



The South Calling - Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka

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9 July 2020

Please click [here](#) for a printable version of this newsletter. If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, forward these to registrar@calledsouth.org.nz by 9 am 13 July 2020. We appreciate any news you have to pass on.



Installation of Reverend Richard Aitken as Vicar of Gladstone Parish, Invercargill.

On Saturday 4 July 2020 The Reverend Richard Aitken was installed at Gladstone Parish, Invercargill.

It was wonderful to share in this special occasion and have some photos taken during the service in a brief slideshow.

[Installation slideshow](#)

Remember to keep Richard, Talita, Danielle, Matthew and Gladstone Parish in your prayers.



Ordination to the Diaconate of John Graveston

John Graveston's ordination took place on Friday 3 July 2020 at All Saint's Anglican Church, Dunedin.

A full church including family and friends and people from all parts of the Diocese and New Zealand joined in this special occasion. The above video captures some of the service and celebrations in the church hall afterwards. John will continue in his role as Diocesan Child Youth and Family Educator, and will be associated with Dunedin North Parish for his Diaconate Curacy.

Please continue to hold John and Aleisha in your prayers.

[Watch the video here](#)



Baptism... and Cheese Rolls

Invercargill St Johns Parish have been busy lately with fundraising for Rwenzori and celebrating a Baptism at St Luke's Otago.

Think of the south - and Southern Sushi (cheese rolls) come to mind. Making and selling of these is a regular fixture of St John's Parish in Invercargill in fundraising for a mission partner in Rwenzori.

Even better to celebrate new life and becoming part of the church, and Bishop Steve was privileged to be part of a Baptism at St Luke's Otago of Viliameon on Sunday 5 July.



Bishop Steven's Diary 9 -16 July 2020

If you wish to invite Bishop Steven to an event or make an appointment to see him, it is very helpful if this can be done through his EA Nicola Wong
bishops.pa@callsouth.org.nz or 03 488 0826. Thank you.

Thursday 9 July 2020

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

Various meetings

5pm [Daily Evening Prayer:](#) - Zoom

Friday 10 June 2020

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

Various meetings

5pm [Daily Evening Prayer:](#) - Zoom

Saturday 11 July 2020

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

Sunday 12 July 2020

8am Cathedral

10 am St Michael's Andersons Bay

Monday 13 July 2020

Day off

Tuesday 14 July 2020

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

10.30am Diocesan Trusts Board and Council Meeting

5pm [Daily Evening Prayer:](#) - Zoom

Wednesday 15 July 2020

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

Various meetings

5pm [Daily Evening Prayer:](#) - Zoom

Thursday 16 July 2020

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

Various meetings

5pm [Daily Evening Prayer:](#) - Zoom



Diocesan Events and Calendar

Read on for events throughout the Diocese, including further education and ministry training as well as a link to a calendar for regularly scheduled meetings.

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

[Link to Diocesan Office Calendar](#)

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

[Link to Christian Calendar](#)

Dates for feast days and other Christian observations

Shared Worship Opportunities

Morning Prayer with Bishop Steven via Zoom - 9am every Tuesday - Saturday inclusive. Please use this link:

<https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/95977160366>

Meeting ID: **959 771 603 66**

See [our website page](#) for details on connecting electronically to a variety of worship services.

South Centre Invercargill - [latest newsletter, July 2020](#)

Southland Archdeaconry Meeting

Tuesday 7 July 12 noon to 2pm or earlier at Holy Trinity Invercargill. The Rev Robert Pomare will be telling us about the work of Tikanga Maori in Dunedin and further afield.

Southland Fellowship Gathering

Monday 13 July 6 - 9pm @ 156 Waiiau Cr. Invercargill. This will be a sharing and catch up meeting. All are welcome. Enquiries - phone 027 307 3066

Equipping for Ministry

Quiet Days at Brighton.

