



Diocese of
Dunedin

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 16 January 2025

Welcome to our first pānui for 2025, with some reminders of what's coming up in the next few weeks and months...

There are more articles than will appear in your email summary - follow the links to explore the full publication.

Our next edition will be on **Wednesday 5 February** (a day earlier as Waitangi day is on our usual publication day this year). Please forward any news and photographs to bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz by 9 am Monday 3 February 2025.

Click here for a printable PDF copy of this edition and see our [newsletter webpage](#) to view previous ones and for accessible viewing options. Have a look at our regular articles that may not be featured in this newsletter: [Vacancies](#), [Events and Calendar](#), [Nourishing Faith Resources](#), [Latest Public Health Advice](#).

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

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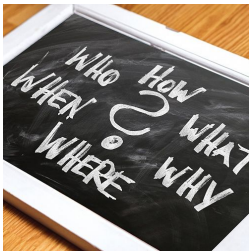
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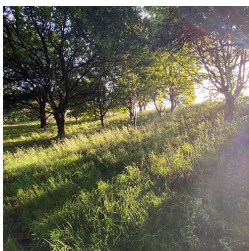
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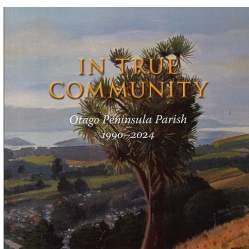
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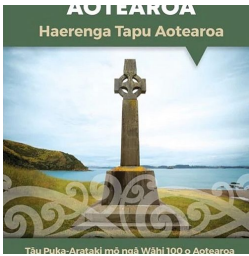
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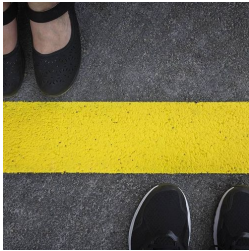
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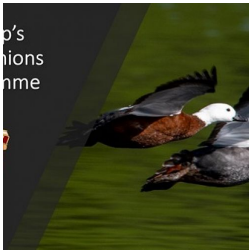
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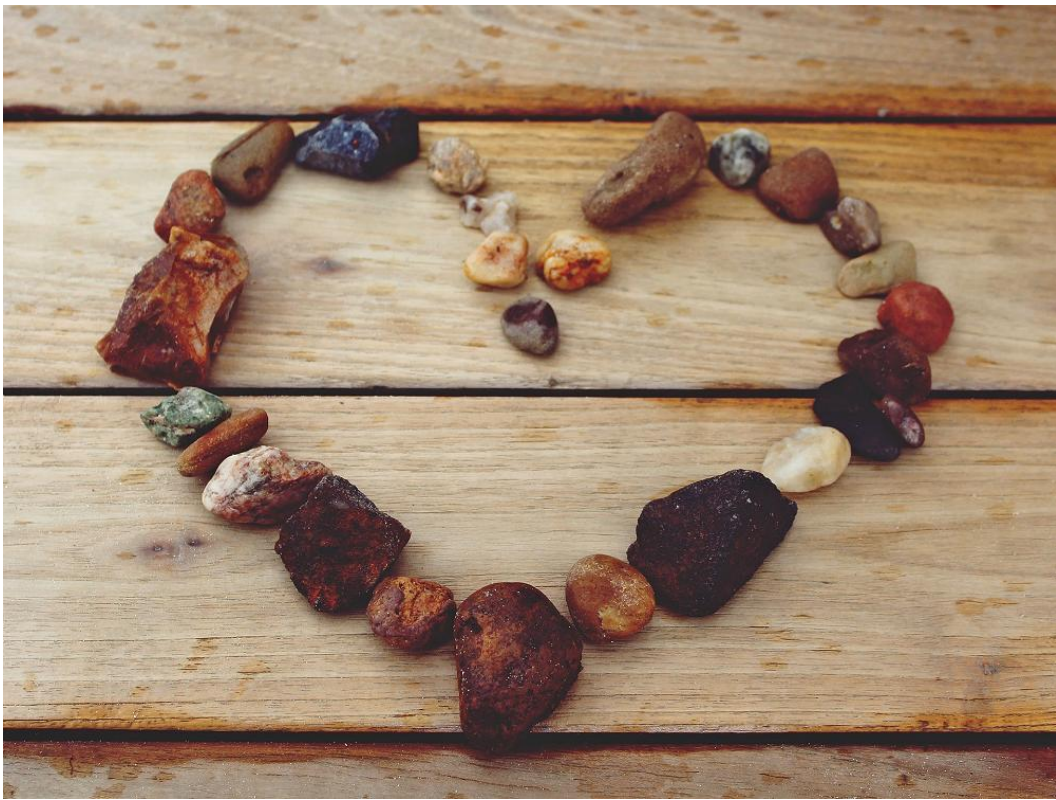
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Keeping up to date with recent news about our parishes, organisations and the wider church.



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Connecting with aroha - love

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What touches and connects you?

Andrew Metcalfe — January 12th, 2025

At this time of the year we look at some statistics: how many people regularly look at Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling articles and watch YouTube video clips. What were the highlights for 2024?

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka:

Over 2024, 32 issues were produced (plus one extra for clergy only), with most viewed Publications being:

1. 5 December 2024 (1083 views) ([The Ven Anne van Gend Bishop Elect](#))
2. Special Edition – 1 February 2024 (776 views) ([Bishop Steve's resignation](#))
3. 3 October 2024 (421 views) ([headlined Lumsden closure](#))
4. 19 December 2024 (282 views) ([final edition for 2024](#))

For the overall newsletter, readership in 2024 was 10,524 with an average of 329 per issue. There has been a definite uptake in readership over the past three years with current subscribers sitting at 544.



YouTube Channel - most popular Clips.

These tend to be a mixture of some older ones that are still being viewed by a much wider audience, and other significant events over this past year. **Here are the top 10:**

1. [Our life has its seasons](#): 29 Aug 2021 (473 views) - This video has had 1,484 views since it was published
2. [Christ be our light!](#): 29 Aug 2021 (406 views) - This video has had 1,483 views since it was published
3. [Selwyn College, Dunedin](#): 28 Jul 2019 (288 views) - This video has had 2,232 views since it was published.
4. [Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev'd Joel Stutter](#): 1 Feb 2024 (201 views)
5. [Informal Farewells to Bishop Steve, Lorraine & Marley](#): 14 May 2024 (141 views)
6. [Bishop Ross Bay - The Future of the Church](#): 13 Aug 2024 (139 views)
7. [Rev'd Arnold Spencer - Smith Window Blessing](#): 10 Mar 2024 (103 views)
8. [Faith Communities 2024](#): 25 Aug 2023 (96 views) - This video has had 200 views since it was published
9. [Ordination of Rev'd Dr Katie Marcar to the Priesthood](#): 18 Dec 2023 (92 views) - This video has had 312 views since it was published
10. [A little bit of DIY](#): 16 May 2024 (91 views)



Nourishing Faith

Nourishing Faith (the main portal to Gospel Conversations) was the most viewed article in the newsletter as this is regularly updated each week (so has a cumulative total) and is sent out to a separate mailing list. **Over the past year this was viewed 6881 times.**

From February to Christmas 2024, 51 Gospel Conversation videos were published via Nourishing Faith with a total viewership of 8808 (5863 in 2023). The biggest "hit" was 317 views for the [December 1 Advent 1 edition](#). There was an average of 173 views taking place each video (113 in 2023).

