministry Hui, bringing together individuals passionate about children's ministry within the Diocese.

Join us for a unique blend of fellowship, friendship, and learning as we delve into the heart of children's ministry. This event is not just a gathering; it's an opportunity to connect, share experiences, and grow together.

Featuring the expertise of Diana Langdon, National Kids and Families Ministry Enabler, we are thrilled to offer two engaging workshops that promise to ignite fresh ideas and enrich your approach to children's ministry.

 Date: Friday, 8th of March (Evening)  
Saturday, 9th March (all day)

 Location: All Saints' Church hall, 786 Cumberland Street, North Dunedin

 Register here: <https://forms.gle/CPMK1zRxZdQNL56A>

# Children's Ministry Hui

~~excited~~  
**Anyone passionate about children's ministry**  
~~curious~~

**When**  
8th - 9th March 2024

**Where**  
All Saints' church,  
786 Cumberland Street,  
Dunedin

**Register Here**  
<https://forms.gle/D9ppi380QbGg4Dga9>

This hui wants to bring together anyone interested in children's ministry in the Diocese for a time of fellowship, friendship, and learning.



**Workshops by**  
**Diana Langdon**  
NATIONAL KIDS &  
FAMILIES MINISTRY  
ENABLER



**Called South**  
ANGELICAN DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN  
RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL IN OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND

**More information contact**  
**Rev. John Graveston**  
Child, Youth and Family  
Educator  
[youth@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:youth@calledsouth.org.nz)  
0220496029

Image by: Rev. John Graveston

## Highlights of the Hui:

- 1** Dynamic Workshops with Diana Langdon: Dive into insightful workshops led by Diana Langdon, an expert in Kids and Families Ministry. Gain valuable knowledge and practical tools to elevate your children's ministry efforts.
- 2** Local Success Stories: Hear from inspiring individuals within our Diocese who are making a difference in children's ministry. Share experiences, resources, challenges, and triumphs that will motivate and invigorate your own endeavors.
- 3** Networking and Fellowship: Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for children's ministry. Build a network of support, exchange ideas, and foster lasting friendships.

Save the date and stay tuned for more details! The Diocesan Children Ministry Hui is your opportunity to be part of a vibrant community dedicated to nurturing the spiritual growth of our youngest members.

Don't miss out on this enriching experience—mark your calendars and get ready to embark on a journey of inspiration and collaboration!

For more information please contact our Child, Youth, and Family Educator:



Rev. John Graveston

<p><b>Child, Youth and Family Educator</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:youth@calledsouth.org.nz">youth@calledsouth.org.nz</a> (03) 488 0820, Ext. 6 022 049 6029 <a href="http://www.calledsouth.org.nz">www.calledsouth.org.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:safe@calledsouth.org.nz">safe@calledsouth.org.nz</a> 0800 237 239 <a href="http://www.calledsouth.org.nz/safeguarding">www.calledsouth.org.nz/safeguarding</a></p>
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Image by: Rev. John Graveston

# Gallery



# Attachments

[Children's Ministry Hui](#)





Food for the Journey

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## Nourishing Faith: Food for the Journey

Andrew Metcalfe-Anne van Gend — February 11th, 2024

The latest in "Gospel Conversations" as well as other videos, podcasts and resources.

[Nourishing Faith Web portal](#)... to access all of our resources

### [Gospel Conversations](#)

#### **This week's Gospel Conversation: Feb 18th. Mark 1:9-15**

We enter Lent with a bang, hurried along by Mark's rapid-fire story-telling. Baptism, temptations, proclamation, all in a few short verses. Aptly, our conversation this week is also short and sharp! Bishop Steven Benford, Peg Riley and Anne van Gend explore with Michael how to respond to heavenly voices, demons, angels, and wild beasts!

Click [HERE](#) to watch



Image by: Anne van Gend

#### **Last Week's Gospel Conversation: February 11th. Mark 1:40-45**

This week's gospel is the story of Jesus healing a leper, and the beautiful interactions between them. Why was this one healing told in detail, when there had been so many healings before this one? Damon Plimmer, Gary Griffith-Smith and Anne van Gend join Michael to explore the significance of this life-changing story for the leper, and for us.

