



Diocese of Dunedin

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 21 October 2021

An update from the latest Diocesan Council meeting, and we talk to Bishop Steve more about faith...

Click here for a printable version of this newsletter. If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, please forward these to bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz by 9 am Tuesday 26 October. We appreciate any news and photos you have to pass on.

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

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

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Faith Traffic Lights

This month, mindful of announcements taking place around a new Traffic Lights system to be implemented around COVID-19, we ask +Steve: what does a traffic light system look like for the Church?

[Link to video](#)



Diocesan Council and Trusts Board Meeting 12 October 2021

The Diocesan Council and Trusts Board meet monthly as the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Dunedin. Read on for some highlights from these meetings...

Diocesan Trusts Board

- No appointments were made this month.

Diocesan Council Health and Safety: Cyber Security

At the beginning of October we were alerted to one of our Parish Websites where the domain name (unknowingly) expired and was then sold on to an overseas site. The website concerned has transformed itself into what appears to be a China-based pornography site, and the Parish concerned has been unable to shut this down. We have removed the link from our website.

There have been a few issues with independent domain names that Parishes have lost control of (usually because the person who set up/maintained it is no longer around). The Registrar has contacted OneCall (who host our domain name) and they have confirmed that they are able to host (previously independent) domain names on their server. This can be set up so that if a Parish loses control of their site, we can assist with getting access again. [An invitation for Parishes to do this](#) has been circulated to Wardens and via Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling.

Motion 7: That we form a subcommittee of 2-3 people who can discuss and formulate guidelines and policy to assist the diocese and parishes in maintaining online security. Tony Curtis to co-ordinate and delegate.

Health and Safety - COVID-19:

This situation continues to unfold, with the Delta variant completely changing the wider situation, with previous ways of managing it not being so effective. It is likely that we will remain in Alert Level 2 for the foreseeable future and may also face a scenario where there is community transmission within the South Island. This may require updating of some of our protocols. The Bishop is already making a stronger plea for all who attend our faith communities to receive full doses of the vaccination. This was discussed at length at Diocesan Council, we are reliant on future Government directives in this area, but we are asking all Parishes to update their existing plans, including being able to offer hospitality safely. The Bishop also asked if Parishes could keep an eye on what is happening in their local areas and think about offering practical support to people who may be finding it a challenge to get vaccinated e.g. by offering transportation.

Day 2 of Synod

Diocesan Council spent considerable time discussing this, including the scenario of not being able to wait until Level 1, as we are unlikely to return to this in the near future. The following motion was carried:

Motion 9: That Diocesan Council cancel the scheduled November 6 Synod with an initial option of a face-to-face meeting in December or, if necessary, in the new year. If necessary, Diocesan Council will investigate options for those who are unable to attend in person.

(Since the meeting the Diocesan Office has begun exploring options for holding a final day of Synod in Alert Level 2, we are still trying to get a confirmed date and venue for this. The day will focus only on Bills).

Safeguarding Policy

Further work on this has been carried out by Rev'd John Graveston and Rachel Slade. Diocesan Council approved the policy, work is still taking place on the associated guidelines and we hope to be able to launch and implement this within the next 12 months.

Diocesan Registrar: Andrew reported that we continue to operate within the parameters of Alert Level 2, with this month involved supporting Faith Communities with their plans to return to in-person worship safely. At last count 24 plans were signed off by the Bishop, with three other plans for more specialist groups (children's ministry) reviewed and approved as well. As noted last month, there was a much faster reaction required for changes and we did struggle at times to keep information updated.

Decisions made during the meeting:

- That a grant be made to Parata Home totaling \$146,000 to enable the planned upgrade of the laundry and office/ reception areas to meet audit requirements. To fund this amount, Diocesan Council agrees to release the first year's interest earned on the proceeds from the sale of Takitimu Home (Approx. \$40,000) and funds the balance from the Homes – Aged Common Fund approx. \$106,000.
- That a grant of \$12,284 be given to Friday Light for the employment of a leader from the King I & E account. That a further grant of \$6,532.26 (plus Sept quarter interest) be made from the Shepherd account. (Total approx. \$18,816.26 leaving a shortfall of \$11,893.74). That the application be forwarded to the Mission committee and a grant be considered from the Mission fund to allow this outreach to continue.
- That the Standing Resolutions 2020 as amended by Diocese of Dunedin Synod (2021) be published (as per Statute 39) and publicised/distributed.
- That the Diocesan Office be closed from lunchtime on Thursday 23 December and re-open Monday 10 January. (Please note: some staff may be working on some days over this time)