We plan to resume monthly personal times of quiet and prayer at St Margaret's Church Brighton on **Friday 24th July from 10am to 3pm.**

All are welcome to make use of these days of quiet in community which begin and end with brief times of coming together and are otherwise spent in silence pursuing our own programmes.

Some reflective material is available.

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

Bring those materials you require and your own lunch. Hot drinks provided.

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

For further information or to register please phone Maureen Harley 03 456 0573; 021 1071 401 (This is particularly helpful while we remain in some level of protection.)

(Covid 19 permitting, the next guided retreat day will be on Saturday November 28th)

Southland Faith Thinking

Greetings, and welcome back to Southland Faith Thinking for 2020:

We are pleased to be resuming Faith Thinking in Invercargill. We will reschedule the seminar missed in May (The Trinity) as soon as we can in 2021.

Coming up:

August's seminar is just over six weeks away with Dr Deborah Bower. Dr Bower's subject is **Conversations in the Gospel of Luke.**

Friday August 7th, 7 - 9pm and Saturday August 8th, 9 - 12:00pm First Church (Seminar Room), Tay Street, Invercargill

You can register by simply clicking [on this link](#) (preferred method). It opens a pre-filled e-mail. Fill in your name/names and click send.

Alternatively you can phone the administrator at First Church Invercargill (218 2560). She is there mornings only Tuesday through Friday.

Rev Nyalle Paris 021 056 0663

Stephen Bond 03 213 1256

Invercargill coordinators

Flexilearn for 2020:

Doing Theology: 12 weeks of 2hr online tutorials on Mondays from 20 July to 22nd of Oct.

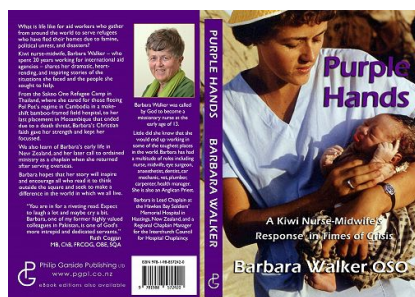
Developing Inter-generational Community: 6 Weeks of 2hr online tutorials from 2 Nov to 9 Dec.

Link to our Diocesan Ministry Educator's sermon blog

<https://broken-moments.blogspot.com/>

See also <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/organisations/>

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



Purple Hands - Book release

Barbara Walker was called by God to become a missionary nurse at the early age of 13. Little did she know that she would end up working in some of the toughest places in the world over several years.

About the Author

Barbara has had a multitude of roles including nurse, midwife, eye surgeon, anaesthetist, dentist, car mechanic, vet, plumber, carpenter, health manager, and she is also an Anglican Priest.

Presently, Barbara is Lead Chaplain at the Hawkes Bay Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in Hastings, New Zealand, and a Regional Chaplain Manager for the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy.

About the book

What is life like for aid workers who gather from around the world to serve refugees who have fled their homes due to famine, political unrest, and disasters?

Kiwi nurse-midwife, Barbara Walker – who spent 20 years working for international aid agencies – shares her dramatic, heart-rending, and inspiring stories of the situations she faced and the people she sought to help.

From the Sakeo One Refugee Camp in Thailand, where she cared for those fleeing Pol Pot's regime in Cambodia in a make-shift bamboo-framed field hospital, to her last placement in Mozambique that ended due to a death threat, Barbara's Christian faith gave her strength and kept her focussed.

We also learn of Barbara's early life in New Zealand, and her later call to ordained ministry as a chaplain when she returned after serving overseas.

Barbara hopes that her story will inspire and encourage all who read it to think outside the square and seek to make a difference in the world in which we all live.

Post COVID-19, we all have a chance to move forward, working together to address the inequalities which she has seen around the world and here in her country of Aotearoa New Zealand. We cannot make changes alone, but by listening, sharing, building trust, and working in partnership, we can make a difference for all. It's up to us all.

To order: Please see the attached form



Vacancies: 7 July 2020

A regular update of Diocesan vacancies and those further afield.