Click [HERE](#) to watch.



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

[For last year's Conversations, click here.](#)

## Inspiration from Elsewhere

### [The spiritual rhythms of work – repurposing our work for prayer](#)

Christians worship a God who works, a God who created work, and a God who likes work. [Have a look at this great article](#) from Spanky Moore shared via the Diocese of Nelson.

## Waitangi Day 2024

Waitangi day this year was energized by a considerable response to indications from the Coalition Government that they want this to be firmly on the table for discussion, debate and change.

Keith Gover has given a reminder of a YouTube video that is a really articulate exposition of the signing and the intention of the Treaty of Waitangi / Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It is delivered by former Archbishop Sir David Moxon, drawing together the understandings of those present in 1840 – that is the missionaries, the newly arrived Governor Hobson and officials, along with many Northland Māori chiefs who later took the treaty around New Zealand to be signed by other chiefs. [Link to Video.](#)



Archbishop David Moxon Te Tiriti partnership Anglican Diocese  
Auckland

[Bishop Kelvin Wright](#) spoke on Te Tiriti during a sermon at St Michael's (Otago Peninsula Parish) on Sunday 4 February and has reflected further on this in [his blog](#). He also has a link to a [Kate Frykberg blog](#) on the importance of the Treaty to Pakeha New Zealanders.

## [Deepening Faith: Lent](#)

Traditionally Lent is a time when we encourage people to set time aside each week or each day to deepen their understanding and life of faith. Often that takes the form of small group studies, or a new daily practice of prayer.

The national Disability Educators have some [resources-posters](#) to help get your faith communities thinking about living for fully in Lent for people with disabilities.



Lent - How to Live More Fully — Image by: National Disability Educators

Have a look at our [Deepening Faith webpage](#) for study resources for Lent, remembering that any under the heading of "Becoming Reconciling Communities" are also appropriate for Lent.



Lent — Image by: pixabay.com

There will be something here for individuals and small groups to use from the 1st Sunday in Lent (February 18 2024) until Easter Day (31 March 2024)

On the [Deepening Faith webpage](#) page you'll also find plenty of opportunities for taking seriously Jesus' call to love God with our *minds* as well as hearts and souls and strengths. One of the glories of our faith is that there is always, always, more to learn about God and about our Christian walk, and what could be more important than that? Here, then, are upcoming opportunities to deepen our knowledge and experience. Also included are suggested resources for small groups who meet to learn and study and pray together.

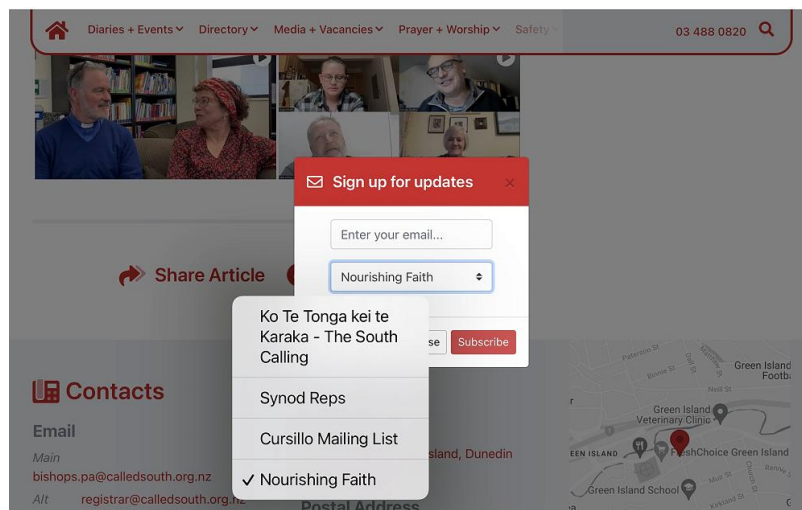
If you have ideas and events we can add to this, please let Anne van Gend know.

