

Diocese of
Dunedin

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 1 February 2024

In this issue of our pānui we look at recent correspondence to members of Parliament, look towards Easter, hear more about one of our smaller churches and look back at an ordination with a garden theme.....

There are more articles than will appear in your email summary - follow the links to explore the full publication. We have also released an [announcement from Bishop Steven Benford](#) today.

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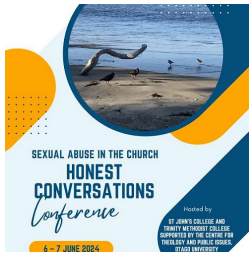
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Easter arrives early in 2024, so now is the time to think about Lent is. Read on for links to options we have for Lenten study resources



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Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev'd Joel Stutter

Video by Called South

A Garden Ordination

Andrew Metcalfe — January 29th, 2024

On Sunday 28 January at 2 pm, Rev'd Joel Stutter was ordained to the Order of Priests at an outdoor altar next to the garden of St Peter's Caversham.



Joel and helpers preparing for outside sound, abandoned due to uncertain weather! — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

[Link to Video \(4'38"\)](#)

Some may have wondered why St Peter's Church was not used for this... and when rain threatened (but then the sun came out) the hall area of St Peter's was the venue instead.

This was quite a deliberate choice by Bishop Steven and Joel, influenced by a variety of factors. Joel has recent connections with St Peter's Caversham (where he has been serving as Deacon) and St Martha's Church where Joel and Deborah have found a spiritual home since coming to Dunedin.



Bishop Steve addresses the congregation at the start of the service. —
Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

The main driver for this very different setting is the idea of "faith on the edges", of not needing to own a church building to be able to operate as a faith community, of blurring the boundaries. All of this as well as connecting in very real ways with the neighbourhoods we are part of, is important to Joel. Being ordained in a place that was a transition between sacred spaces and the glories of God's creation was significant for this occasion.



Howells Point Reserve, near Riverton — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

Joel's order of service cover pictured a sand dune, beach and the sea... one of those "thin places" where God can be experienced, the kind of location where Jesus climbed into a boat and spoke to people on the shore who were hungry for physical and spiritual nourishment.



Rev'd Edward Prebble delivering the Sermon — Image by: Jonathan Wood

Rev'd Edward Prebble from St Martha's sermon was based on Joshua 3, 1-17. This is a less well known but significant passage of scripture that describes a final crossing of the river Jordan, led by priests holding the Ark of the Covenant. In this scripture, when the ark enters the flooded waters, the river piles up to let the people through to the other side safely. Edward made three observations about this story:



Image by: Sharefaithkids.com

1. **It is a model for all miracle stories where people are asked to do something ordinary... and a miracle takes place.** "Put water into those jars... go and wash yourself in the river... roll away that stone". All precursors for transformation, healing and resurrections.
2. **The river Jordan symbolises (and is a model) of how we get to God.** For all of us, we come to faith by crossing a river (a divide) and being washed in it (baptism).
3. **The story also says something profound about the role of a priest.** Here, priests facilitated getting people to a place where God could do something for them. This is the same today, with a priest also having a role in protecting the treasure of the gospel i.e. the conviction deep in our soul that God is here...especially in the gathering of God's people.

At times (as in this particular scripture) priests need to be in the thick of the people, and at other times they need to be leading the way. But always, a priest needs to listen to God about what to do, listen for and to God's word and work. We need priests like Joel to be there where the people are, where the needs are.

Edward concluded by reminding the congregation that the story talks about priests in the plural: Joel is one part of a huge number of past and present people who have been ordained into this order, no priest has to carry it all on their own. For Joel, the simple message was: **Just go... and be their priest.**



Priests of the Diocese taking part in Joel's ordination — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

Priests and lay people gathered around Joel to present him to Bishop Steven, who outlined what it was to hold this office in the church. Joel and the congregation confirmed his call to the priesthood, and later in the service Joel reaffirmed his faith and his commitment to what is involved in this vocation. Invocations, prayers, the laying on of hands took place, and Bishop Steve presented (at that exact moment!) the newest priest in the world.



Rev'd Joel Stutter after the Prayer of Ordination — Image by: Jonathan Wood

Joel was given a licence from the Bishop to be a Priest in the Diocese of Dunedin.

Please pray for Joel and Deborah as they continue to ponder where God may be leading them in this next phase of their lives.



Rev'd Esther Clarke-Prebble, Rev'd Joel Stutter and Alex Chisholm distributing the Eucharist in St Peter's Hall. — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe



Being Small Well. Holy Trinity Port Chalmers

Video by Anne van Gend

Being Small Well

Andrew Metcalfe — January 25th, 2024

Some of our smaller centres are learning how to celebrate "being small" and the extra intimacy it offers.