Part time Parish Secretary Otago Peninsula Parish

Part-time Parish Secretary at the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish, based at the Parish Office at 44 Elliot Street, Andersons Bay, Dunedin. Eight hours per week, currently split over two half-days (Tuesday and Friday), but the hours could be worked over three days if preferred. Proficiency in word-processing, spread-sheets, desk-top publishing, administering web-pages and taking minutes, as well as excellent communication skills, are required. Experience working in an Anglican parish would be useful but not required as training will be provided. For more information and to see the job description, contact Elizabeth Purdie (Warden), telephone 476 1650 purdie.family@xtra.co.nz. Please apply in writing, with CV, two references and covering letter, to the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish at the address above (opanglican@xtra.co.nz) **by midday on 23rd July 2020.**

Job description attached below

Vacancy for Vicar of the Anglican Parish of Taradale, Hawke's, Diocese of Waiapu

Bishop Andrew Hedge is seeking to make an appointment of a priest as full time Vicar of the Parish of Taradale. The parish is set in the strong and vibrant communities of Taradale and Meeanee, part of Napier City in Hawke's Bay. Historically a place of Maori settlement for Ngati Kahungunu, the area surrounding Taradale is full of this rich story made visible through the prominent historic Otatarā Pa site. Taradale is a thriving community with a bustling local business area and is well-resourced with strong local schools, sporting clubs and community groups, including part of the vast network of cycle trails in Hawke's Bay. There is a strong arts community within Taradale and many opportunities for engagement between the Parish and Community. Taradale community is a rapidly growing part of Hawke's Bay with new subdivisions developing each year. The environment surrounding Taradale provides for some of the best wine growing areas in NZ and the community enjoys the benefit of a number of local wineries which add to the diversity of community life through offering live music events during the summer.

The parish has two worship centres, St Thomas' Meeanee, and All Saints' Taradale which have been places for Anglican worship and community for over 145 years. Services are held twice per month at St Thomas' Church. The main centre for the Parish is focused around All Saints' which offers a warm and welcoming parish centre including Church and three large gathering areas and a substantial commercial kitchen and parish offices within one complex. This is a sought after resource for the community and well used by the parish and community. The parish offers a wide range of worship options on Sundays and mid-week, including a strong Messy Church, reflecting the diversity of liturgical and theological preferences in the parish. There are many active groups in this busy parish that sustain parish life and as many forms of outreach that offer loving service to the community.

The parish has a vision 'Make the Real Jesus Known Today!' that is reflected through a genuine desire to be a caring influence in the community and offer the gifts of the people inspired through the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the Word. Through worship and service the parish seek to see all people nurtured in God's love and grow into all that God has called them to be.

Are you sensing the call of God to come and minister in this busy suburban parish as the Vicar?

Bishop Andrew and the Parish are seeking to a find a priest who:

- is mature in their spiritual journey and is energised by faith
- has strong pastoral and interpersonal skills, is encouraging, sincere and approachable
- is a clear communicator, enabler, and facilitator of teams
- is grounded in Anglican liturgy and adept at providing worship in traditional and contemporary settings
- is committed to participating in bi-cultural partnerships in our 3-tikanga church
- who can demonstrate stability in ministry and in ministry relationships
- is prepared to get to know this parish, be visible in the community and be with the parish for a good length of time

For expressions of interest please contact in the first instance Sandra Gifkins (Office Manager, Diocese of Waiapu) sandra.gifkins@waiapu.com for a copy of the Parish Profile.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 16 July, 2020.

Anglican Family Care

Whānau Worker - Dunedin

Social Worker - Central Otago/Queenstown Lakes, based in Alexandra or Wanaka

See [this link](#) for details

Expressions of Interest – Maclaurin Ecumenical Chaplain

The Richard Maclaurin Goodfellow Foundation Trust Board (the Trust Board) is seeking to appoint a new Chaplain to lead the Ecumenical Chaplaincy team based at the Maclaurin Chapel within The University of Auckland CBD campus.