A reminder of who is on the Council

Clergy: The Rt Rev'd Steven Benford; Rev'd Liz Cheyne [Southland]; The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis [Dunedin City]; Rev'd Brett Roberts [Dunedin City]; Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace [Dunedin City], Rev'd Eric Kyte [Dunedin]

Laity: Mr Keith Gover [Southland]; Ms Lisa Burton [Dunedin City]; Mrs Dot Muir [Southland]; Mr Steve Mitchell [Southland], Dianna Abercrombie [Southland].

In Attendance each meeting

Mr Andrew Metcalfe (Diocesan Registrar), Ven Dr Michael Godfrey (Diocesan Ministry Educator), Rev'd John Graveston (Diocesan Child, Youth, Family Educator), Rev'd Dr Anne Van Gend (Diocesan Community Ministry Enabler).

Diocesan Council Committees: Stewardship Committee - Steve Mitchell (chair), Rev'd Liz Cheyne, The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis, Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace, Rev'd Eric Kyte and +Steve Benford.
Ministry Committee – Vacancy (Chair), Anne Gover, Ven Michael Godfrey, Rev'd John Graveston, Rev'd Anne van Gend, **Mission Committee** - Dot Muir (Chair), Keith Gover (for 12 months), Stuart Young, Caroline Oliver, Lynda Turner Heaton. **Social Justice Committee** – Lisa Burton and Dot Muir as Diocesan Council committee members, other members include Ven Jan Clark, Fred McElrea, Ondine Godtschalk (Chair), Liz Liddell and Rev'd Rose Scott.

Other Information

The Diocesan Council is the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Dunedin Synod as regulated by [Statute 1: \(To regulate the composition and procedures of the Diocesan Synod and to establish a diocesan council\)](#). The Trusts Board considers applications for vacancies on various Boards, Trusts and other Committees for Diocese of Dunedin organisations.

For any correspondence to the Diocesan Council or Trusts Board, contact Andrew Metcalfe: registrar@calledsouth.org.nz, Telephone (03) 488 0821. Any matters for these committees need to be received 7 days before scheduled meetings so that members have time to read all the material required.

Meeting Schedule (Tuesdays @ 10.30 am) for 2021:
9 November, joint meeting with DDTB on 16 December 2021

Please continue to hold the Trusts Board and Diocesan Council in your prayers.



Social Service Funds Grants

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 Wednesday 10 November 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.

Social Service Funds: The closing date for applications for all grants is midday Wednesday 10 November 2021.

Please note that most of the funding available in this category are for projects that come under the definition of aged care.

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 May, with the Diocesan Council considering grant recommendations at its 18 May 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).



Gospel Conversations

The Latest Gospel Conversations for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Te Rātapu Toru Tekau o He wā noa iho (Mark 10: 46-52)

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

In Mark's gospel we are reaching the end of the long journey to Jerusalem, and come to the last healing Jesus performs on the road: giving sight to blind Bartimaeus. Lisa Emerson, Damon Plimmer and Anne van Gend join Michael this week to discuss seeing Jesus, Jesus' welcome, and the times we and others might get in the way of that encounter.

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

[Link to Video](#)



Strengthening national responses to health emergencies

Information about a conference on faith engagement in health emergencies, co-convened by WHO and Religions for Peace Global which started early October and continues through November.

We have been given an invitation to pass on for any who may be able to join some of the sessions and find them interesting for your work.

Strengthening national responses to health emergencies: WHO, Religious Leaders, Faith-based Organizations, Faith Communities and National Governments.

Over the last months many members of the WHO Communities of Practice have worked together to develop the tracks, sessions and finalize diverse panels of speakers representing different faiths, expertise, experience, regions and gender.

Please see the event page which includes all the details regarding registration and dates & times: <https://bit.ly/WHORFPCConference>. The conference communication package attached or available [here](#).