[Link to Video](#)

Many smaller groups are connecting with each other in the Scattered People of the Good Shepherd, online worship services that take place on the fourth Sunday of each month.

These videos are a way of sharing some of their ideas with each other, and we start off hearing from Rev'd Rose Scott at the Port Chalmers Parish in Dunedin.

Some of what Rose talks about in the video has featured in previous newsletter articles - and here is a reminder:

- [The link this Parish have made with their local school](#), with pennant making-plus giving of resources to them in 2021 (related to the founding of the Church)
- [All Saints Celebration 2022](#)
- [Annual Teddy Bear service 2023](#)

So... even if many of us are small, like salt or light, we can have a huge impact in our communities. Small can be very, very good...



NZ Red Cross
logo

Photo by Nicola Wong

Housing Former Refugees - Can you help?

Mona Tavakoli — January 9th, 2024

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Matthew 25:38-40

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

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

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

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

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

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Easter
2024

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Towards Easter 2024

Andrew Metcalfe — January 31st, 2024

This year Lent and Easter are early... we get a head start on an important part of the Christian year. Can you help us with with information to invite our wider communities to join with us as we continue our faith journey?

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

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



Holy Week — Image by: pixabay.com

Stations of the Cross at Home - these are attached below in a viewable/printable format (pdf) and in a PowerPoint, shared from the Mercy Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin. It is suitable to use with the whole whānau at home, especially with tamariki.



Stations of the Cross — Image by: pixabay.com

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Correspondence with Ministers of Parliament and Local Mayors

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Fossil Fuels — Image by: pixabay.com

Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty

At Synod 2023 a motion was passed expressing concerns about social and public Housing. Bishop Steve wrote to the following letter to:

- The Honourable Rachel Brooking, MP for Dunedin
- The Honourable Ingrid Leary, MP for Taieri

and also (by email) to:

- Mayor of Dunedin: Jules Radich mayor@dcc.govt.nz
- Mayor of Invercargill: Nobby Clark mayor@icc.govt.nz
- Mayor of Waitaki District: Gary Kircher gkircher@waitaki.govt.nz
- Mayor of Clutha District: Bryan Cadogan bryan.cadogan@cluthadc.govt.nz

- Mayor of Gore District: Ben Bell bbell@goredc.govt.nz
- Mayor of Southland District: Rob Scott Robin.Scott@southlanddc.govt.nz
- Mayor of Queenstown Lakes District: Glyn Lewers glyn.lewers@qldc.govt.nz
- Mayor of Central Otago: Tim Cadogan mayor@codc.govt.nz

Please note: we were advised that rather than send this letter to named Government Ministers, we would have more effect sending it to local Members of Parliament to take it up with Government ministers on our behalf. Similar letters were sent to Anglican Financial Care and to the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board.

Subject: Endorsement of Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

At the second session of the Sixty Second Synod of the (Anglican) Diocese of Dunedin in September 2023, the following motion was moved and carried:

That this Synod:

1. ***Endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative;***
2. ***Calls on all the local bodies of the Diocese to endorse the Treaty Initiative, and asks that the Bishop write to them asking them to do so;***
3. ***Calls on Parliamentarians and central Government to endorse the Treaty Initiative; and asks that the Bishop write to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Climate Change, and the Minister for Energy and Resources.***
4. ***Commits to ensuring that the investments of the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board are in accordance with the Treaty Initiative;***
5. ***Asks that the Bishop write to the Anglican Pension board to raise the issue of signing up to the Treaty Initiative;***
6. ***Commits to cooperation with other churches and community organisations to further these goals.***

I'm writing to you to communicate this motion and to ask you both to help in passing this matter onto appropriate Ministers for a response.

We understand that appropriate ministers to communicate this to are: The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Christopher Luxon; the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Right Honourable Winston Peters; the Minister for Climate Change, The Honourable Simon Watt and; the Minister for Energy and resources, The Honourable Simeon Brown.

I am aware that this issue does not appear to be part of the coalition government's priorities. and, in fact, many of their policies appear to be going backwards in this space. After the second hottest year on record in New Zealand (2023), we continue to be alarmed by an apparent lack of action in this space, where our country could be leading the world by example. It does appear that important concerns like this can become part of political agendas rather than seeing this issue as serious enough to get cross party agreement and action. We want to do our part as a Church (which is indicated in the above motion) but also want to see our representatives leading positive change in this space.