About Us

The MacLaurin Ecumenical Chaplaincy exists to enrich the life of Te Whare Wananga o Tamaki Makaurau, the University of Auckland and its community. It serves the whole University community, working with others for the common good of society, integrity of creation and justice for all.

Our values are grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and expressed in this unique setting:

- Thoughtful faith (fostering Christian academic thought and leadership)
- Integrated life (encouraging holistic spirituality and citizenship)
- People-centred (acting justly, loving mercy, acknowledging faith and diverse in makeup)
- Communal Richness (building inter-faith connection and fostering diversity)

- Hospitable Space (providing a place to rest, learn, pray and worship)

The Position

The MacLaurin Ecumenical Chaplain leads the chaplaincy team in fulfilling its strategic mission “to build and enrich Christian faith and character amongst the students and staff of the University of Auckland as the foundation of sound citizenship” (Trust Deed).

The MacLaurin Ecumenical Chaplain primarily represents and fosters the spirituality and tradition of the Christian faith and will be a recognised minister of good standing within their denomination, whilst respecting the proper academic freedom and ethos of a secular university. Given the University's ethnic diversity and religious plurality, the Chaplaincy also acknowledges and affirms other faith traditions, seeking to build connections with hospitable openness to difference.

Some other key responsibilities include:

- Representing faith and fostering Christian thought in the academic and public sphere.
- Offering robust pastoral care within the University of Auckland that acknowledges the complexities and strengths of personal faith
- Building friendship and understanding amongst religious faith groups in the University of Auckland, and with the non-religious
- Ensuring the Chapel and Hall are welcoming, worshipful and hospitable meeting spaces, together with The University.
- Lead and develop the Ecumenical Chaplaincy team, comprising up to seven paid and volunteer chaplains.

Knowledge/Skills/Experience Required for this Position

- Understand Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) as the basis for citizenship in Aotearoa-New Zealand
- Ordained Minister of good standing with her/his denomination, with post-graduate (ideally doctorate level) theological qualifications, as well as sufficient pastoral training (CPE or similar) experience from which to draw in exercising their role within the University community.
- Team leadership skills in addition to high level stakeholder and presentation skills.

This is a full-time, paid contract position reporting to the Trust Board. We also offer usual benefits including accommodation and other applicable allowances according to the denomination of the successful applicant.

Please send any expressions of interest or enquires to Joshua Chapman – j.chapman@auckland.ac.nz

Applications close Monday 20 July. This date may be extended as required.

Children and Families Worker, St Barnabas, Fendalton - Diocese of Christchurch

15 Hours/Week

Do you have a passion for working with children? Are you enthusiastic about the Christian faith and are willing to help children engage with the message of Jesus in a fun, caring and supportive environment? Would you like to join the St Barnabas staff team to lead the church focused children's ministry?

St Barnabas is a lively Anglican Parish in Christchurch with a strong community focus and a wide range of groups and ministries. These include groups for children, youth, young adults, seniors, men and women as well as groups for those learning English, an after-school club, play group, mainly music and Messy Church.

We are looking forward to engaging a part time Children's Worker to join our team...

The ideal applicant will...

- be a committed Christian with leadership skills
- enjoy working with children and their families

- have experience as a Children's Worker
- enjoy working within a supportive team environment

However if you are interested but think you don't have the experience or skills we still want to hear from you! We are willing to help you develop your skills on the job with mentoring and support.

What to do next? Email the Vicar at mark@stbarnabas.org.nz for a copy of the Job Description and information about the parish.

Applications, which must include a CV, a response to the parish information of not more than two pages, and a statement about your faith and personal approach to ministry, are requested by **Friday 24 July, 2020**, and are to be sent to mark@stbarnabas.org.nz. For an informal chat about the position please call Canon Mark Chamberlain on 0274327474 or for more information visit the parish website – www.stbarnabas.org.nz.

For more information see the attached documents.