[**WHO and Religions for Peace global conference on strengthening national responses to health emergencies**](#)

Conference summary:

- **"Spiritual care during times of crisis" track:**
 - Day 1 October 20 10:00 – 12:30 CEST
 - *Chaplaincy: Critical and changing roles in COVID-19*
 - *Palliative care during COVID-19*
 - Day 2 October 21 14:00 – 16:30 CEST
 - *Innovations in delivering spiritual and mental health care*
 - *Closing places of worship: Social care consequences and responses*
- **"Collaboration in health emergencies: WHO, faith partners and national governments "** track:

- Day 1 November 3 10:00-11:30 CET
 - *Track opener: WHO Strategy for Engaging Religious Leaders, Faith-Based Organizations and Faith Communities in Health Emergencies*
 - *Kenya case study*
- Day 2 November 4 14:30-15:30 CET
 - *Zimbabwe case study*
- Day 3 November 10 10:00-12:30 CET
 - *Philippines case study*
 - *Nigeria case study*
- **"Communication and advocacy for vaccine equity, access, and uptake"** track:
 - 24 November 1400-1500 CET
- **"Trust and health histories "** track:
 - Date to be confirmed
- **Closing plenary**
 - Date to be confirmed



Hospitality Check for Churches - Update

Recently Bishop Steve indicated that hospitality could resume in Churches according to what was agreed in original Action Plans.

[Link to original Level 2 article](#)

We have reviewed and updated some of our checklists (attached below and also available on-line via the [Pandemic Response Framework](#) appendices).

The main changes are around:

- People serving (hospitality) to wear face coverings
- Encouraging people to keep face coverings on unless eating/drinking
- Updated MOH advice on cleaning (in two of the guidelines' appendices)

The following has been sent out to Clergy and Wardens:

We want to check that you have copies of your original hospitality plans, that you have read them and briefed the appropriate people who are helping to provide this.

Your original hospitality Plan will be included in the Action Plan you had approved in 2020.

Here are some suggested actions:

1. Look out your plans and send us an email confirming that you have familiarised yourself with these and have briefed all those who are putting these into place. One email from a Warden is all we need confirming that this has taken place.
2. If you can't find your plans, contact [Nicola Wong](#) or [Andrew Metcalfe](#) (03 488 0820) and we will send it to you again.
3. If you need to update or revise your plans, please send us any changes so we can get the Bishop to approve the amendments, before you resume offering hospitality. Attached below is a copy of the Hospitality Check list that is useful to compare what you have, and can also be used as a check list for anyone providing hospitality to ensure that everything is carried out in a safe manner.

Remember that it is important to know who has gathered for hospitality if any contact tracing needs to take place in the future. You should keep a register of people who have stayed for hospitality and encourage people to scan in on their phones if they are able to do so.

Please do contact us if you have any questions at all - we're very happy to help.

We have reviewed and updated some of our checklists (attached below and also available on-line via the [Pandemic Response Framework](#) appendices).



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

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

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

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

We also have a separate article from the Bishop that gives more information to churches around what they need to put into place.

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

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

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

Summary of Level 2 for Faith Communities

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

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

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

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

More Detail on Alert Level 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Advice for places of worship

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

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

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

If you are going to a place of worship

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

Celebrations and festivals

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

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

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

Travelling to a faith-based gathering at Alert Level 2

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

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

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

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

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

More about Gathering and Events

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

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

Are you potentially an at-risk person?

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

Key additional points for all of us:

- Ensure you **follow directives** for places you visit or work in (see our posters on [Church Safety](#) and [Church office areas](#))
- **Be kind.** Make a difference by checking-in on others, especially the elderly and vulnerable.
- **Look after anyone that needs help.** Drop supplies to those at home sick and ensure you have no physical contact.
- **Keep up your physical distancing habits** and other ways of staying in touch with more vulnerable people i.e. the phone, a video messaging system or something similar

Got symptoms or have health questions?

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

Not sure who to talk to?

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

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

Staying safe and well

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

- Regularly disinfect surfaces
- Wash and dry your hands thoroughly and regularly

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

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

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

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

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



Events and Calendar

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

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

[Link to Diocesan Office Calendar](#)

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

[Link to Christian Calendar](#)

Dates for feast days and other Christian observations

SHARED WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

[Daily Evening Prayer:](#) Tuesday to Friday at 5 pm with Bishop Steve. **Meeting ID: 934 8425 0283.**

No computer or smart phone? Telephone **03 659 0603**(it may be a toll call depending on your plan), then key in the meeting ID: **934 8425 0283**

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

[See separate article](#) for more information

ANGLICAN and ECUMENICALLY BASED EVENTS IN THE SOUTH

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

Southland

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

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

Latest South Centre Newsletter (October) is attached below.