Our worldwide communion of Anglican Churches has a focus on Five Marks of Mission, with Mark 5 being: *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and re-new the life of the earth.* As people of faith, we want to lead by example, but also need to know that those we elect are taking the future of our planet seriously.

Yours in Christ

The Right Reverend Steven Benford, Bishop of Dunedin

Addendum: Explanatory Notes from Synod Paperwork.

The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative is a call for a binding agreement between the world's governments. It has three pillars:

1. Non-proliferation: End the expansion of any new coal, oil or gas production.
2. A fair phase out: Wind down existing production in a way where countries with the capacity and historical responsibility for emissions transition fastest and support others.
3. Just transition: Fast track the adoption of clean energy and economic diversification away from fossil fuels so no worker, community and country is left behind in the transition.

The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty has already been endorsed by many faith organisations, including the Anglican Consultative Council, the Vatican, the World Council of Churches and the Pacific Conference of Churches. It has also been endorsed by six national governments (Vanuatu, Tonga, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Niue, Tuvalu) and the European Parliament, as well as eighty-four cities and subnational governments, thousands of civil society organisations and scientists and hundreds of thousands of individuals. [\[1\]](#)

[\[1\]](#) For further readings on Motion 9, see:

- a. <https://fossilfueltreaty.org/faith-letter>
- b. <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/communications/press-and-media/press-releases/anglican-consultative-council-signs-fossil-fuel-non-proliferation-treaty.aspx>
- c. <https://fossilfueltreaty.org/vatican>
- d. <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/minute-on-various-pressing-issues>
- e. <https://fossilfueltreaty.org/fiji>
- f. https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/B-9-2022-0461_EN.html



Cost of Living Pressure

The Synod also agreed to a motion around cost of living pressure which was sent to The Honourable Brook van Velden, Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety, and copied to local Dunedin MPs.

Subject: Cost of Living Pressure

At the second session of the Sixty Second Synod of the (Anglican) Diocese of Dunedin in September 2023, the following motion was moved on behalf of our Social Justice Committee and carried:

That this Synod expresses concern to the Government about the impact of cost-of-living pressures on households, noting that this year (2023), after a period of decreasing the gap between the minimum wage and the living wage, the gap has significantly increased, and asks the Bishop to write to the Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety to urge continued efforts to close the gap between the minimum wage and living wage.

I'm writing to you to communicate this motion and to ask for a response.

I am aware that this issue does not appear to be part of the coalition government's priorities and, in fact, may be against stated policy that opposes any increase in the minimum wage or encouragement towards providing a living wage.

During opportunities for people to speak to this motion at Synod, it was pointed out by one

representative of the difference in cleaning pay rates between government departments. Some of these departments provide the living wage while other (externally contracted) cleaning companies who do not. This was seen to be an issue of equity within the very heart of the corridors of parliament, but also drew attention to the difference in the lives of people who can participate fully in their community and the wider economy compared to those who do not have enough to live on.

We are interested in your response to this and how we may be able to engage in a conversation that may “change minds” at your end, or ours. People ministering in our churches regularly report the distress of hard working, vulnerable people and families in our community who struggle to make ends meet.

When we remember to words of Jesus Christ in Luke 6: 20-21: *Then he looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.’* ... we see ourselves and our elected representatives as being charged to do what we can to bringing about the end of poverty, hunger and tears.

Yours in Christ

The Right Reverend Steven Benford
Bishop of Dunedin

CC: The Honourable Rachel Brooking, MP for Dunedin
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World Day of Prayer artwork 'Praying Palestinian Women,' (right) is by Halima Aziz (left)



Photo by WDP Resources Supplied

World Day of Prayer 1 March 2024

Ady Shannon - Touchstone — January 30th, 2024

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation led by women which enables us to hear the thoughts, hopes, concerns and prayers of women from all parts of the world.

How to Participate this year

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

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

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

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

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

Some Background

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

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

On Saturday 2 December 2023 at 4.00pm New York time (5am Sunday NZ time) a WDP Global Conversation included representatives from the Palestine National WDP Committee involved in preparing the 2024 service. Their work - in the planning phase for several years - has been affected by

the coronavirus pandemic. It has taken on a new significance, given unfolding events in Gaza and the West Bank where more than 25,000 people, many women and children, have been killed in indiscriminate attacks since 7 October 2023.