NZCMS in partnership with the Anglican Dioceses of Polynesia, is looking for a Finance and Trust Manager in Fiji.

Please see the advertisement attached or the following link for more information.

<http://www.nzcms.org.nz/missional-opportunity-expressions-of-interest/>



In the Media

Recent media articles about our parishes, organisations and from the wider church.

[New cathedral musical role for lockdown digital maestro.](#) Michael Grant, who organised the St Paul's Cathedral "virtual choir" during the Covid-19 lockdown, has been appointed the cathedral's new musical director. Reported in the ODT on 7 July 2020.

[Look out, wasn't expecting that!](#) A stilt walker put the frighteners on a group of St Hilda's Collegiate pupils during a lunchtime performance, as reported by the ODT on 25 June.

Check out our national Anglican News source, Taonga:

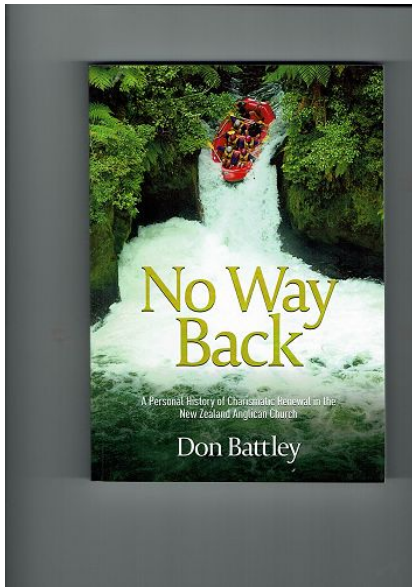
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In the National & International Media

(with thanks to the Diocese of Christchurch)

In the Media this week... there has been a lot of unrest and issues to talk about. Have a read about what fellow Christians are up to in NZ and around the globe...

- **Is our church history inclusive?** Dr Peter Harris of Lucent University suggests we need to [re-tell our church history](#) to include the full gamut of ethnicities that kept Christianity alive throughout the ages.
- UK Christian Aid has found that many people are largely unaware that [climate change](#) disproportionately affects communities of black and brown people across the world.
- Stephen Cottrell, the new Archbishop of [York](#), has declared that [Jesus was a black man](#) and the Church of England's leadership is still too white. And former ++York, [John Sentamu](#), discusses his experience as a black man in leadership.
- The story of [Cain and Abel](#) reminds us that protesting injustice is a fundamentally Christian act
- A Sikh studies [Psalm 133](#) and discusses the message of peace it brings.
- Seen those pornography adverts? [What do you think?](#)



No Way Back by Don Battley

Don Battley's book *No Way Back* on the history of Charismatic Renewal in the New Zealand Anglican Church has been selling well.

Historian Allan Davidson observes, "This is a very accessible, personal account of the charismatic renewal with the Anglican Church in New Zealand. It is written by one of the leading participants and so has very much an insider perspective. . . . At the same time, Don brings critical insights, sharpened by his own scholarly reflections on the movement". *Book Review, Allan Davidson, Anglican Historical Society Newsletter 70, April 2020.*

Professor Peter Lineham says in his Foreword, "Working from careful research into the wider story, and drawing carefully on the research of Allen Neil and Dale Williamson,

Don provides at last a published account, and one that synthesises earlier research while correcting and extending it".

On-line price \$30-00 plus P & P \$5-50

Order by email to donb.revs2@xtra.co.nz and we will post to you with an invoice for you to deposit payment to our bank account.



Dunedin Hospital Chaplaincy 2020 Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistant Training

A training course for Voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants will be held this year at Dunedin Public Hospital. Please read on for further information about this event.....

Do you feel God calling you to become a part of the Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry?

This is a ministry of presence and not evangelism.

A training course for Voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants will be held this year at Dunedin Public Hospital.

We invite you to join us for a taster and information evening on Wednesday 1st July,

7.30- pm to 8.30 pm in the Dunedin Public Hospital Chapel.