Dunedin

Advent Quiet Day - a day set aside to reflect on the invitation and the promise of Advent.

Saturday 27th November

Come aside to be with God, to rest and be refreshed.

Facilitator: The Rev'd David Crooke

10am to 4pm.

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

Bring Bible, journal and pen if desired, bring your own lunch. Hot drinks available.

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

Please note under covid restrictions numbers will be limited to allow for social distancing and masks will be worn indoors. Registration is essential.

To register and for further information please phone Maureen 03 456 0573; 021 10 71 401.

NATIONAL EVENTS

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

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

**Teviot Valley Garden Tour Sunday October 31 9am-
Community Events 5pm**

Eleven gardens across the valley from below Millers Flat to above Roxburgh. \$20 tickets available on line from www.roxburgh.guide or on the day from 8.30am at Faigans Kitchen and Cafe at Millers Flat or outside the Roxburgh I-site.

If you buy on line, you turn up at one of these two places, produce your proof of purchase, get your map and hand stamp to take you across some of the best gardens the valley has to offer. It will take you most of the day, so don't leave it too late in the day to start.

A fundraiser for Teviot Prospects Community Projects

More information phone Barbara Withington 021 1106787

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](#)



Bishop Steven's Diary 21 - 28 October 2021

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

Thursday 21 and Friday 22 October

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

Various meetings

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

Saturday 23 October

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

Sunday 24 October

9am - St Andrew's Cromwell

11am - St Columba's Wanaka

Monday 25 October - Labour Day

Office closed

Tuesday 26 October

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

Various meetings

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

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 October

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

Various meetings

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



I te Pāpaho - In the Media

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

[Latest Videos](#)

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

Latest Gospel Conversation

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

Local and Diocesan Media

[Climate Mission: Our Advocacy makes a difference.](#) The Diocese of Wellington report: 2021 is a momentous year for climate change policy in New Zealand. The government has just announced a four-fold increase in climate finance to go to overseas communities most impacted by climate breakdown. This amounts to \$1.3 billion over four years! And right now, our government is in the process of finalising targets by which we hope to reduce our carbon emissions for the next 15 years. It's important that we have our say....

[Petra Zaleski shares the compassion that prompted the Onehunga Anglican community to claim and name Anahera.](#) Just before lockdown, the body of a newborn baby girl was found abandoned in Onehunga. This is the story of how St Peter's Onehunga and the wider community responded. (Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine, 1 October 2021)

[National Anglican News at Taonga Putting climate resilience first](#)

Eleni Levin Tevi has shared her Tongan Anglican perspective on how the Church can prioritise climate resilience alongside community resilience in its work to combat the impact of climate change.

[CWS welcomes Pacific climate funds](#)

Christian World Service has welcomed a new New Zealand Government commitment to finance climate-damage mitigating projects run by our Pacific neighbours and who rank among the countries most vulnerable to climate change.

• [Wellington Diocese celebrates new climate aid](#)

[Nelson Dean unites science & faith](#)

The new Dean of Nelson, the Very Rev Dr Graham O'Brien talked with Taonga this week about the pastoral, theological and scientific background he brings to his leadership role at Christ Church Cathedral Nelson.

[The Nelson Mail introduces Dean Graham](#)

[Covid-19 Delta: Christians can do more than pray](#)

In the National & International Media

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

News...

- [Farmers get an "F"](#) in their fashion supply chain ethics—Joyya gets an A+. You can download the [Fashion report here](#).
- Climate Change (CC) language is complex—get it [explained here](#), read a Christian [Tongan perspective](#) on CC, and read about the [boost to CC funding](#) from our Government.
- Jesus is the [Answer](#). No matter what the question. And Wellington's Adrienne Thompson reminds us to "[lift your eyes](#)".
- Annual [Seafarers Service](#) at St Mary's in Timaru was in the news.
- Education Minister Chris Hipkins worries about a [Delta outbreak](#) in [primary schools](#), and a Methven Dr steps down from her health role because she [chooses not to get the vaccine](#).