[See all the videos in the Faith Communities series in our website](#)

## About Nourishing Faith Videos and Podcasts

[We have a webpage for our video and other resources](#) but we will also keep this article updated each fortnight with the latest resources that we would like to share with you. We also have a **Nourishing Faith mailing list** that sends an update of this article to you every week.

**Please note: If you want to subscribe to Nourishing Faith:** click on the large "Sign Up" button on the article page. When you have put your email address in, the box below gives options of what you can subscribe to: click on it and choose **Nourishing Faith**, then click on the Subscribe button. **Or, [email us](#) and we will subscribe you.**



Click onto the right hand side of the box under your email to choose Nourishing Faith — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

***If you know someone new who would like to subscribe to Nourishing Faith, forward this email to them - anyone can sign up to receive these by clicking on the sign up button and choosing Nourishing Faith from the options.***

*If you have any resource you think is worth sharing more widely, contact [Anne van Gend](#), [John Graveston](#) or [Andrew Metcalfe](#) so we can share them in this space.*





Easter Advert  
2024

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## Lent and Easter 2024 Publicity

Andrew Metcalfe — February 6th, 2024

This year Lent and Easter are early, and already preparations are already underway for this important part of the Christian year. Can you help us with with information to invite our wider communities to join with us to refocus on Good News?

### [Check out the \(draft\) details on our Website](#)

We are looking to update our [Diocese of Dunedin webpage on Holy Week services for 2024](#) - please let us know any particular services you are planning this year that you would like included in this.

**Please let us know what these are before Sunday 18 February** (contact [Nicola Wong](#) or [Andrew Metcalfe](#)). If you send us a copy of any poster or brochure, we will attach it below.

**This year our main advertisement is a little tongue in cheek:** we are aware that so much effort and energy goes into our Easter preparations and celebrations... but often for a relatively small number of participants. All of us can be so distracted by everything going on in the lead up to Easter, including buns, eggs and bunnies: we provide opportunities to refocus and hear the real message of God's love for our world in 2024.

**Remember** we have a links to [resources for Lent](#) as we we prepare for Easter.



Holy Week — Image by: pixabay.com

<https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/easter/>

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## Attachments

[Lent and Easter at All Saints' Dunedin 2024](#)



Lent

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## Lent 2024 Study Resources

Anne van Gend — January 31st, 2024

Easter arrives early in 2024, so now is the time to think about Lent is. Read on for links to options we have for Lenten study resources

Have a look at our [Deepening Faith webpage](#) for study resources for Lent, remembering that any under the heading of "Becoming Reconciling Communities" are also appropriate for Lent.



Lent — Image by: pixabay.com

There will be something here for individuals and small groups to use from the 1st Sunday in Lent (February 18 2024) until Easter Day (31 March 2024)





Photo by Anne van Gend

# Registration now open for the annual Lay Ministry Training Day. "A Ministry of Hope."

Lay Minister Training Team — February 6th, 2024

***"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" (Heb 6:19)***

***From Bishop Steven:***

*I highly commend this day to you all. Part of being licensed is a commitment to ongoing training, and while we do not want you to feel forced to come, it is part of being a Licensed Lay Minister. A warm invitation also to those lay people interested, but not currently licensed.*

*If travel costs are a difficulty, please note this when you register as some support is available. Car pooling from your faith community is recommended.*

*I look forward to joining you all.*

+Steven

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## **[REGISTER \(and choose workshops\) BY CLICKING HERE](#)**

Hope is one of the most counter-cultural qualities of our faith. In times of unsettledness and insecurity, we have a "sure and steadfast anchor" which isn't reliant on things going well or optimism or positive thinking. It's an anchor held fast by the love and faithfulness of God.

So, at a time when many of our churches have no idea what the future will be (which is, in fact, always the case whether or not we know it!), we are inviting you to explore hope in your ministry, finding ways of growing deeper into the call of God on your life, opening up more of what God wants to do with and through you, rediscovering the joy which is so often the fruit of faith and hope and love.