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

The Global Conversation – WDP service planners talk

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

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

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

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

A Daily Struggle Being a Christian in the Holy Land

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

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

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

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

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

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

The artwork: 'Praying Palestinian Women'

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

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

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

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



Local Houses of Prayer Training Day St Aidans, Alexandra, Saturday 17th February 2024

Photo by Anne van Gend

Local Houses of Prayer

Anne van Gend — January 29th, 2024

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

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

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

Local House of Prayer Training

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

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

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

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Governance

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Andrew Metcalfe — January 31st, 2024

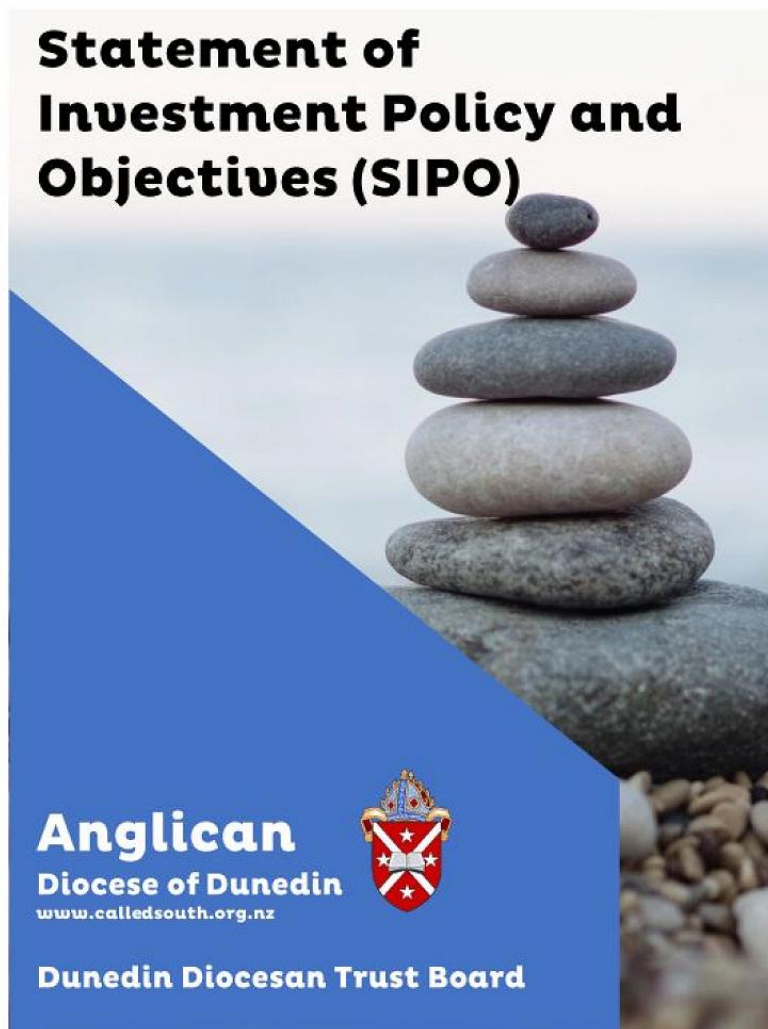
The Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board (DDTB) is an important part of our Diocese, and is currently looking for two new Trustees...

What is the DDTB?

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

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

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



DDTB SIPO — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

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

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

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

What do we look for in a Trustee?

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

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

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

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

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

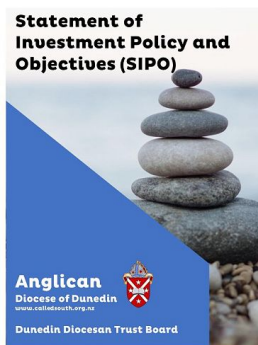
To apply to be a Trustee, you will need to complete the following forms (also attached below):

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Declaration Charities Act](#)

[Declaration of Adherence - Trust Boards](#)



Photo by Anne van Gend

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

Lay Minister Training Team — January 28th, 2024

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

From Bishop Steven:

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

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

I look forward to joining you all.

+Steven

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registrations close 18 February 2024.

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

Blessings,

The Lay Ministry Training Team



Church Ruins

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Last Chance to attend a Church Maintenance Seminar

Andrew Metcalfe — January 30th, 2024

Do you have some responsibility for making sure your church buildings are in good condition? We have a great opportunity to hear from an expert...let us know **now** if you want to attend.

We have an offer from Robin Miller, an expert on building preservation and restoration, to run a free seminar for Wardens and any others with an interest in ensuring our properties are well maintained.

Content

The seminar will focus on how to identify and deal with the main threats to historic properties (e.g. water egress) and what you can do to keep an eye on your buildings to make sure that small issues don't become major concerns. Robin plans to keep it to just over an hour (including questions and answers).