Worth a look

- [CofE: don't forget doubters and mystics](#)
- [Vatican puts John Paul II on sainthood track](#)
- [Wyoming Episcopalians to host Afghan refugees](#)
- [Auckland Samoan AOG urges Pasifika vaccinations](#)
- [Hawai'ian Royals' church digitises genealogical records](#)
- [ABC calls on Ethiopia to manage GERD dam fairly](#)
- [Fijian RC Archbishop on welcoming unvaxxed folk](#)
- [Ghanaian Anglican bishops support anti-gay law](#)
- [US Indigenous leaders lament schools' trauma](#)
- [NZ churches face vax vs no-vax dilemma](#)

- [Pacific churches plan eco-training farm for Fiji](#)
- [Australia's election will be a cruelty competition](#)
- [Brian Tamaki pleads not guilty over protest](#)
- [Vicar finds bell stolen when it failed to ring](#)
- [Sculptor covers Glasgow church in concrete crosses](#)
- [Pope launches global consultation on reform](#)
- [ABC preaches on Alexandria Province in Cairo](#)
- [Teaching Jesus' love through pet blessings](#)
- [Aussie report aims to seize Catholic burial sites](#)
- [Pope, ABC, faith leaders urge action on climate](#)
- [NZ churches should reject vaccine passports](#)
- [Lockdown delays Wellington Mission's homeless hub](#)
- [The Queen lauds BBC Songs of Praise on 60th](#)
- [Calls to charge Brian Tamaki for lockdown breach](#)
- [Indian Christians living in fear of Hindu extremists](#)



Vacancies: 21 October 2021

A regular update of Diocesan vacancies and those further afield.

Māori Chaplaincy Position at the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic

This position is 0.8 Equivalent Full-Time, with this being made up of 0.6 Permanent, and 0.2 Fixed-Term for three years.

The Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board (OTCTB) is an ecumenical Christian Board responsible for providing Chaplaincy at Otago Polytechnic and at the University of Otago. The Board seeks to further enhance its Treaty of Waitangi partnership and covenantal relationship with Māori students, staff and their whanau. We support the right of Māori staff and students, if they so choose, to be ministered to in te reo Māori and karakia Māori.

We are seeking to appoint a Māori Chaplain (0.8 Equivalent Full-Time, with this being made up of 0.6 Permanent, and 0.2 Fixed-Term for three years) to serve on the campuses of the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic.

This position is open to persons of Christian faith, lay or ordained. There is a preference for those with experience working in a Tertiary Chaplaincy context. Applicants must be in good standing within their Christian denomination and within the Māori community.

For a Job description and further information about Chaplaincy, email David Ojala, Secretary, Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board; Email: dojala@xtra.co.nz (The Job description is attached below).

Closing Date: Friday 12 November 2021

Please send your CV and a covering letter to David Ojala, Secretary, Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board; Email: dojala@xtra.co.nz

If you would like to discuss this position with the Board Chair, Professor Paul Trebilco, please email: paul.trebilco@otago.ac.nz or call Paul on (03) 4798 798.

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

Diocese of Auckland

Vacancy - Vicar, Parish of Birkdale Beach Haven

Applications are sought for the ministry of Vicar for the Parish of Birkdale Beach Haven. This is a full-time role with applications closing on Friday 29th October, 2021.

The Parish Profile can be found on the Diocesan Website ([click here](#)).

Please take time to consider this ministry and/or pass it to other clergy who you believe may be called to this role.

Vacancy - Priest Associate, Parish of Howick

See attached Parish profile for full details.

Applications close 22 October 2021

Diocese of Waiapu

Vacancy for Dean of Waiapu Cathedral, Napier.

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

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

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

For further information about the role, the Parish Profile and application details please contact in the first instance Sandra Gifkins (PA to Bishop Andrew Hedge, Diocese of Waiapu)

sandra.gifkins@waiapu.com

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

Current Hospital Chaplaincy Vacancies advertised with ICHC **Hospital Chaplain (Part-Time 0.375FTE)**

Nelson Marlborough DHB, Wairau Hospital

Closes 4pm Friday 5 November 2021

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/54456598>

To be considered, please submit the following:

- CV
- Cover letter
- Application form

The application process is through [Seek](#).