We've put together a programme of inspirational guest speakers, practical and creative workshops especially for Lay Ministers here in the South, as well as any others who are interested.

- **Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024**
- **Time: 10am – 4.30pm**
- **Place: St Mark's Anglican Church, Balclutha**

This year we are focusing on the things many of you are licenced to do: preach, provide pastoral care, be liturgists, and teach/lead Bible studies. If you're interested in growing your skills in any of these areas, whether or not you're "licenced" at this stage, do come along! You can choose your workshops



and register by following [THIS LINK](#).

***Registrations close 18 February 2024.***

We are looking forward to having you join us for a day of learning, growing skills, fellowship, and support.

Blessings,

**The Lay Ministry Training Team**



Annual Statistics

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# Faith Communities and Diocesan Organisations Returns for 2023-24

Andrew Metcalfe — February 2nd, 2024

Information about annual returns were posted to Parish, Deanery, Cathedral District and Local Church administrators on 12 January 2024.

## [Link to Synod Essential Information article](#)

If you have mislaid or not received these forms, below are attached Word and .pdf electronic versions of:

- The memo posted out to Parishes-Churches and Diocesan Organisations ;
- The Parishes (and Local Churches) members of Governing Bodies (2024) annual returns forms which includes the Statistical Return form that covers January 2023- December 2023. **The Governing bodies returns are for current officers elected at your 2024 AGM**
- The Diocesan Organisation Annual returns for 2023

## [These are also available on Dropbox](#)

Writs for the election of Synod representative have been physically posted out - please let us know if you don't have one.

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

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## Attachments

[Memo to Diocean Organisation re Annual Returns for 2023](#)

[Memo to Diocean Organisation re Annual Returns for 2023 \(PDF\)](#)

[Memo to Ministry Units re AGMs and returns 2023-4 \(PDF\)](#)

[Memo to Ministry Units re AGMs and returns 2023-4.doc](#)

[Churches - Members of Governing Bodies 2024 & Annual Returns for 2023](#)

[Churches - Members of Governing Bodies 2024 & Annual Returns for 2023 \(PDF\)](#)

[Dio Orgs - Annual Return for 2023](#)

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The compass of  
Governance

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## Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board

Andrew Metcalfe — February 14th, 2024

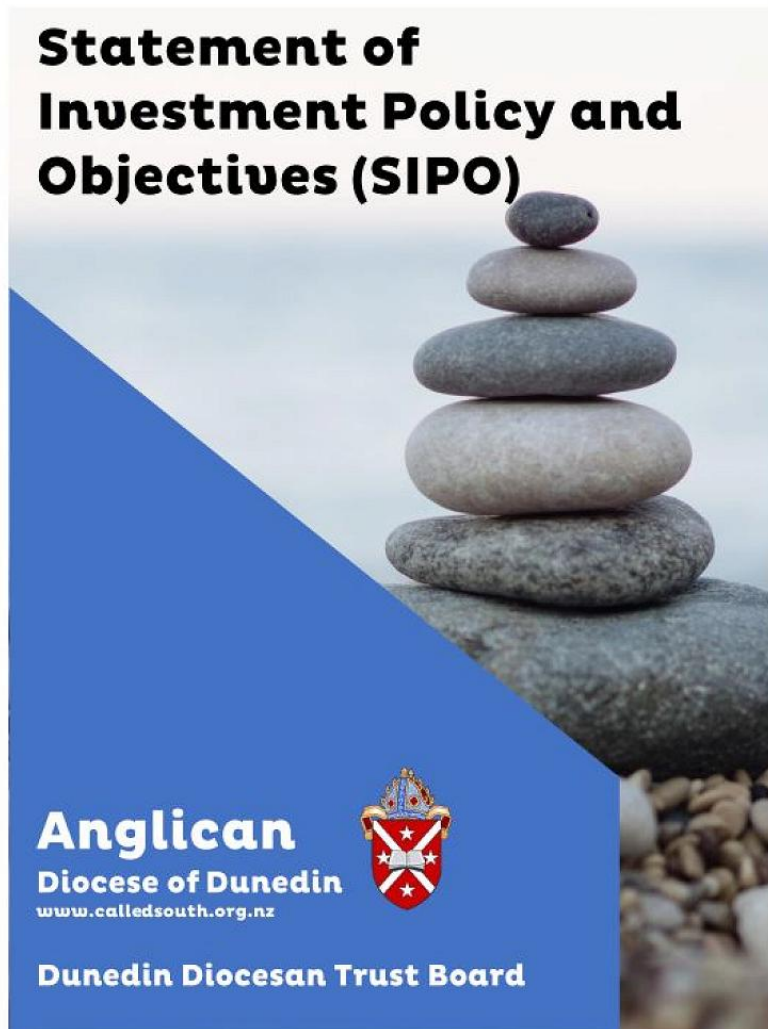
The Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board (DDTB) is an important part of our Diocese, and is currently looking for two new Trustees...