Attachments

[PMH Media Statistics for 2024](#)



Registration now open for the annual Lay Ministry Training Day in Balclutha.

Lay Minister Training Team — January 15th, 2025

"The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14:17)

Wouldn't it be wonderful to work with God to create places of justice, peace and joy in our homes, churches, community and country?

This year we are fortunate to have Archbishop Philip Richardson joining us for the morning, to look at some specific ways we can nurture these blessings of the Kingdom of God.

After lunch we're offering a range of workshops as we usually do, calling on the skills of our own local people to give us some ideas on practical aspects of our ministries.

These training days are a wonderful chance to get together with people from across the Diocese. We take Lay Ministry seriously, and as such we want to ensure we give you ongoing opportunities to refresh and grow your skills and knowledge. We strongly encourage all who are Licenced Lay Ministers to come to the day if possible, and extend the invitation to all who are interested in growing their own ministry.

If travel costs are difficult, please let us know when you register as some support is available. Many people car-share which gives you more time to chat, saves petrol, and - particularly for those driving a long way - makes the journey safer.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Anne

[REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE](#)

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025

- **Time: 10am – 4.30pm**
- **Place: St Mark's Anglican Church, Balclutha** You can choose your workshops and register by following [THIS LINK](#).

Registrations close 24th February 2025.

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



Reminders

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Important Dates for your calendars

Andrew Metcalfe — January 6th, 2025

Some dates to note during a typical year: deadlines for Synod, returns to the Diocesan office and other useful reminders for your faith community.

Important dates and Reminders

We have some general reminders that Vestries, Church Committees, Chapters and other leadership groups can refer to to help keep on top of everything you need to report on or respond to.

The following summary is attached below to print and refer to.

The list below is not comprehensive and will be added to when we hear of anything that needs to be on here - please contact the Diocesan Registrar registrar@calledsouth.org.nz with any suggestions, and we will add them to future versions.

We suggest that some of these may be “standing agenda items” on governance body agendas

Standing Agenda Items:

- **Contingency Plan** – see [Contingency Plan](#) for a template you can use. What will you do if key people in your community are no longer able to fulfil other duties?
- **Leases** – for facilities, house leases that are not registered with the DDTB. Make a note to review these and what month work needs to start on this. Agenda this for the first meeting of your year.
- **Health and Safety** – a standing agenda item. Any major concerns, accidents-incidents or near misses? Any regular training that needs to take place?
- **Safeguarding and complaints** – a standing agenda item. Safeguarding training and audits will be advised during the year.
- **Revaluations of Properties are due every three years** – contact Diocesan Accountant for what is required around this.

- **Annual Inspections of property held by faith community, including vicarages** – schedule these in, you may want to use the annual Loss Prevention Audit (see June prompt below) as an opportunity to do this, see also the website <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/health-safety/>. **Section G of the handbook** has other additional information that may be helpful, including Number 4 (Vicarages, Deaneries and other Faith Community Houses) [Section 12i Vicarage or Church House Checklist](#).
- **Annual Review of Terriers** – schedule your Terrier to be reviewed during the year, with any additions or subtractions noted. Please send any updated information to the Registrar in the Diocesan Office. See [Terrier \(Church Property Register\) Template](#)– a useful document for taking an inventory. Contact the Registrar for information for when you last submitted this.
- **Clergy Matters** - Clergy Licence requirements are dealt with directly from the Bishop's office, on an individual basis, as they fall due. Lay Minister Licence renewal occurs triennially – next due Pentecost 2025. Licensing outside of that can be requested via the Bishop's office.

Diocese of Dunedin: Reminders of Important Deadlines

Month	General Deadlines or Events	Synod deadlines
January	Reminder to update Contributions sent through to the Diocesan Office, including any direct debits for stipends and wages (following any annual increase implemented in January).	Memo about AGMs and Annual returns sent to faith communities (hard copy and electronic)
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay Training Day • Boundaries training day (may also be organised for other months) • Clergy quiet day • Paperwork circulated for Lay Minister relicensing – due end of February (triennial – see May reminder below) • Safeguarding Audits – to be completed before AGM, see https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/safeguarding-resource-hub/ and the Safeguarding Audit Form 	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss Prevention Audit (for Insurance purposes) - available to complete on-line and/or on paper (sent to Wardens or main contact people) • Church AGM – schedule this before 31 March each year. • Annual accounts to be received at Diocesan Office by 31 March or 15 April at the latest. 	
April	Ministry School	Annual Returns sent to Diocesan Office by the end of the month. Includes officer details, declarations and statistics.

May **Pentecost Triennial Lay Minister relicensing-** 2025, 2028, 2031 etc. **Memo** sent to Synod reps and to report authors (for Synod book) by the end of the month (deadline third Thursday in July)

June **Loss Prevention Audit** – due end of the month.

July

- Third Thursday in July – **Synod reports** due
- Fourth Thursday in July - last day for **Bills**

Month General Deadlines or Events

Synod deadlines

August

- First Thursday in August (or last Thursday in July) – **Bills submitted to the Statutes and Standing Orders Committee and printing deadline** for Synod Book
- Third Friday in August – **Synod books printed**
- Fourth Friday in August – **Synod books posted**
- Last Friday in August – **Synod books on-line**, deadline for further notices, questions and petitions for any Synod. Last day for notification of any Synod rep alternatives.
- **Catering forms - Synod Registration** due end of August.