Updated: Frequently Asked Questions - COVID-19 Vaccination and the Christian Response

Not sure where to go for the right information about vaccines? We have the latest update in the following article.

Vaccine Information

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

- A useful **Dunedin City Baptist document** is also attached below.

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

The Anglican Health and Community Network

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

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

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

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

WHO information on COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccine Safety

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

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

International Travel

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

Essential Health Services

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

IPC

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

Lab

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

Surveillance

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

RCCE

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

61 on how to care for a person with COVID-19 infection at home
60 on SARS-CoV-2 variant nomenclature
59 on COVID-19 therapeutics
58 on the role of health workers in the uptake of COVID-19 vaccines

Public Health and Social Measures

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



Karakia for our climate: Vigils for COP26

Karakia For Our Climate is an ecumenical group of young Christians organising nationwide prayer events in support of strong climate action, including an in-person event at Knox Church, Dunedin, on 12 November. We now have some words you can put in your pew sheets.

We are just under a month away from the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, known as [COP26](#). COP26 is a meeting of world leaders, scientists and climate

activists from the 1st to the 12th of November 2021 to drive ambition and action towards climate change. **Attached to this article is a poster you can display in your church/faith community and words follow that you can place in your pew sheets:**

Karakia for our Climate. Join with others all around the motu in praying for our climate during this year's UN climate change conference in Glasgow (COP26). The conference runs from 31 Oct - 12 November. At 8pm on Sunday 31 October, a nationwide service of karakia will be held on Zoom. A livestreamed daily devotion will then happen at 8pm on facebook every day during the conference. There will be a closing vigil in main centres around the country on Friday 12 November (there is one at 5:30pm in Dunedin at Knox Church). To find out more, go to: <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/karakia-for-our-climate>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

... and an in-person vigil for the closing of COP at **12th of November, in: [Dunedin/Ōtepoti](#): 5:30pm at Knox Church, Dunedin**

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

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

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

Ngā manaakitanga,

Jordan and the Karakia for our Climate team.



10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months

One of our Five Marks of Mission is to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and re-new the life of the earth. **Here is Step 9 of the challenge** for the month of October

The following is a resource for churches and whanau. Please copy and share (free copyright). More material and videos at: www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html.

Step 9) October: Cleaning

Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 8:9 *Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.*

'Big Idea'

As Christians we try not to get caught up in lots of rules. Following Jesus is not about being 'good'. We are free to eat and to buy what we choose. However, as Paul warns us, not everything is good for us or good for those around us. Could our freedom damage the environment around us? The chemicals we use can have a destructive effect 'down-stream'. They are a 'stumbling block to the weak', not just people but fragile ecosystems and creatures.

Question - for reflection & discussion

In a global pandemic, of course we need good hygiene. But how does our human need for cleanliness impact on God's creation?

Watch video at www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html

Action Steps for October

- What chemicals are used at your home, work or church? Look on the labels. Find out what is in the stuff you handle.
- Buy 'eco friendly' cleaning products, or make your own from safe ingredients.
- At church or work talk to your Cleaners about what they use, and work towards more environmentally safe alternatives.

Prayer

The Lord has set us free! We are free indeed!
Dear God, thank you for our freedom and for our responsibility.
Thank you for ethics that guide our choices
May our actions not become a stumbling block for others
May our choices protect the vulnerable,
both people and environments. Amen.

To receive the resource (free!) each month (Feb-Nov this year only) please email:
silvia.purdie@gmail.com



Get one. Give one. Campaign

The Get one. Give one. Campaign is an opportunity for Anglicans in Aotearoa New Zealand to pay it forward to others as we receive our vaccines for free (and now all over 12 years can book in!). Over \$115k has been given so far to the Get One. Give One. campaign ... can you help increase this even more?

- [Donate here](#)

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

The Get one. Give one. Campaign has exceeded its target of \$80K and is now over \$115K!! THANK YOU for your generosity. We are now aiming for a new target of \$150,000. .

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

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

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

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

Why the campaign

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

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

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

The unit cost of delivering one vaccine comes to between \$5 and \$10. We are asking everyone to donate \$10 to cover the delivery of a single vaccine to someone in the majority world. This includes the cost of delivery networks such as local distribution, storage, vaccination centre staffing. etc. See more here: <https://www.corecommitments.unicef.org/kp/covax-delivery-cost.pdf>.