If there are enough people interested, we can run this in a variety of locations (for example Invercargill, Central-Lakes District, Dunedin and North Otago). We will also look at having at least one of these with a zoom option for those who can't attend in person.



Re-ordered interior of St Andrew's Cromwell from rear of Church. —
Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

Let us know if you are interested

Contact [Andrew Metcalfe](#) (03 488 0821) **before 9 February 2024** and we will look at organising one or more sessions (according to demand).

Please send back the completed Preference Survey (attached below), or in your email let us know:

- If you would prefer a lunch time session, or end of the working day (6-7 pm)
- Any particular day that doesn't suit you
- If you would like to attend this in a particular location (Invercargill, Dunedin, Central-Otago Lakes, North Otago), or if you prefer to attend by Zoom.



Robin Miller — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

About Robin Miller

Robin is the Director of Origin Consultants and is a Chartered and Registered Building Surveyor, with accreditation in Conservation, and a Licensed Building Practitioner (Level II). He is a member of ICOMOS New Zealand and the Institute of Historic Building Conservation. Robin specialises in the preparation of building condition assessments, schedules of work and specifications and the supervision of work on site, including building contract administration. He also prepares conservation plans, heritage impact assessments, maintenance plans, accessibility reports for disabilities' access to buildings and sites and health & safety advice for construction projects.

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[Church Maintenance Seminar Preference Survey - word version you can type into](#)

[Church Maintenance Seminar Preference Survey - PDF version to print, complete and send back](#)



TALKING CIRCLES

Photo by Anne van Gend

Register for "How do we work together better?"

Anne van Gend — January 7th, 2024

In April this year we will have the chance to learn from an expert about the possibilities of "Talking Circles". The workshops are open to lay and ordained alike - anyone who wants to take Jesus' call seriously to become reconciling communities

[Register Here](#)

Anne van Gend says:

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

Talking Circles

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

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

Michael is offering two workshops. The first will be a full-day workshop on Wednesday April 17th for church leaders (which is a broad term!), which will not only introduce the practice but equip us to use Talking Circles ourselves in a range of situations. The second will be a half-day workshop - more of a 'taster' - on Sunday April 21st.

If you would like to find out more, email me, Anne, on enabler@calledsouth.org.nz.

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

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Music

Calling all hymn and song writers!

Andrew Metcalfe — January 24th, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

Please contact marnienzht@gmail.com



Messy Church

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Messy Church Roadshow May 2024

Jocelyn Czerwonka — January 25th, 2024

The Messy Church National Team and Dr Dave Gregory (UK) and Rev Greg Ross (Western Australia) are all very excited to be bringing the Messy Church Road Trip Trainings to Aotearoa New Zealand, including Cromwell on 23-24 May.

We do hope you can join us and encourage many others from your region who have an interest in Messy Church to join us.

Attached is the programme and list of towns/cities we will be visiting. Feel free to choose any of the options that will work for you. We would have loved to have added more options for venues but time, travel and costs make it limiting.

Many of you will know Greg and Dave from the National Conferences we ran in 2020. It is such a blessing to have them back again. Greg Ross is the Western Australia Messy Church Regional Coordinator and is also involved in running Messy Church Summer Camps. Dr Dave Gregory has a special interest in Messy Church Does Science and Climate Change. He has been a Baptist Minister for over 20 years, been involved in Messy Church and Messy Church trainings for many years and currently is the Baptist Missioner in Science and the Environment in the UK.

From the NZ National Team, Claire Wyeth (Messy Church Encourager for Auckland claire@cots.org.nz), Alex Czerwonka and myself, Jocelyn Czerwonka who are based in Whanganui will be travelling with Greg and Dave. Carrole Lewis (Messy Church Encourager for Kapiti and our library coordinator carrole1959@gmail.com) will be joining us in Wellington and Christchurch. Angela Brown (Messy Church Encourager for Christchurch: brown_holmwood@xtra.co.nz) will be with us in Christchurch. We are also very grateful to Mandi Geustyn (mandi.geustyn@gmail.com) who is our Messy Church Encourager for the lower South Island, who is helping to coordinate the Cromwell training days.

We will have options for registering for the Training Days on the website in the near future. In the meantime, if you can spread the word and share the poster with others we would be very grateful. We would also appreciate any feedback to help us with our planning and appreciate an indication of your interest. You can email me at: jocelyncz38@gmail.com or contact your local Messy Church Encourager or contact us via the contact form on the Messy Church website. (Unfortunately our previous messy church email addresses no longer work, so these are the best options for making contact with us.)