September **Synod – 2nd Friday to 2nd Sunday of the month**
(2025 this is 12-14 September)

October **Diocesan Retreat**
By 25 October each year: **Insurance - Notification to Diocesan Office of any changes** to insurance cover for buildings and contents including details of any large additions/disposals of fixed assets, details of purchases or disposal of vehicles

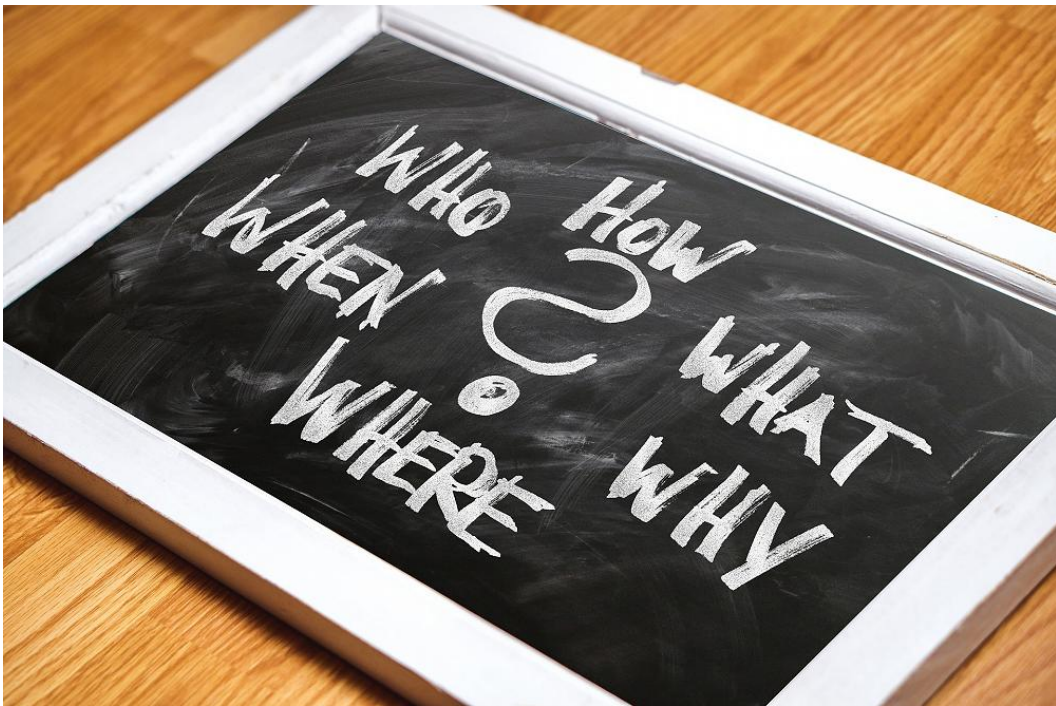
Diocesan Council – ratification of Diocesan Committees, Declarations for incoming Diocesan Council Members (every two years).

November

End of year Clergy Gathering with Bishop
December

Attachments

[Diocese of Dunedin Important Dates Jan 2025](#)



Replies appreciated

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Andrew Metcalfe — January 8th, 2025

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[Link to On-Line Statistical Annual Returns - Faith Communities](#)

(Other organisations - use the forms attached below)

We have given you the option this year of competing your statistical returns on-line (see link above). You may like to gather this on a paper copy (which is being sent to all faith communities) or print out and complete the forms below to send back to us.



QR code for Statistics return for 2024 year

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 (2025)** annual return form. **Please note: this return records officers elected at your 2025 AGM.** This return is not able to be completed electronically.
- **Statistical Return** form that covers January 2024 - December 2024. This includes an **Employee and Volunteers** Annual Return for this time period. This form is the one that can be completed [electronically](#).
- The **Diocesan Organisation** Annual returns for 2024 and **memo**.

[These are also available on Dropbox](#) and via our [website](#)

[Link to Synod Essential Information article](#)

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

Gallery

	
2 nd Session 63 rd Synod 12 – 13 – (14) September 2025	
Friday 17 January	• Memo re AGMs and Annual Returns
Friday 30 May	• Memo to Synod Reps
Thursday 17 July	• Request for reports memo
Thursday 24 July	• Synod Reports Due
Thursday 31 July	• Last day for Bills
Thursday 14 August	• Bills submitted to Statutes and Standing Orders Committee (SSO)
Friday 15 August	• Bills (and Motions) back from SSO Committee
Friday 22 August	• Requests for printing deadline
Friday 29 August	• Print Synod Books
	• Post Synod books (to receive by 31 August)
	• Synod book "on-line"
	• Deadline for further notices, motions, petitions, questions
	• Last day for notification of any alternates
	• Final Day for Catering – Synod Registration forms.

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[Churches - Annual Statistical Returns for 2024 - Word](#)
[Churches - Annual Statistical Returns for 2024 - PDF](#)
[Churches - Members of Governing Bodies Returns 2025 - Word](#)
[Churches - Members of Governing Bodies Returns 2025 - PDF](#)
[Declarations - Vestries \(seperate form\) - Word](#)
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[Dio Orgs - Annual Return for 2024 - Word](#)
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[Memo to Ministry Units re AGMs and returns 2024-5 - Word](#)
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Summer Grass

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd Service Details

Ven Anne van Gend — December 18th, 2024

Our next service takes place on Sunday 26 January 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 every month (attached below).
- Hymns and readings for each service are also attached below (these are updated each month).

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, being ill/needing to stay at home and so on.

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

Documents for 26 January 2025

- Scripture Readings, Hymns, YouTube links and the Order of Service are attached below.

Attachments

[Service Sheet Scattered People of the Good Shepherd - 2024](#)

[Song words January](#)

[Song Links January](#)

[Readings January](#)



The Venerable Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop Elect of Dunedin