### What is the DDTB?

The Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board (DDTB), registered charity number [CC362214](#), has two main roles:

1. **Firstly**, it manages two investment funds (the **Income Fund** and the **Growth Fund**) as trustee for diocesan faith communities and institutions, e.g. social services, residential and community based services, educational institutions and so on. These bodies deposit funds with it. The total funds under management in the two Funds is currently over \$41.3 million dollars.
2. **The second major responsibility** of the Board is the **legal ownership of all Diocesan properties**: it acts a trustee for all Diocesan institutions including local churches and parishes, who are the beneficial owners, i.e. they make use of these resources for their mission and ministry. In this capacity, the Board arranges insurance of properties under the terms of Statute 9, The Insurance Board Statute 1939. It has also taken a leadership role in the assessment of properties for seismic stability.

The DDTB is incorporated according to the Canons of the General Synod te Hinota Whanui (Anglican Church in NZ) and is controlled by the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board Amendment Statute 2022. Part of the DDTB processes includes the **Investment Committee**, which monitors current investments, working within a defined framework, with the aim of optimising net returns for investors within the context and investment profile of each fund.



DDTB SIPO — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

**Have a look at the latest Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO)** attached below, signed off in November 2023. This outlines guidelines for the DDTB, including making sure that investment's are legal, spread across a variety of portfolios to reduce risk and meet accepted ethical standards i.e.:

- excluding any that are primarily engaged in the manufacture of weapons of war;
- manufacture or marketing of tobacco or recreational drugs;
- utilise any form of child labour, forced labour, or otherwise do not uphold human rights;
- are inconsistent with the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Church of NZ, or;
- breach the United Nations Global Compact.

It also has a statement around Mission Aligned Investment that includes discounted mortgage and commercial property interest rates for any Diocesan entities.

### **What do we look for in a Trustee?**

Trustees need to be able to attend monthly meetings on the third Tuesday (10-11 am) and other brief meetings if a particular piece of work needs to be considered more urgently (e.g. considering offers on a property that is for sale). The Board could be flexible to accommodate any prospective Trustees who may not be able to attend monthly meetings on Tuesdays. Meetings take place in person and/or by videoconferencing.

The DDTB have a skills matrix and use this to look at how prospective members may complement existing and needed skills. This skill and quality mix includes:

- **Church** - how the church works on a practical and/or spiritual level. Knowledge of the Anglican church in particular is helpful but not essential.
- **Property** - knowledge and experience around property matters including preserving and repurposing assets.
- **Governance experience** - current and past governance roles or membership on governance boards.
- **Investment** - knowledge and experience in financial investment settings.



- **Legal** - specific legal experience, including property and Trust law.
- **Strategy** - ability to see the bigger picture and plan ahead.
- **Policy development** - skills in developing and reviewing policy related to the DDTB and wider church.
- **Diversity** - ability to bring a unique perspective/diversity - age, gender, ethnicity, tangata whenua, geographical location.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact the Diocesan Registrar [registrar@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:registrar@calledsouth.org.nz) who can answer any initial questions and put you in touch with people you can talk to further.