Many blessings to you all,

Jocelyn Czerwonka and the National team

Messy Church National Team Aotearoa New Zealand

Website: messychurch.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/messychurchnz/>

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[Messy Church Road Trip May 2024 Poster](#)

[Messy Church Road Trip Trainings PDF](#)



Photo by Rev. John Graveston

Tikanga Youth Synod 2024

Rev. John Graveston — December 4th, 2024

Join us at the Anglican Tikanga Youth Synod in Auckland from February 9th to 11th, 2024! If you're aged 16 or above and eager to be part of this transformative experience, read on.

The Diocese of Dunedin is thrilled to offer young individuals the chance to participate in the Tikanga Youth Synod organized by the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission. This annual gathering provides a platform for youth within the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia to influence the vision and strategy of the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission (T3YC) and the broader Anglican church.

This year's Tikanga Youth Synod presents a unique opportunity for participants to vote on motions that will be presented at the General Synod, representing the voices of the youth in our church. If you're passionate about making a meaningful impact and aged 16 or above, we invite you to be a part of this

incredible journey.

Details:

- Location: Auckland
- Dates: February 9th-11th, 2024
- Cost: All expenses will be covered

For more information and to express your interest, please reach out to our Child, Youth, and Family Educator, [Fr. John Graveston](#).

Don't miss out on this chance to shape the future of our church!



Rev. John Graveston

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Diocesan Children Ministry Hui March 2024

Rev. John Graveston — January 7th, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

Children's Ministry Hui

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

When
8th - 9th March 2024

Where
All Saints' church,
786 Cumberland Street,
Dunedin

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

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



Workshops by
Diana Langdon
NATIONAL KIDS &
FAMILIES MINISTRY
ENABLER



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

More information contact
Rev. John Graveston
Child, Youth and Family
Educator
youth@calledsouth.org.nz
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Highlights of the Hui:

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

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

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

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



Rev. John Graveston

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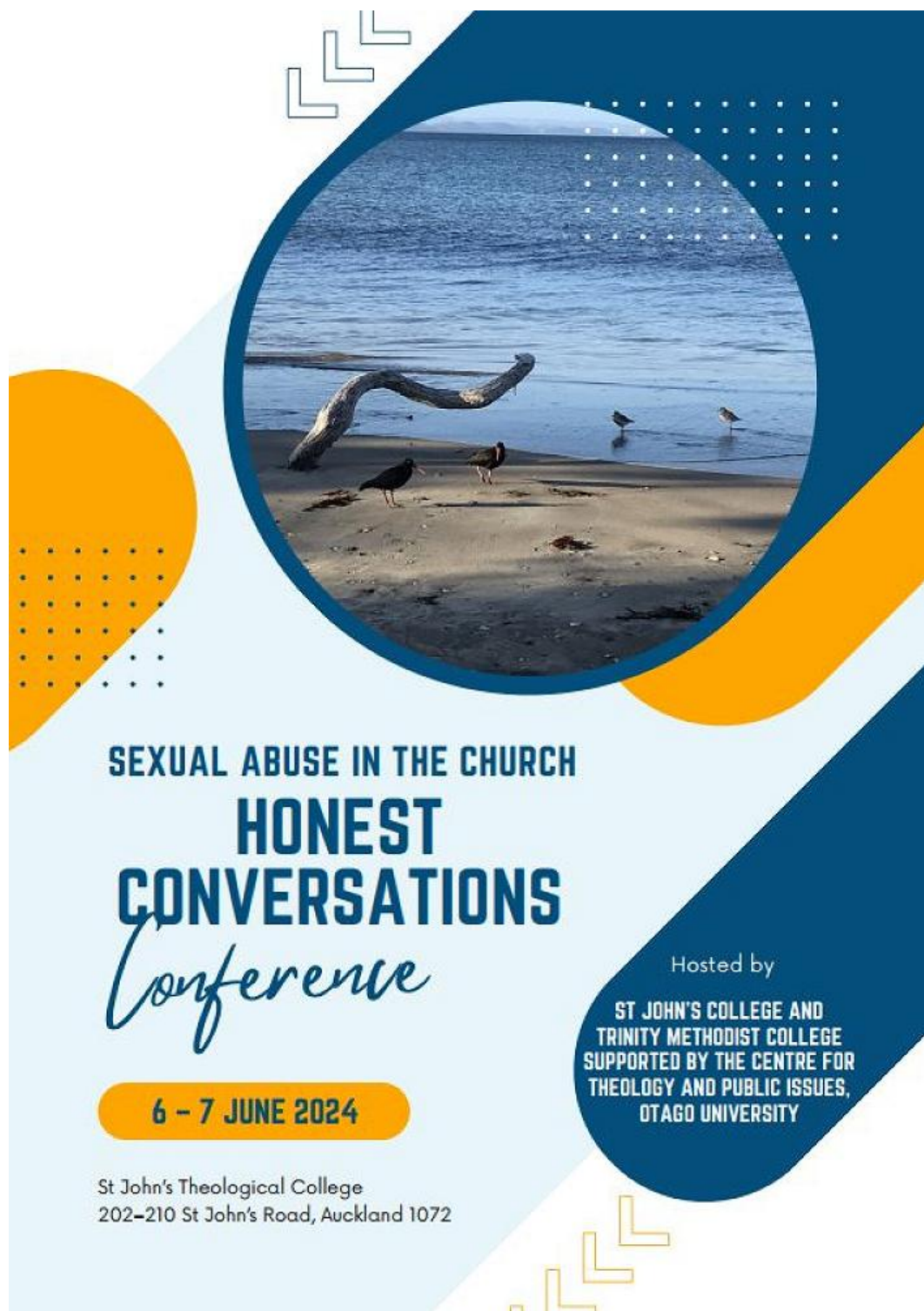