Photo by Wynston Cooper ARPS

Episcopal Ordination of the Venerable Dr Anne van Gend

Bishop Ross Bay — January 15th, 2025

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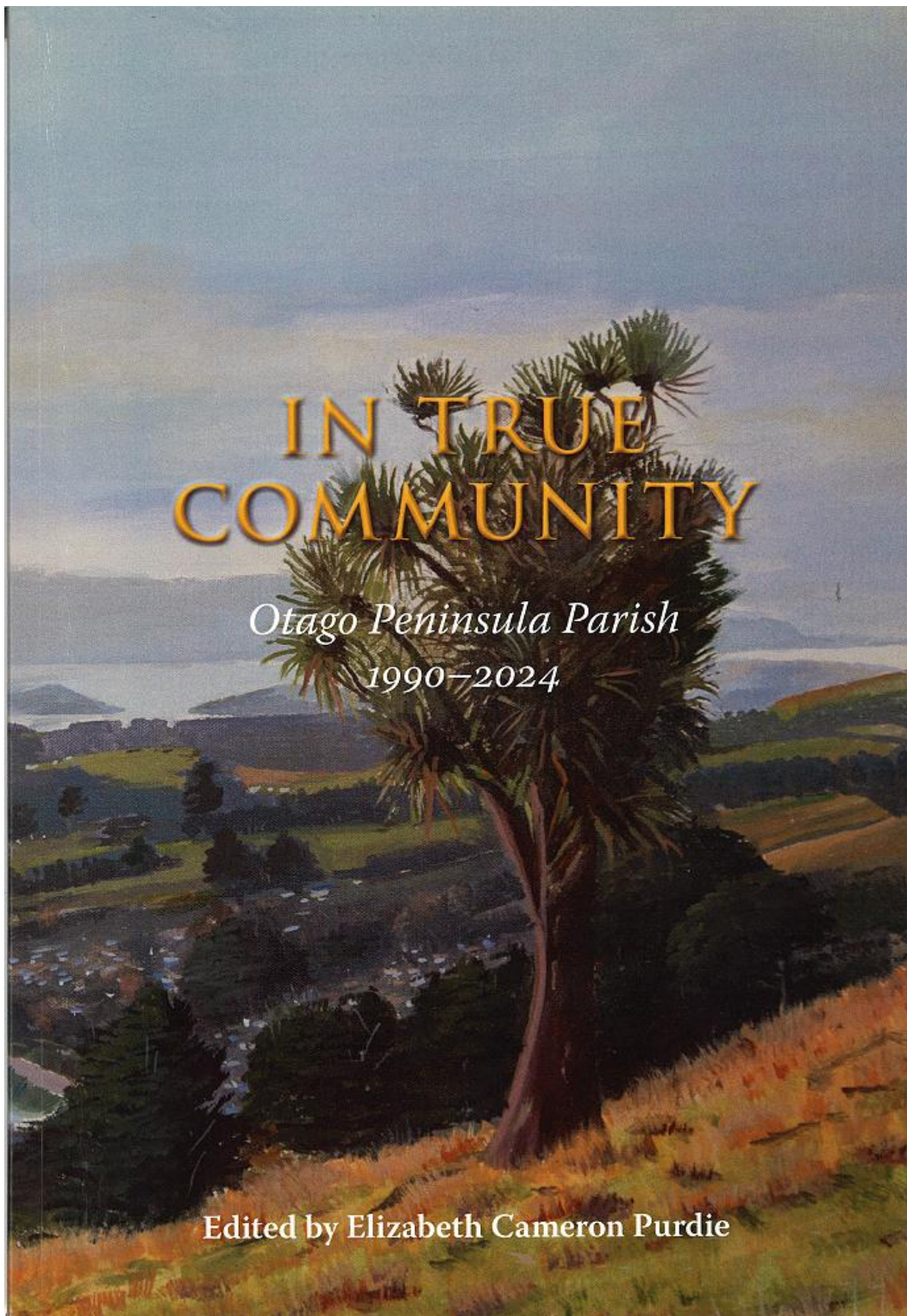
Please mark Saturday 29th March 2025 in your diary and let others in your congregations know this.

We will update this article with further details of arrangements and how you can indicate your attendance. We will be looking at around 1/3 of the seats available to be for the Provincial Church, clergy and other dignitaries, and will allocate around 6 seats for each faith community to start with (which will include Synod Reps), releasing more seats once we have an idea of how many spares we have. We have already noted a number of guests from elsewhere in New Zealand and Australia who are attending.

This is a time of change and looking forward to the future together. Please continue to pray for Anne and her whānau as they transition to this new phase of ministry within the Diocese of Dunedin as well as in the wider church.

Bishop Ross Bay (Diocese of Auckland)

Archbishops' Commissary for the Diocese of Dunedin



Otago Peninsula Parish
History

In True Community Book Now Available

Andrew Metcalfe — December 10th, 2024

There are a limited number of an updated history of the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish available for sale - perhaps a perfect gift or for your own bookshelf.

On 2nd and 3rd November this year, the Otago Peninsula Parish celebrated the 100th anniversary of the opening of the current St Michael and All Angels Church in Andersons Bay, and launched the updated history of the parish, "In True Community".

It recounts the story of the parish from 1990 (the point at which the first parish history concluded) until the present day, focusing in particular on the people of the parish. The updated history would be of particular interest to anyone with an interest in or association with the Otago Peninsula Parish.

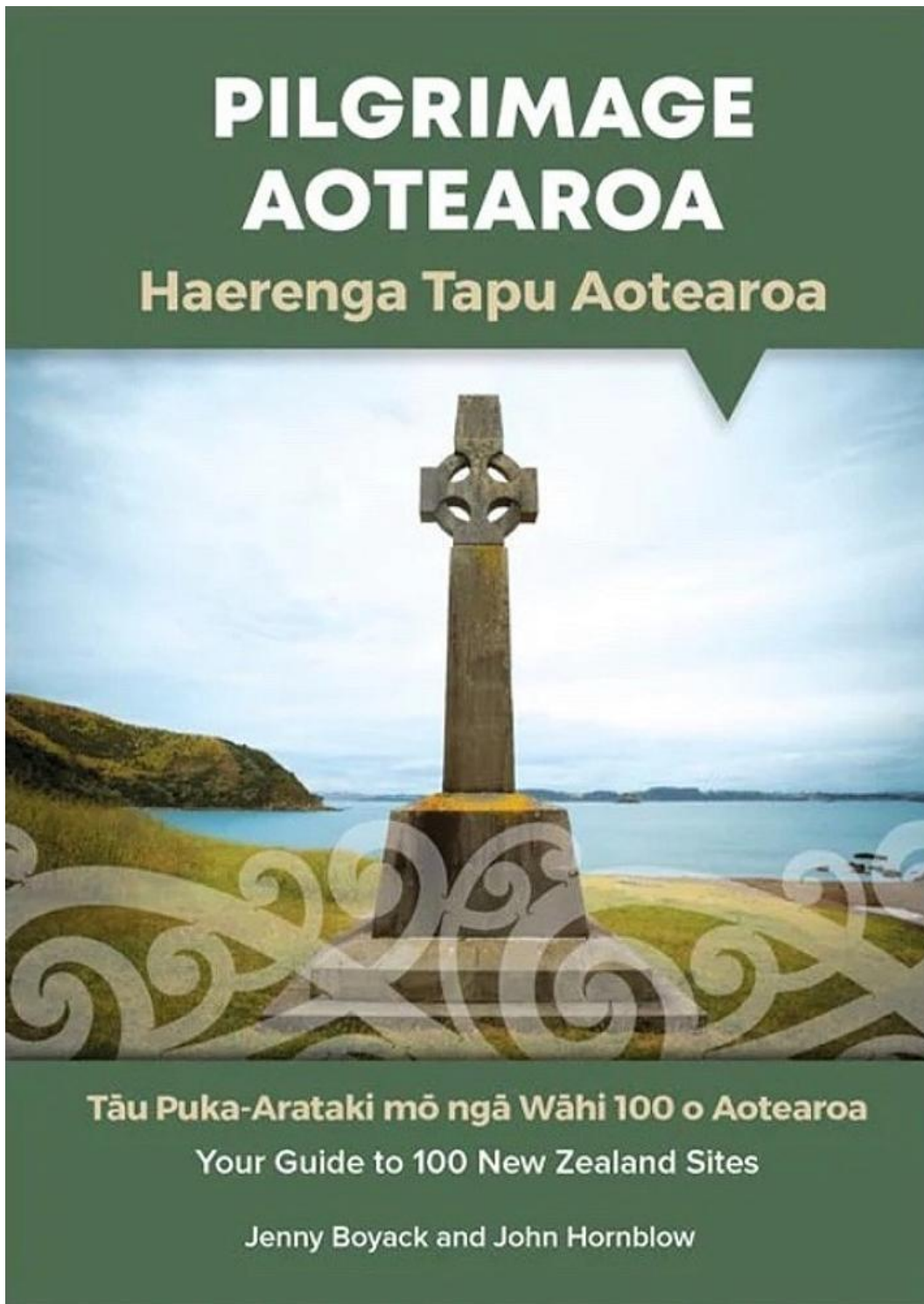
Kay Cooke, Dunedin author and former parishioner, writes

"A real treasure. It isn't a stuffy tome (as sometimes a church history can be) but a sparkling, vibrant, enjoyable and accessible read."