Please RSVP by emailing: to Joy.Hamilton-Jones@southerndhb.govt.nz

Or call the Office A/phone: 03 474 0999 ext. 58135



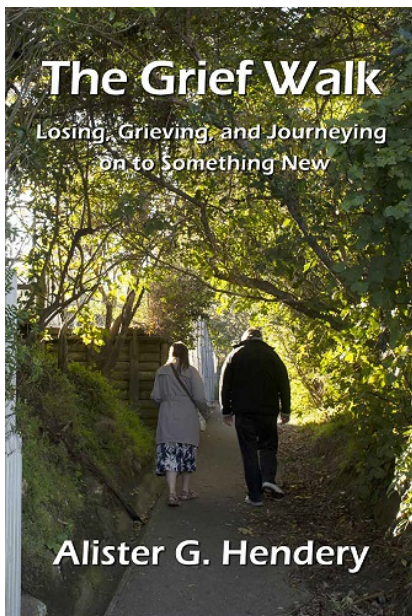
Spring Retreat on Stewart Island - for Clergy/Pastors and Spouses.

Monday 14th September – Friday 18th September

Stewart Island has many features that make it a great place for a contemplative retreat - memorials and monuments, bush, beaches and birdsong. In fact the Island becomes the vessel that holds the retreat. Following the cancellation of the Easter season retreat, I am offering a September one instead. We gather at lunchtime Monday and finish after lunch on Friday. Prayer exercises will be interwoven with the physical features of the environment, so a moderate level of fitness is helpful as there are hills to walk up and down. Ask if concerned. Numbers are limited.

For information please contact: Rev. Glenda Hicks at gmhicks@snap.net.nz

ph 0277114166



The Grief Walk: Losing, Grieving, and Journeying on to Something New by Alister G. Hendery

A new book authored by Rev. Alister Hendery written for people who are grieving, for people who want to support them as they undertake the painful journey of grief, and for anyone who wants to reflect on their own experiences of loss. To purchase a copy see attached flyer.

About the book

This practical book is for people who are grieving, for people who want to support them as they undertake the painful journey of grief, and for anyone who wants to reflect on their own experiences of loss.

When Alister asked Isobel, whose husband had died a few years before, what would have helped her most then, her response was immediate. 'Someone who would walk with me. Not people who would talk at me and give me answers, but simply listen to me and walk with me.' The grief walk.

Grieving and loss are universal experiences, but how you experience grief is unique to you. In his ministry, Alister has found that models of the stages of grief are unhelpful, as is the idea of closure. Instead, he gives you permission to work through your grief in the ways, and at the times, that are helpful to you.

Alister explores disenfranchised grief that occurs when we are denied the right to grieve and our loss isn't recognised. Our lives are marked by countless losses and we all carry grief about many losses in our life. If we embrace our grief, we can journey on to something new and find fresh hope.

About the Author

Alister Hendery is an Anglican priest in Aotearoa New Zealand. Loss and grief have been a special focus of his ministry for the past 40 years. He has served as a parish priest, educator, counsellor, and funeral celebrant. These days, as well as exploring with others what loss and grief can mean for us, he ministers with faith communities in times of change. He is the author of *Earthed in Hope: Dying, Death and Funerals*, also from Philip Garside Publishing Ltd.

For more information about the book and how to order it see the attachment below.



St John's Theological College FlexiLearn

FlexiLearn is one of the options in the St John's Theological Regional Learning Programme to equip people in and for ministry, whether ordained or in lay roles. FlexiLearn courses can be studied from anywhere you are and consist of a series of weekly live online classes with associated readings and discussion forums. You can catch up on the recorded online classes and take part in the written discussion forums online at any time of the day or night.

Hi, those of us doing the Gospel of Luke paper from St John's Theological College are definitely inspired by the great teaching from Tom Innes! We have learned so much and thanks to all those from the Diocese who are sharing in the course.