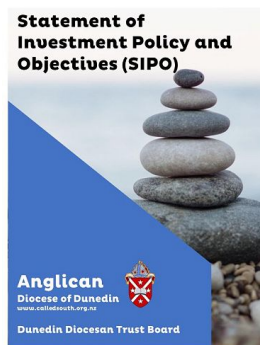
To apply to be a Trustee, you will need to complete the following forms (also attached below):

- [Application form to the Diocese of Dunedin Trusts Board - DDTB](#) (the Board which appoints members onto Diocesan Organisation Boards or Trusts);
- [Charities Declaration](#) and;
- [Declaration of Adherence for Trust Boards](#).

Have a look at our current [Boards Orientation Letter](#) for all board positions in the Diocese of Dunedin.

See also: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/diocesan-trust-board/>

## Gallery



## Attachments

[TB6 - Strategic Investment Policy \(SIPO\) 2023](#)

[Diocesan Trusts Board Application form - DDTB \(PDF - print, complete and send back\)\)](#)

[Diocesan Trusts Board Application form - DDTB \(Word version to type into and email back\)](#)

[Declaration Charities Act](#)

[Declaration of Adherence - Trust Boards](#)



## Local Houses of Prayer Training Day St Aidans, Alexandra, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Photo by Anne van Gend

### Local Houses of Prayer

Anne van Gend — January 29th, 2024

The vision of a Local House of Prayer is: 'To see the kingdom come and God's will be done on this particular area of earth, as in heaven.'

Local Houses of Prayer (LHOP's) are an initiative flowing out from the move of God at Ffald-y-Brenin as described in the best-selling book "The Grace Outpouring".

LHOPs start small. Typically they commence with 2-3 people who adopt a small local area for Jesus, worship and pray for the breaking in of the Kingdom of God and play their part in its release through their life and witness with the aid of the Caleb Questions. Local Houses of Prayer are prayer-based and thoroughly missional.

#### Local House of Prayer Training

We are having a Local House of Prayer training day on Saturday 17th February. Please let us know if you would be interested in joining us for this. The purpose of these training days is to explore together some of the key principles of a Local House of Prayer, enabling you to start a Local House of Prayer in your area/ community.

Whether you are interested in finding out more about Local Houses of Prayer or just wanting to bless and pray more for your local area you would be welcome to join us! Coffee and tea provided but do bring something for lunch. There are plenty of cafes and takeaway places nearby.

The day starts at 9.30am - 3pm St Aidans Church, 42 Shannon Street, Alexandra. To register please contact:

Steve Mitchell  
[sdmitchellnz@outlook.com](mailto:sdmitchellnz@outlook.com)

Tel; 021 127 9224



TALKING CIRCLES

Photo by Anne van Gend

## Register for "How do we work together better?" (UPDATED)

Anne van Gend — February 11th, 2024

In April this year we will have the chance to learn from an expert about the possibilities of "Talking Circles". The workshops are open to lay and ordained alike - anyone who wants to take Jesus' call seriously to become reconciling communities. There is a limit of 15 people per workshop, so register quickly!

[Register Here](#)

### Anne van Gend says:

"In my discussions across our region, it has quickly become clear that the most common reason people have left our churches has nothing to do with faith in God. Almost always it is because of some mismanaged conflict, careless words, or - simply - lack of love. All of us make mistakes and mishandle certain situations - that's part of being human. But as the body of Christ, we are to be known by our love. That is a glorious vision to aim for, and workshops such as these are offered as tools for us, as communities of faith, to learn how to love better.

### Talking Circles

A Talking Circle can be a highly effective process for a group to establish (or renew) trust and relationships; to explore issues and opportunities around something we about deeply (and sometimes differently); to develop shared commitment and collaborative action.

Our facilitator is Michael Wood, who will be joining us from Melbourne. Michael is an Anglican Priest and Coach who has extensive experience in using and teaching Talking Circles in churches, NGOs, government, education, and community settings around Australia.