The book is \$20.00 per copy, and can be ordered from the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish Office (454 4724 or opanglican@xtra.co.nz).



Hoopers Inlet and Allans Beach, Otago Peninsula, Dunedin — Image by:
Wynston Cooper



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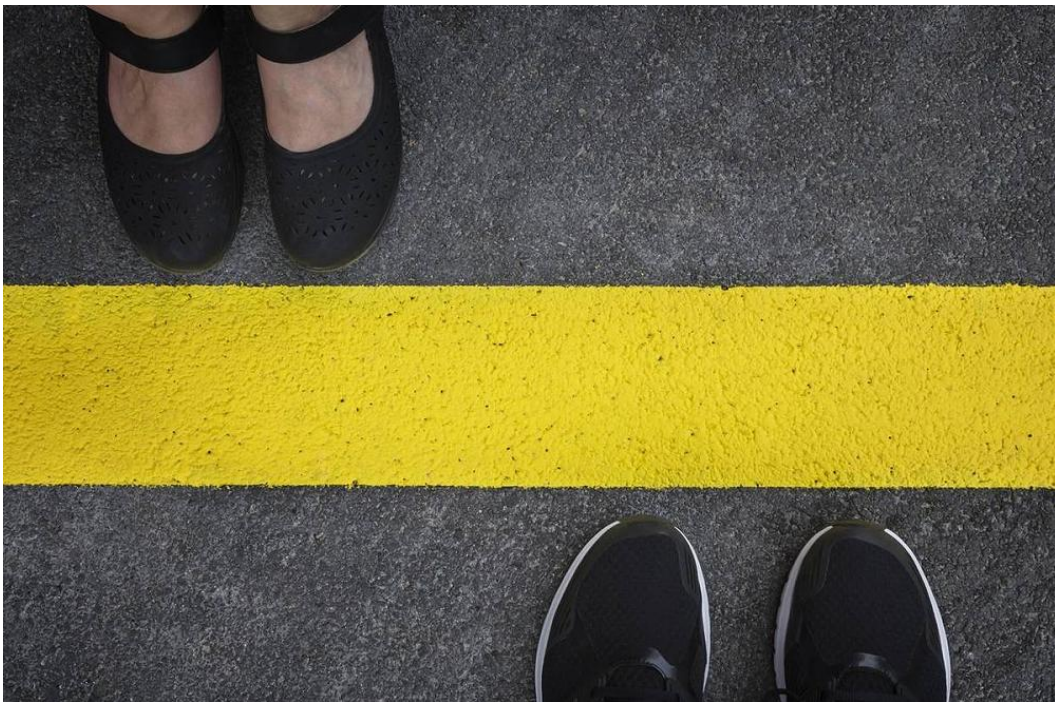
Pilgrimage Aotearoa - Haerenga Tapu Aotearoa, is a guide authored by Jenny Boyack and John Hornblow to 100 New Zealand significant sites. Blending history, culture and spirituality, it invites you on a journey to discover and uncover rich stories that make these places significant.

This book makes a perfect Christmas or holiday present. It is now available for \$49.50 plus postage and packaging. You can purchase it directly from www.pilgrimage.nz

Have a look at the attached flyer - and pass it on!

Attachments

[Pilgrimage Aotearoa General flyer](#)



UPDATE: Boundaries Workshop Series for 2025

Diocesan Ministry Educator - Ven Dr Anne van Gend — November 18th, 2024

A change of leader, but workshops will be run as planned. Please register your attendance...

As mentioned in a previous article, the Boundaries teacher we had lined up for our workshops this year is unable to join us due to family reasons. Fortunately, Jemma Allen from the Diocese of Auckland, who runs their Boundaries programme, and has also run programmes for other churches around the country, has made herself available to come and work with us on the dates we originally planned.

It's great for us that Jemma is able to do this! The programme she offers is thorough, professional, and the feedback she receives is that it is also surprisingly enjoyable!

If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please let Nicola know that you plan to come
bishops.pa@caldedsouth.org.nz

Attendance at a Boundaries workshop every three years is an essential requirement for those wishing to hold, or holding, a Licence (as Lay or Clergy) or Permission to Officiate from the Bishop. Others are also welcome to attend, subject to spaces being available. Please see the attached Diocesan 'Expectations in Ministry'.

Please note the dates and venues:

**Saturday 15th February 2025 @ St Andrew's Cromwell [10.30am start]
Saturday 15 March 2025 @ Dunedin [10.30am start - Venue TBA]**

BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

The course has 4 hours of content, plus a half hour lunch break, means finishing time will be approximately 3pm.

To register for any of these workshops:

Please contact Nicola Wong bishops.pa@caldedsouth.org.nz or 03 488 0826.

Lay Ministers:

It is an essential requirement to ensure that you have attended a Boundaries Workshop within the last three years if you wish to be re-licensed or are being Licensed for the first time with a Lay Licence. Current Lay Minister Licences expire at Pentecost 2025 and attendance at one of the sessions before Pentecost is necessary if you wish to be licensed.

Clergy:

All Clergy undertaking ministry, whether full time, part time, or on occasion, have an obligation to protect all who we minister to and amongst.

It is a requirement that all Clergy with a PTO or Licence attend a Boundaries Workshop every three years, as a minimum. ***If you haven't attended a course in the last three years, you will need to ensure you attend one of these sessions so that your Licence or PTO is able to remain current or be renewed.***

If you are not sure when you last attended a Boundaries workshop, please contact Nicola Wong, Executive Assistant to the Bishop's Office, for information bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz or 03 488 0826.

Nga mihi

Anne.