The next paper from St John's Theological College is 'Doing Theology' which begins on Thursday July 23 for 12 weeks, with a two hour session once a week on a Thursday. I have attached the course outline. Theology is the 'study of God', which sounds big! Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109), a monk, theologian, and Archbishop of Canterbury, introduced the phrase "faith seeking understanding" to describe theology. One thing for sure, theology is fascinating, so why not sign up!

There are two options - For Credit, which means an academic course, with assignments, or Audit, which means for interest only.

The course is run via Zoom, which many of us are already using, and can be downloaded free.

You can now register online, easily and simply. Go to <https://www.stjohnscollege.ac.nz/#/regional-programmes/> and scroll down to find the links to registering.

These programmes are free and are a wonderful gift to the church. You also are able to join the awesome Kinder Library at St John's, who will courier books to you.

Another great thing about this is being part of a learning community throughout New Zealand, not to mention our diocese.

You can also contact me if you need any more information, on richardsueinvercargill@gmail.com

With all God's blessings in Christ,

Richard Johnson



Synod 2020 Essential Information

All you need to know and links to essential documents for our September Synod. We have updated to include the First Memo to Synod reps (15 June), catering information and the process to follow if you want to receive a hard copy of the Synod book (we are going electronic this year...)

Parish and Local Church Return Forms were posted out in December 2019 and these are available electronically below.

The planned Special Synod dealing with Selwyn College has now been combined with the 1st Session of the 61st Synod held from 11-13 September 2020. This latest update includes the catering form. If you have been unable to hold an AGM, previous Synod representatives remain in place. You are able to conduct your AGM electronically (email, telephone, Zoom) and ratify decisions when you are able to meet in person again. Please contact the Registrar if you need any assistance with this.

Parish and Local Church Returns

Have a look in the attachments below for the **Memo to Parishes about AGMs**. This year all of the returns required are contained in one document: [Members of Governing Bodies 2020 and Annual Returns 2019](#). This includes Members of Governing Bodies (Vestries) Annual Return and Declarations, Annual Statistics, Employees and Volunteers return.

May Selwyn Synod - RESCHEDULED

This has now been combined with the September Synod. The report from the Selwyn Consultation panel is [available here](#).

11-13 September 2020: First Session of the 61st Synod

There is a possibility that we may not be able to meet in person if we move from Level 1 to any other COVID-19 Alert Levels. The Diocesan Council has in place a mechanism for holding Synod electronically by Zoom if required. We will proceed on the basis of Business as usual unless we are directed otherwise.

Synod will convene on **Friday 11 September at 7.00 pm** with the Synod Eucharist at St Matthew's Church, Dunedin. *(Clergy are not robing for this service).*

Synod will reconvene Saturday 12 September at 8.30am (St Matthew's Dunedin) and will conclude no later than midday on **Sunday 13 September**.

Lay representatives to Diocesan Synod are elected on a two year cycle with new representatives being elected at Parish/Local Church AGMs in 2020.

Key dates to be aware of:

- **Beginning of June - request for reports** (for Synod book) and **mail out to Synod reps** (catering forms and if only require Synod book electronically,)
- **23 July - last day to submit any Bills to the Registrar** (50 days before Synod)
- **24 July - last day for submission of reports** for Synod book
- **30 July - Bills (and Motions printed in the Synod book) submitted to the Committee on Statutes and Standing Orders** (43 days before Synod)
- **10 August - If you want a hard copy of the Synod book you must [contact the Registrar](#) before close of Business (4 pm) this day**
- **14 August - Bills and Motions returned to the Registrar** (28 days before Synod)
- **17 August - Synod book taken to the printers**
- **20 August - Synod books and other paperwork posted out** plus available on-line (so you should have in your hands 21 days before Synod)
- **You have 7 days from 27 August** to submit to the Bishop any further **notices of motion, questions or petitions** (3 September deadline). The procedures around these are covered in the Standing Orders of the Dunedin Diocesan Synod.
- **25 August - deadline for catering**