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Honest Conversations

Andrew Metcalfe — January 31st, 2024

Information about a conference exploring sexual abuse in the Church.

Details:

9am – 4pm, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June 2024 St John's College
202-210 St John's Road, Auckland 1072

Cost: \$80 waged, \$30 unwaged

Morning/afternoon tea and lunch provided

[Register here](#) (please note places are limited)

For further information, contact m.clough@stjohnscollege.ac.nz

Dr. Don Moffat

Sir Paul Reeves' Lecturer in Biblical Studies

College of St John the Evangelist Hoani Tapu te Kaikauwhau I te Rongopai
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Web: www.stjohnscollege.ac.nz

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[Honest Conversations 2024 flyer with registration link](#)



Lent

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Lent 2024 Study Resources

Anne van Gend — January 31st, 2024

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

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



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



Food for the Journey

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

Nourishing Faith: Food for the Journey

Andrew Metcalfe-Anne van Gend — January 28th, 2024

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

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

[Gospel Conversations](#)

Gospel Conversation: Feb 4th Mark 1:29-39

We're back! Refreshed after a month or so off, our Conversationists are starting again for another year. We launch with the energetic combination of Kelvin Wright, Wendy Scott and Emma Wilson, who join Mike to talk about the rush of stories that strike us just as the Gospel of Mark begins.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO WATCH



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

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

Scattered People of the Good Shepherd

Once a month we gather on-line to read the bible, pray and share the eucharist together. On Sunday 28 January [Bishop Steve tackled a tricky gospel](#) from Mark 1: 28-28, where Jesus is confronted by a man “with an unclean spirit”. What can we make of this? Who could be the people now who try to shut Jesus down? Get yourself comfortable...to dig into a somewhat uncomfortable passage.



The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd

Scattered People of the Good Shepherd 28 January 2024 Called South

[Deepening Faith](#): Lent

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

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



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

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

[Being Small Well](#)

Many of our churches are small, and we are thinking it's time to celebrate that. Jesus' followers were a small group. Most big changes in history have started with a small, dedicated group. There are ways of being church when we are small that we lose in bigger communities, so rather than lament who we aren't, let's find out what God wants of us as we are.

Every now and then through the year, we will put up an interview with someone from one of our small churches, celebrating how they are "being small well." We start with the vibrant little bunch at Holy Trinity, Port Chalmers. Enjoy!



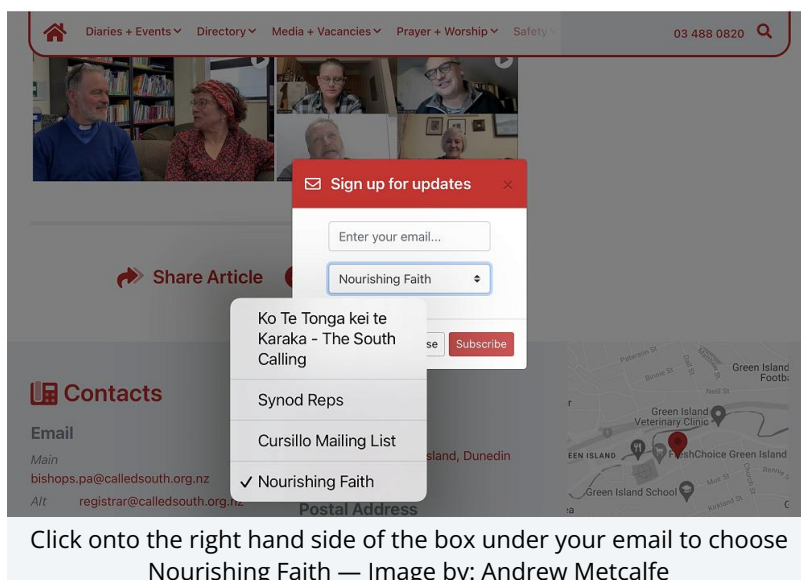
Being Small Well. Holy Trinity Port Chalmers Anne van Gend