Attachments

[Expectations on clergy and licensed lay people FINAL](#)



Bishop's Companion Programme

Photo by Kelvin Wright

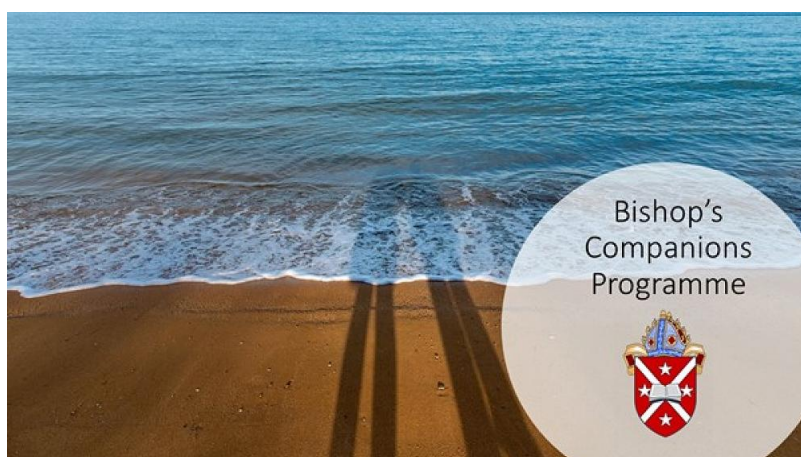
Pilgrims and Companions Journeying into 2025

Anne van Gend — October 23rd, 2024

Over 70 people have taken part in the Bishop's Companions Programme since it began. Now we're taking on names for 2025, with a cut-off date of 30 November.

The experience has been different for every participant, as it was meant to be. It has also been one of deepening faith and deepening companionship, as we hoped it would be. It is wonderful to see God working through the simplicity of this programme.

The best way of finding out what the BCP involves and can offer is to talk with one of the Pilgrims or Companions who have been part of it over the past 3 years. They would be delighted to tell you about it, and I think, without exception, would urge you to think and pray about taking part.



Side by Side... — Image by: Kelvin Wright

Pilgrims come to this Programme needing nothing but themselves, just as they are, and wherever they are in their faith-life. There are no expectations in terms of knowledge or spirituality or experience. There isn't even any prior reading assigned! God is drawing each of us on a faith-journey already, but sometimes it can be helpful to have an extra incentive to keep stepping forward; sometimes it can be good to have someone beside you as you choose directions; sometimes it can be helpful to pore over a map with a fellow-walker. The BCP is designed for all those things. As a Pilgrim, you will have a Companion come alongside you and match their steps and speed to yours, keeping you company as you walk deeper into the Light.

For Companions – those asked to walk alongside the Pilgrims – there's a bit more preparation needed. For some, there are practicalities such as the whole world of planning and running Zoom conversations to get our heads around! For others, preparation involves finding 20 minutes to half an hour that can be committed and dedicated to their Pilgrim every week. For all of us there is always more to learn about walking alongside people in their journey of faith.



Image by: Anne van Gend

This is a significant thing to be happening across our Diocese. It is not flashy or complicated; it is not a quick-fix for anything. What it is, is a recognition that everything of worth and depth and beauty in our lives is from God. It is a recognition that if we are to see ourselves and our world transformed, it can only happen when our lives are rooted deeply in prayer, the Scriptures, and the imitation of Christ.

And it is an act of faith. Here we are, God. Take us, shape us, make us into Your Kingdom people.

Please contact Anne van Gend on enabler@calledsouth.org.nz if you would like to find out more or to be part of the programme next year. We need names in by 30 NOVEMBER so that we know how many Companions we will need, and can begin to contact them.

[Have a look at our webpage...](#)

Attachments

[Pilgrims and Companions Brochure 2025](#)



Expand your faith! Explore theology.

Anne van Gend — October 24th, 2024

We have the only university-based theology programme in New Zealand right here in Dunedin. Have a look at the courses on offer in 2025.

The Programme offers a huge range of papers, but Paul Treblico, who heads up the Theology Programme, writes:

"I wanted to draw your attention to some papers in particular. We are offering a paper on *Trauma-Informed Ministry* (PAST 307/MINS 405), to be taught by Dr Karen McClintock. This is a Semester 1 paper with a block course from 27-31 January in Dunedin (a flyer is attached). All the teaching is during the block course/ intensive, with assessment to follow during the Semester.

We're also offering three other papers by block courses/intensives (with assessment during the Semester):

- In Semester 1: *Moana Pasifika Theology* (CHTH 237/337) with a block course in Mangere, 9-13 Feb, taught by Dr Terry Pouono.
- In Semester 2: *Māori Theology and Religion* (CHTH 226/336) with a block course in Ohope, 23-27 June, taught by Prof Murray Rae and Guest presenters.
- In Semester 2: *Christian Theology & the Arts: Theology and Architecture* (PAST 322/ MINS 414) with a block course in Dunedin, 7-11 July, taught by Prof Murray Rae."

To explore the range of other papers on offer during each Semester, see the attached material.

For more information, go to:

www.otago.ac.nz/theology

www.facebook.com/theologyotago

Or email theology@otago.ac.nz; Ph 03 479 8639

Attachments

[Theology@Otago Postgraduate Brochure 2025](#)

[Theology@Otago Course on Trauma-Informed Ministry\[3\]](#)

[Theology@Otago Poster of 2025 Papers](#)



Pastoral scene

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Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 2025

Mary Huie-Jolly — December 18th, 2024

Are you interested in exploring CPE in 2025? Read on for details regarding a course in Dunedin

Kia ora

A Clinical Pastoral Education course will be fortnightly offered in Dunedin 4 February- 11 June, 2025. A flyer with more details and an application form are attached. Please do not hesitate to share this information with others in your network.

CPE is experienced based theological education that is grounded in learning from reflection on chaplaincy and/or ministry experience. It strengthens competence in pastoral/spiritual care, increases self-awareness in areas of strength and of weakness, and nourishes spiritual formation through pastoral reflection within a community of peers

Applications are being received now.

You are welcome to approach me with questions about the course.

Nga mihi

Mary

Rev. Mary R. Huie-Jolly, PhD (Otago), MDiv (Columbia Theological Seminary), BA (Honors)NZACPE Supervisor, ACPE Certified Educator. Email maryrhj@gmail.com

Attachments

[Flyer 2025 Clinical Pastoral Education \(CPE\) Dunedin Feb-June](#)
[Application form CPE Dunedin 2025](#)



Never Stop
Learning

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Upcoming Events

Various — January 15th, 2025

Have a look at a range of events throughout the Diocese and beyond...

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

[Link to Diocesan Calendar](#)

Regular meetings and events at/organised by the Diocesan office in a monthly calendar format, and other events are also noted [here](#).

[Save the dates...Upcoming Diocesan Events](#)

There are some significant events coming up over the next few months which we invite you to mark in your calendars now....