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

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

Many thanks and God bless

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Keeping Control of your Website

Websites are great at connecting us with our communities, but we are aware that some parishes have endured some real difficulties with them. This ranges from losing control of them if a key person moves on, or losing the site altogether if a domain name subscription lapses and is then on-sold.

The above scenarios have happened already, including one unfortunate occurrence where a church website domain was on-sold to an overseas service provider of objectionable material.

We have been asking our information technology provider (OneCall) if they may be able to offer something for parishes who want to make things more secure for themselves. They say:

OneCall offers Domain Name Hosting services for \$40.00 plus GST per year per domain name. We would be happy taking on hosting for additional domains, but would prefer the billing relationship for the domains to be through the Diocese (if individual parishes would require separate invoices, then we'll need to get OneCall trading accounts set up for each Parish).

Here are the answers they have given to our questions:

1. Would this be difficult – or hard – to do with Domains that may be held by another provider (could a Parish essentially keep their own domain name)?

Domain name hosting can only be provided by a single Internet provider, so if you wanted OneCall to host these, they would need to be transferred from their existing provider to our hosting service. That would then mean that future changes made to individual Parish domain configurations would need to be managed through us. Thankfully, configuration changes on an Internet domain are usually not something you do very often.

1. How would an existing Parish go about transferring a domain to you?

We would guide the transition for you. Usually, the domain name holder would contact the current registrar to advise that they wish to change, and then the current registrar manages the transition to the new registrar for you. The transferral of registration typically wouldn't affect services that rely on the domain name. (please note, Registrar refers to registrar of the domain, not the Diocesan Registrar!)

1. Would it be possible to link any Parish domains with the Diocese so that there can be authorisation for assistance if something went wrong e.g. a key person moved on)?

Yes - in fact we would prefer this. That way we only have one invoice to raise, and only have to interface with a small number of users with the authorisation to request changes to domain configurations (i.e.: members of the Diocese).

If anyone wants to explore this further, please contact [Andrew Metcalfe](#) 03 488 0821. If there is interest in this, we will talk more with OneCall and get together a process to help do this for you.



Church installs new standards monitor

The Anglican Church has installed a Ministry Standards Commission to help it ensure that ministers and office holders exercise the exemplary level of conduct the Anglican Church owes to all those in its care. Julianne Clark- Morris writes in Taonga...

[For the full article in Anglican Taonga, click here.](#)

The Diocese of Dunedin is continuing to work on local responses to this, including our safeguarding policies and a local contact for anyone who needs support for a situation where they may have experienced any form of abuse within the church. Watch this space...



Website and The South Calling - Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka Update

We have been doing some reorganising on the Website to make some information easier to find, and continue to commend The South Calling - Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka as a way of connecting us together.

We are sending out some updated posters promoting the Website and South Calling - Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka for faith communities to display on their notice boards.

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

The main changes to the website have been to add a new category [Ministry Resources](#), and adding in new pages including the [Bishop's Companion Programme](#), [Gospel Conversations](#) and some of our [Te Reo resources](#). Other ministry resources have also now been gathered under this heading.

We have also put our [Te Reo Karakia resources](#) more prominently on the website, plus we have updated the [About Us page](#).

Information about [Churches](#) is now accessed through the Directory and Faith Communities portals.

[Diocesan Resources](#) takes you to paperwork that you can use, as well as to our [Statutes](#) and [Health and Safety information](#).

[The South Calling - Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka](#)

Our weekly newsletter continues to keep our Diocese connected and informed, with more video content being available over the past 6 months or so.

We always welcome new subscribers to be part of this kōrero - feel free to print and display the attached poster (they will be in the post shortly).

We'd also love to have more contributors of photos and stories - material can be sent to [Nicola Wong](#) or [Andrew Metcalfe](#) at the Diocesan office (phone 03 488 0821).

If anyone reading this is in charge of putting notices in pew sheets (or can pass it onto someone who does) feel free to use the following wording:

The South Calling - Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka is our weekly Diocesan newsletter that is the main way to inform, encourage and connect our wider Anglican Family in Otago and Southland. You can sign up to receive this on the following web page: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/news/>. Check out also the Diocesan Website for more information and resources: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/>