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

About Nourishing Faith Videos and Podcasts

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

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

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

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



The World

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I te Pāpaho - Media and Latest News

Andrew Metcalfe — January 30th, 2024

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

Local & Wider News

[Movement Whānau Worship Outdoors:](#) Church whānau across our movement are exploring ways to worship in our natural environment and making the most of the warmer weather (Anglican Movement, Diocese of Wellington, 30 January 2024)

[Australian Clergy Struggle with 48-Hour Work Weeks:](#) Work-life balance is the most recent term for it, but Australians have long been keen on putting work in its place (The Living Church, 23 January 2024)

New Anglican Archbishop for [SE Asia](#) — The Straits Times

[Bible App brings "love for God and love for neighbour" prayers to smart phones in seven languages](#) - a collaboration between The World Council of Churches and YouVersion: 2024 Prayer Resources in [Bible App](#) — World Council of Churches.

London's [silent multi-faith peace walk](#) — The Guardian

[National Anglican News at Taonga](#)

[++Don shares message of love](#)

Last Saturday in Ngaruawahia, Archbishop Don Tamihere preached a message of love to 10,000 people attending a historic gathering at Turangawaewae Marae.

[Watch Archbishop Don's sermon -from 1 hr 45 mins- on Kiingitanga Facebook page.](#)

[Read Archbishop Don's full sermon transcript.](#)

[Bishops sent out to foster unity](#)

Bishop Ross Bay has joined fifty fellow Roman Catholic and Anglican Bishops at the Basilica of 'St Paul's Outside the Walls' in Rome this 25 January to receive commissioning prayers from Pope Francis and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.

[Aid groups press Govt on Gaza](#)

Anglican Missions and Christian World Service have joined more than a dozen Aotearoa New Zealand humanitarian organisations calling on the NZ Parliament to advocate for permanent peace in the Middle East, as its first order of business for 2024.

[Anglican hymnwriter joins honours](#)

Anglican hymnwriter Marnie Barrell has joined the New Year's Honours list this January as a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her forty years' contribution to church music and hymn writing.

The Wider Church and World

- [UK's biggest heritage challenge? Crumbling churches](#)
- [Molokai's historic leprosy town faces transition](#)
- [+Southwark:'Israel can't become it's worst enemy'](#)
- [London holds multifaith Gaza-Israel peace march](#)
- [Beware technology's magic lure](#)
- [Church in Wales appoints youngest ever bishop](#)
- [NZ Muslim wins US religious freedom award](#)
- [Georgian church removes icon depicting Stalin](#)
- [Abp of York holds anti-racism summit](#)
- [Island Bay thief returns cassock after priest pleas](#)
- ['Get Religion' writer retires religion reporting site](#)
- [WCC backs Colombia ceasefire extension](#)
- [Thieves steal Orthodox vestments in Wellington](#)
- [Fiji Govt disappoints churches on casino question](#)
- [Nicaragua frees jailed Bishop Rolando Álvarez + 18 priests](#)
- [Desmond Tutu statue in Palestinian scarf goes on display](#)
- [Diocese of Auckland serves notice on Parnell lodge](#)
- [33 Canadian churches near reservations burnt by arsonists](#)
- [Australian Bishop suspended for secret marriage](#)
- [Russian priests: no Ukraine victory prayers, no job](#)
- [Is discipleship just a buzzword? Let's go deep](#)
- [How to bring spirituality into your work](#)
- [African Archbishops offer solidarity to Sudan](#)
- [++Sudan appeals for an end to war in his country](#)
- [RC +Malta argues for Catholic priests to marry](#)
- [Leicester Cathedral gains £42m heritage funding](#)
- [STUFF investigates abuse in SSPX churches](#)
- [Pope says priests can bless same-sex couples](#)
- [Methodists host Hawaiian Church after fires](#)
- [Black Church leaders back Gaza ceasefire](#)
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- [After COP28 faiths need to 'promote hope'](#)

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[Anglican December 2023](#)