- **Boundaries Courses - Registrations now open**

15 February 2025 - (Cromwell) or 15 March 2025 (Dunedin) - [Details here](#)

See [More events and dates in this article link](#)



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Other Links

- [Latest Anglican Family Care Newsletter](#)
- **Latest South Centre Newsletter (November 2024) attached below**
- [Link to Christian Calendar](#): Dates for feast days and other Christian observations



Spacer - North and Central Otago — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

HONOURING THE SACRED RHYTHM OF OUR DAYS

A four-day guided residential Women's Retreat at Bethesda Lodge,

En Hakkore Christian Retreat Centre, Waipiata, near Ranfurly

Thursday 20th February at 4pm to Monday 24th February at 2pm 2025

Dr Hilary Oxford Smith and Anneloes de Groot invite you on a guided retreat in Central Otago, a beautiful land of vast skies, rugged mountains and green valleys. Bethesda Lodge offers breathtaking panoramic views of the landscape.

See attached flyer



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6 Day Silent Retreat 9 - 14 March 2025

Venue: En Hakkore, Orangapai Sanatorium, Ranfurly

Retreat Leaders: Kelvin Wright, Alumine Andrews, Eddie O'Connor

For all details - please see flyer attached below.



Spacer - Dunedin — Image by: Wynston Cooper

The Dunedin City Council has a weekly newsletter with news and events-training opportunities. Have a look at the [latest edition](#) (16 December 2024).



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Mocktails after Christmas

Grab a friend and put your thinking caps on for an evening of fun, laughter, and a little friendly competition! We're hosting a **Quiz Night** like no other - with exciting prizes, delicious mocktails, and an opportunity to make a meaningful difference.

Whether you're a trivia buff or just coming for the fun, it's a night not to be missed! Bring a friend, meet new people, and enjoy an evening with purpose.

- **Location:** Mornington Presbyterian Church, 16 Maryhill Tce, Mornington - parking on site and on the street
- **Date and Time:** 7-9pm, Friday 24 January

You can be with your friends on a team or we will add you to a team on the night! Please RSVP by emailing Miki at miki@cba.org.nz by Wednesday 22 January.

Miki Brooks, Christian Broadcasting Association



Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

St Paul's Cathedral has a variety of events that you can access [here](#).

St Paul's Cathedral presents:

Anatomy of an Organ

Come along every Saturday 10am -12 pm this Summer to St Paul's Cathedral on Octagon for a free 15 minutes 1-on-1 session with our friendly local organist Teresa

- **Book your session or simply walk-in on the day (no guarantee)**
- **No experience required, all age groups are welcomed**
- **Minimal height requirement for playing the organ is 1.4m**
- **Longer sessions available for group bookings**
- **Currently available dates:**

January 18th

Bookings and queries: organonoctagon@gmail.com

Kia Ora, I'm Teresa, a fourth year university student who plays the organ for fun. I started learning the piano when I was 5, and moved onto the organ 11 years later. I have been learning the organ for 6 years now. I think learning the organ is one of the best decisions I've made. I'm happy to answer all your questions about the organ.

Please see the attached flyer.



Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

St Margaret's Anglican Church and Retreat Centre Brighton, 4 Seaview Road Dunedin

Programme for 2025

Time for some space to reflect, to think, to pray, time for God and you in the company of fellow pilgrims

Fridays 10am to 3pm, unless otherwise stipulated

2025 programme (first 6 months) attached below

For information on Retreats or to register to attend, contact Maureen 021 107 1401



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Meditative/contemplative prayer

Every Wednesday a time of meditative/contemplative prayer is offered in **the small meeting room at Holy Cross Church** – (access 5 Bellona St St Kilda.) We gather at 5.30 pm and move quickly into some stilling music and then 30 mins silent prayer. All are welcome to join us. If you would like to know more about this please phone Maureen Harley 456 0573 (021 1071401)



Spacer - Southland — Image by: Wynston Cooper

[Click here for the Southland Archdeaconry Newsletter page.](#)

Archdeaconry Meetings

Venue - Holy Trinity, North Invercargill, with Zoom link available

- **Restarting in February 2025**

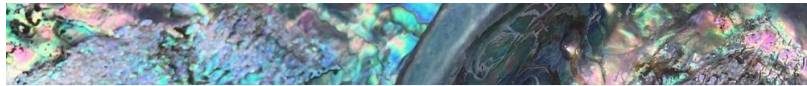


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Wider News and Resources

- **Church Army Training offer - attached below**
- **For the latest news from Anglican Women's Studies Centre [click here](#)**
- **For the latest news from Arocha Aotearoa Eco Church [click here](#)**
- **Latest EFM Newsletter (December 2024) attached.**
- **[Included in our Church](#) - latest newsletter from the national Disability Ministry Educators (Spring 2024)**

**SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT**

UCANZ FORUM 2025

Theme: Our Future Together

Date: 31 May - 2 June 2025

Venue: Onehunga Co-operating Parish, Auckland

More information will be available soon

Contact Person: Rev Andrew Doubleday - office@ucanz.org.nz

UCANZ Forum 2025 — Image by: UCANZ

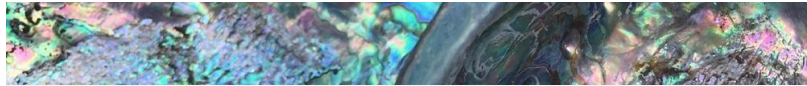


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Shared Worship Opportunities

Daily Morning Prayers: Tuesday to Saturday at 9 am via Zoom.

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.

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**

Monthly "Scattered People of the Good Shepherd" Zoom Service 4th Sunday of the month 10 am **at this link.**



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For all news to pass on please contact Nicola Wong at the Diocesan Office

Attachments

[EFM News December 2024](#)

[Four Day Residential Retreat En Hakkore February 2025](#)

[Organ Program](#)

[Brighton Retreat Centre Programme poster 2025](#)

[Silent Retreat 25 Registration Form](#)

[2024 CANZ Training info - reviews](#)
[South Centre Christmas 2024 Newsletter](#)



Advent
2024

I te Pāpaho - Media and Latest News

Andrew Metcalfe — January 15th, 2025

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

Local & Wider News

Happy New Year - have a look at some of the Facebook postings from over the Advent-Holiday period from some of our parishes:

Dunedin North captured pictures of their [annual Nativity Play](#).



All Saints' Dunedin Nativity Play 2024 — Image by: Julianne Clark-Morris

St Paul's Cathedral blessed a [new nativity window](#), generously donated by Professor John Broughton. This post was shared from Otago Stained Glass.

Other news

- [Scripture in 25 million stitches](#)—Church Times
- [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025](#)—WCC
- 10 Bishops visit [Diocese of Jerusalem](#)—ENS
- Obituaries: [Jimmy Carter at 100yo \(US\)](#),
- [Silver amulet could rewrite Christian Europe history](#)—RNZ

[National Anglican News at Taonga](#)

[Vanuatu earthquake appeal opens](#)

Anglican Missions has opened an appeal to support the Anglican Church in Melanesia's response to the Vanuatu Earthquakes that have caused widespread damage since the 7.3 earthquake struck near Port Vila on 17 December 2024.