Michael is offering two workshops. The first will be a full-day experiential workshop on Wednesday April 17th for church leaders (which is a broad term!), which will not only introduce the practice but equip us to use Talking Circles ourselves in a range of situations. It will begin at 9am and go through to 4.30pm. This full-day workshop will equip participants to facilitate Talking Circles in their own context(s), either local parishes or regional/enabler settings (including complex or conflicted settings). Following the workshop, participants will be invited to facilitate a Talking Circle and then come back together a month later (on Zoom) to debrief learnings.

The second will be a half-day workshop - more of a 'taster' - on Sunday April 21st, from 2pm to 5pm (arrive from 1.30pm). This workshop will provide a 'taste' of a Talking Circle by inviting participants to engage with a real topic (to be advised). The afternoon will include a debrief session to reflect on the process, ask questions, and explore potential applications in church leadership.

***This workshop is for those who wish to explore the potential applications of Talking Circles in day-to-day church life. For clergy and others who want to learn how to regularly facilitate Talking Circles in parish (or regional/enabler) leadership, including in complex or conflicted settings, we recommend doing the full-day Facilitator Workshop on Wednesday 17th April.***

If you would like to find out more, email me, Anne, on [enabler@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:enabler@calledsouth.org.nz).

If you are ready to register for the day, please fill out the short and simple form [here](#)."

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## Video Gallery







MaryAnn Kuiti (Manager at South Centre) and Bishop Steve catch on 7 February.

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## I te Pāpaho - Media and Latest News

Andrew Metcalfe — February 14th, 2024

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

### Local & Wider News

#### Shrove Tuesday at All Saints' Dunedin

As Lent begins, a traditional pancake bakeoff and race was held at All Saints Dunedin on 13 February, along with friends from Al Huda mosque. Also spotted on 14 February, progress on a new belfry which is in the same place as a previous one on the front hall.



Shrove Tuesday at All Saints Dunedin — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe



All Saints' Dunedin Belfry under construction — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/125567984137819/permalink/8303469799680889/> for more photos.

**Candlemas at Holy Trinity Port Chalmers:** Judy Ringland writes: Our candlemass at Holy Trinity was great. Rose had got battery operated candles and the kids put stickers on them. It was our first family service of the year (4 February 2024).



Candlemass, Holy Trinity Port Chalmers — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

**Te Rā o Waitangi events:** We know many of us enjoyed tuning into the events from Waitangi (online) and taking part in events locally. The dawn service, organized by Bishop of Te Tai Tokerau, is always a highlight and this year was no exception. Of note, was the sermon by Dr Alistair Reese. View the dawn service [here](#) (the sermon begins at the 30 minute mark) (6 February 2024).



**['Privilege to serve': Anglican Bishop to step down](#)**: The Anglican Bishop of Dunedin is to step down from the role, saying it has been "a privilege" to serve the city (ODT 1 February 2024, noting that +Steve talked about serving the Diocese of Dunedin, not just the city).

## News snippets

- [Timmins bishop](#) (Bishop Victoria, formerly of Christchurch) to be honoured — The Daily Press
- A [faith Conversation](#) with Tomas Halik — CathNews
- Sale of stud ram generated [4,300 meals for foodbanks](#) — NZ Herald
- Religious sister pleads for [relief for Gaza](#) — The Tablet

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

### [Celebrating power to the people](#)

The Common Grace Aotearoa network is celebrating a win for electricity users in Aotearoa, after the New Zealand Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko moved to require power companies to offer better consumer care, especially for people struggling to pay their bills.

### [Anglican historian preaches at Waitangi](#)

Anglican historian and theologian Alastair Reese answered Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu's call to preach at the dawn service at Waitangi this year, and framed the Treaty as a covenant.

### [Palestine leads World Day of Prayer](#)

Women from Palestinian churches who wrote this year's World Day of Prayer, are inviting Christians the world over to gather in worship on 1 March 2024 to pray with the theme: "Bear With One Another in Love."