Attendance - Leave of Absence

All Synod reps are expected to attend every session of Synod. If you are unable to attend one or all days, email the Bishop via his [Executive Assistant](#), Nicola Wong with Request Synod Leave of Absence in the subject line, or phone 03 488 0826. Your Parish can nominate an alternative lay representative to attend in your place for this Synod as long as the Bishop receives notification of this 14 days before the session commences (i.e. **before 27 August** - see Statute 1 clause 2.5 and First Schedule clause 12)

The Synod Book - in progress, see time frames above. The Synod book will be made available electronically. If you want a hard copy to take with you to Synod, **you must [contact the Registrar before close of Business \(4 pm\) on Monday 10 August](#)**, and we will arrange printing of this for you (click on the link above line, this will generate an email. With Request for Synod Book in the subject line).

Tip: if you go to the Index of the Synod book and Ctrl + click on information you want to go to, this will take you there without having to scroll through all the pages.

Catering - please see below. These need to be back in the office by **Tuesday 25 August 2020**

Pre-Synod Archdeaconry meetings for all Lay and Clergy reps: Details to be confirmed.

A reminder that the [Guide to Synod](#) is useful to have a look at.

Also, check out the [2019 Yearbook](#) which contains a record of the proceedings from Synod 2019.

If you have any questions please contact the Diocesan Office: registrar@caldsouth.org.nz or phone **03-488-0821**



Thank you Aotearoa

New Zealand Government

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Coronavirus Covid-19 Update: Level 1 Information and Links to advice

All Church Services and Pastoral care can take place with no restrictions. We do need to keep hygiene measures in place and each of us to keep track of where we have been and who we have seen. We are also asking people to be mindful of others around them in church settings.

[Go to the Frequently Asked Questions and Information for Level 1 page](#)

We are aligning ourselves with advice-resources from the [Government on Level 1](#), and have also developed our own [Policy and Guidelines around Level 1 in our Pandemic Response Framework](#). [Level 1 guidance has been set out in a Frequently Asked Questions format](#). This is an on-going situation where we need to plan carefully, follow guidance and continue to be careful with our own hygiene and other practices.

This will be our new normal but, while we do return to pre-COVID life, we must remember we remain in a global pandemic.

Key points for all of us

We have resumed holding services and are allowing other pastoral contacts but with clear directives and advice that are available in our [Diocese of Dunedin Pandemic Response Framework](#) which now incorporates [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

- **While not requiring physical distancing, we are encouraging this to continue**, especially being sensitive of other's needs (physical distancing) in pews.
- **[We are encouraging all of our churches to register for the NZ COVID Tracer app](#)** and display this on their premises.
- **Some at-risk people may not be comfortable coming back into a crowd** - offer other ways of staying in touch with them i.e. the phone, a video messaging system or something similar
- **We are continuing to maintain high standards of public health** (around cleaning, providing hospitality and so on)
- **Be kind.** Make a difference by checking-in on others, especially the elderly and vulnerable
- **Look after anyone that needs help.** Drop supplies to those at home sick and ensure you

have no physical contact.

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level

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

More Detail on Current Alert Level 1 Status

We are operating under the Government [alert system](#) Level 1 i.e. **Prepare** (and maintain our gains): **The disease is seen as being contained in New Zealand, but is still uncontrolled overseas and isolated transmission could be occurring here.**

Alert Level 1 has a range of measures that can be applied locally or nationally:

- Border entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases.
- Intensive testing for COVID-19.
- Rapid contact tracing of any positive case.
- Self-isolation and quarantine required.
- Schools and workplaces open, and must operate safely.
- Physical distancing encouraged.
- No restrictions on gatherings.
- Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms.
- Wash and dry your hands, cough into your elbow, don't touch your face.
- No restrictions on domestic transport — avoid public transport or travel if you're sick.

Are you potentially an at-risk person?

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

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

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

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

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