- Donate to the [Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal](#).

[Archbishops share Christmas hope](#)

The Archbishops of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia have shared words of hope for the Church and the world this Christmas.

[Book highlights NZ pilgrimages](#)

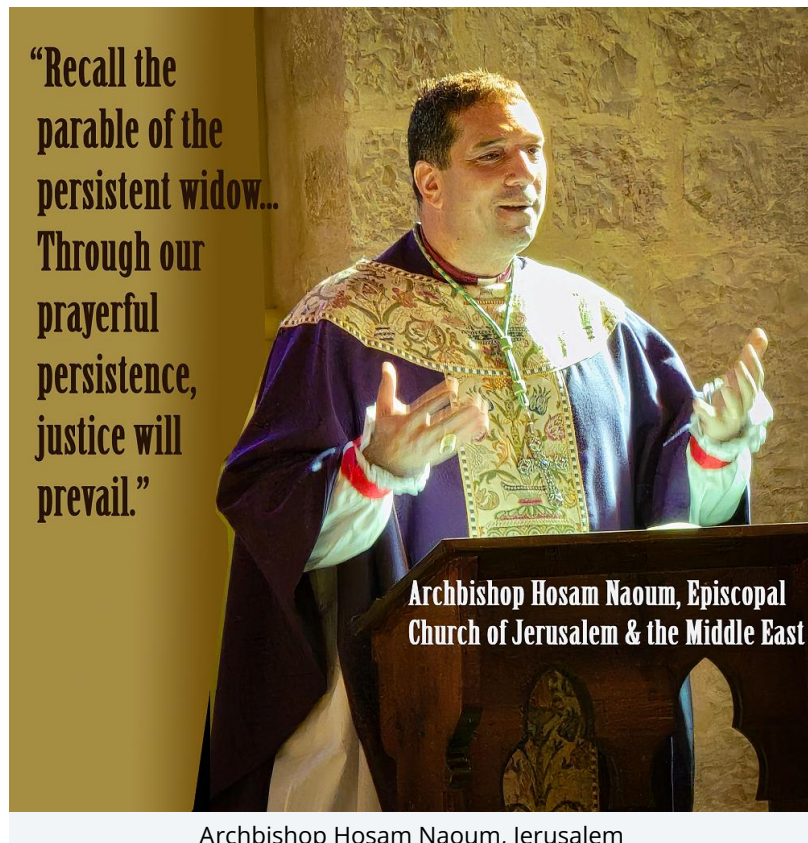
Bishop Kelvin Wright looks through the pages of "Haerenga Tapu Aotearoa - Pilgrimage Aotearoa" a new guide to 100 sites of pilgrimage for Christians and seekers visiting Aotearoa New Zealand.

[Wellington celebrates "paid-up" hub](#)

The Wellington City Mission team are celebrating this week as roughly four weeks after the opening of their new building, Whakamaru, the Mission has raised the full \$50 million required to pay for its transformative new community services hub.

[Holy Land Appeal offers hope](#)

Anglican Missions has released an update on its Hope for the Holy Land Appeal to report it still provides essential support to the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.



The Wider Church and World

- [Bishop of Dover rules out appointment as ABC](#)
- [Pope appoints new bishop for Syro-Malabar Church](#)
- [California fires destroy a dozen houses of worship](#)

- [US Indigenous church: protect our psychedelic cactus](#)
- [Melbourne Archbishop who championed women dies](#)
- [10 ECUSA bishops make solidarity visit to Jerusalem](#)
- [US faith groups battle 10 Commandments in schools](#)
- [New York Times cancels Quaker ad on Israeli genocide](#)
- [LA fires destroy Altadena Episcopal Church & rectories](#)
- [Pope: gay men can train as priests, but not if 'too gay'](#)
- [Texas Episcopalians uncover priest's finance misconduct](#)
- [Jimmy Carter's faith highlighted at state funeral](#)
- [Pope appoints first female departmental head](#)
- [Epiphany and Encanto: God flings open the doors](#)
- [Michael Curry safeguarding complaint resolved](#)
- [Orthodox Christmas 2024: in pictures](#)
- [Shincheonji spreads in NZ: church or cult?](#)
- [Christians must aid peace a& justice for Palestine](#)
- [Tipene St Stephens set to reopen in 2025](#)
- [CofE sets out nomination process for Abp Canterbury](#)
- [Jerusalem church leaders share Xmas message](#)
- [CofE safeguarding rules "not fit for purpose"](#)
- [Abp George Carey resigns as abuse fail revealed](#)
- [3 killed at US Christian school shooting](#)
- [Palestinian Christians seek turning point in Gaza war](#)
- [Thieves rob copper from Te Awamutu church roof](#)
- [UK Vicar tells kids Santa's not real, 'ruins Xmas'](#)
- [City Mission backs female homelessness research](#)
- [NZ Presbyterians release Abuse in Care response](#)
- [US Episcopal Church joins UN refugee council](#)
- [Experiencing God: great mystery, great intimacy](#)
- [US Bishop suspended on family violence charges](#)
- [Churches swaddle baby Jesus in a keffiyeh](#)



Nourishing Faith - Food for the Journey

Nourishing Faith Holiday Edition 2025

A special edition with conversational "Gospel Conversations" for over the January break...

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

To sign up to receive Nourishing Faith in your email inbox, click on the "Sign Up" option at the top of the page.

Gospel Conversations for January 2025

We normally take a break over January, but someone pointed out to us that often that's precisely the time fill-in preachers could do with some ideas. However, since most of us need a break from weekly recordings (and Anne needs a break from editing) we're offering something different this January.

Five of us got together for an afternoon. Each of us had prepared something on one of the readings, and after that we simply chatted about it. No editing, no structure, so not perhaps something you'd use instead of a sermon (as we know some places do occasionally do). Instead we're inviting you to drop in on us as we chat about our reactions and thoughts about each of the Gospel readings as they come up.

These were meant to be a lot shorter than our normal Conversations, but somehow there always seemed to be a lot to say... Still, we stay under our 15min limit for each one! Enjoy. We'd love to have your company.

Click on each of the links below to be taken to the Conversation for that week.



[Dec 29th: Luke 2:41-52 -- input from Gillian](#)



[Jan 5 - Epiphany - Matt 2:1-12 -- input from Lisa](#)



[Jan 12 - Baptism of our Lord - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 -- input from Anne](#)



[Jan 19 - John 2:1-11 - input from Mike](#)



[Jan 26 - Luke 4:14-21 - input from Kelvin](#)



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