## The Wider Church and World

- [The difference housing makes: Homeground](#)
- [UK Bishops part with Tories on people seeking asylum](#)
- [One killed, 2 injured in US church shooting](#)
- [CofE eco Bishop wants churchyards 'rewilded'](#)
- [Brian Tamaki accuses MPs of inciting violence](#)
- [Assaults against Christians in Israel climb](#)
- [CofE holds 'profound disagreement' on homosexuality](#)
- [+Jo Bailey-Wells meets with Pope's council](#)
- [Patriarch Kirill backs Putin's war, but at what cost?](#)
- [Chip Packet project ramps up production](#)
- [RC +Christchurch opens new Marian College](#)
- [Pope canonises Argentina's first female saint](#)
- ['The Treaty of Waitangi is a sacred covenant'](#)
- [Anglicans celebrate 1st female priest: Rev Li Tim Oi](#)
- [Canadian Anglicans pray & fast for Gaza, Ukraine](#)
- [Amnesty calls for Myanmar church bombing probe](#)
- [ABC shelters from bombing on visit to Kyiv, Ukraine](#)
- [Indian Bishops report rise in anti-Christian attacks](#)
- [Female Anglican Bishop meets with Pope's Cabinet](#)
- [+Helen-Ann Hartley resigns UK Commission role](#)
- [Two Swiss Church Aid staff killed in Ukraine](#)
- [US Church Divinity School scraps residential program](#)
- [S.American Indigenous people fight Lithium mining](#)
- [UK's biggest heritage challenge? Crumbling churches](#)
- [Molokai's historic leprosy town faces transition](#)
- [+Southwark: 'Israel can't become it's worst enemy'](#)
- [London holds multifaith Gaza-Israel peace march](#)
- [Beware technology's magic lure](#)
- [Church in Wales appoints youngest ever bishop](#)
- [NZ Muslim wins US religious freedom award](#)
- [Georgian church removes icon depicting Stalin](#)
- [Abp of York holds anti-racism summit](#)
- [Island Bay thief returns cassock after priest pleas](#)

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## Housing Former Refugees - Can you help?

Mona Tavakoli — January 9th, 2024

"[Lord,] when did we see you a stranger and invite you in? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."  
Matthew 25:38-40

Over a misunderstanding during Christmas, we lost renting a one-bedroom property for a 24-year-old mum and her daughter. The family has been waiting at the refugee camp in Auckland since 27th September 2023, praying for an affordable safe home in Dunedin. Except for the help from their case worker at the refugee camp and the Red Cross, they have no whānau support in the South Hemisphere!

**If you know a one-bedroom or a two-bedroom property to rent, please consider participating in God's work of showing love and compassion to those who have faced adversity.** We have a long list of families entering New Zealand and waiting at the camp for housing during the last three months. Helping in any capacity in Dunedin goes a long way. Renting to former refugee families is beyond providing a safe building. It contributes to their well-being, integration, and sense of belonging in their new home and community.

We at the Red Cross and the refugee community are committed to fostering a positive and harmonious living environment in our families' new homeland. We are strengthening community bonds, cultural exchange, and personal growth for our community in Dunedin.

Our families are New Zealand residents. Red Cross can ensure financial stability by an automatic payment of the rent directly from WINZ benefits.

If you have any concerns, please contact me so we can alleviate those worries. If you are curious to know more about the cultural sensitivity of our new families, the Red Cross can offer help from Cross-Cultural Workers who are experts in this field.

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Music

## Calling all hymn and song writers!

Andrew Metcalfe — January 24th, 2024

Are you a poet, a writer of hymns and songs... with something to share?

The New Zealand Hymnbook Trust has been collecting and publishing New Zealand hymns and songs for the last thirty years, beginning with "Alleluia Aotearoa" in 1993. The most recent collection, "Hope is our Song", was produced in 2009.

New Zealand has a great reputation by now as a fresh, interesting voice in the world of Christian music, with a considerable body of hymns sung and appreciated all over the world. Shirley Erena Murray and Colin Gibson have been huge contributors to this work.

No doubt there is a whole new generation of poets and musicians out there, giving glory to God with their music for worship!

This is a preliminary call to that generation of new writers. We are keen to know what's out there nowadays, with a view to compiling another collection. If you write hymns and songs, please make contact with us, so we can discuss further when the time comes.

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