



Diocese of  
Dunedin

# Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 3 October 2024

**Our pānui catches up on endings, new beginnings... and significant celebrations.**

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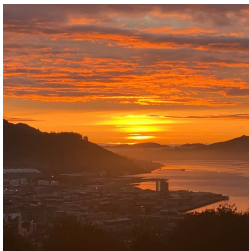
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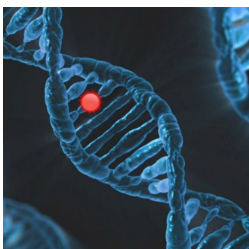
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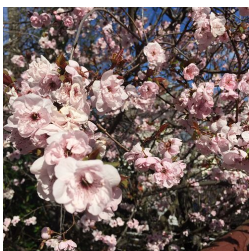
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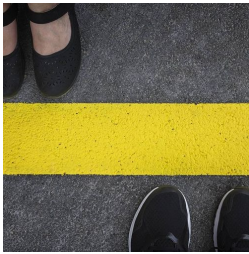
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Register by using the link below..... This year we will be holding a truly "Diocesan Retreat" in November, open to anyone in our diocese, lay or ordained, licenced or not.



## Spring Saturdays: Online Ministry Training by Diocesan Ministry Committee

Our first Spring Saturday will take place on Oct 19th, starting at 10am. It's created for lay people, but all are welcome to join in!



**UPDATE: Boundaries Workshop Series for 2024/2025** *by*  
*Diocesan Ministry Educator - Ven Dr Anne van Gend*

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



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All Saints Lumsden Secularisation 22 September 2024

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Jenny Campbell — October 1st, 2024

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Gathering for the final service at All Saints' Lumsden — Image by: Alec Clark

### Final Service

- *Order of Service attached at the end of this article*
- Watch a [photo compilation video](#)

On Sunday 22 September, over 30 people who had associations with All Saints Lumsden gathered to farewell this place of worship on a bright spring day.

People were asked to bring a bunch of flowers from their gardens to decorate the Church beautifully, remembering with thanksgiving all the happy and joyful memories they had experienced related to the Church and other people they met there, alongside sadness for losses over that time. They were reminded of the hope for the future by Vicar General Jan Clark and for the possibilities to continue worship, pastoral ministry and mission outreach in the area through Rural Chaplaincy.



Dot Muir and Eric Swift give a brief history — Image by: Alec Clark

Dot Muir (nee Menlove) told the story of her grandparents and many other Anglican families in Northern Southland, followed by their descendants, established the former building. They then went on to raise more funds to build the new church. She listed all the clergy who had ministered to local people (see below, She also talked of those who travelled further afield to take services such as at Te Anau and Milford Sound, as Lumsden was seen as the centre of a Mission District then.

Eric Swift recounted stories about the more modern era in the "new" (1966) church and how the area had become the Waimea Plains Parish. This meant that the local Vestry became part of searching for and appointing Clergy along with the Bishop. Boundary changes meant some of the smaller churches came in and out of the Parish: Mossburn, Athol, Balfour were always in Waimea Plains, while Kingston, Riversdale, Waikaia & Dipton were subject to changes.

At one stage (more recently) there were 12 Lay Ministers across the Parish with three local Priests, including Rev'd Rosemary Waller in Riversdale & later Rev'd Gillian Swift and Rev'd Vivienne Galletly from Lumsden being ordained.



Jennifer Hellewell gives a reading — Image by: Alec Clark



Keith Gover lights a candle — Image by: Alec Clark



The Ven Bark Walker and Jean Soper — Image by: Alec Clark

We were reminded that the Katene whanau lived in Lumsden and were regular worshippers at All Saints. Ngarahu Katene, Manager of the Lumsden Bus depot ( when Lumsden still had rail and many bus services centring on Lumsden) went on to ministry in Tikanga Māori. He was made Pihopatanga Bishop of Te Manawa o Te Wheke, centred in Waikato area, in 2005.



The Venerable Jan Clark gives the address — Image by: Alex Clark

Vicar General Jan Clark read the secularisation section of the service, from Bishop Ross Bay, Commissary for the Dunedin Diocese in the absence of a bishop. A group photo was then taken. Most people went to the Lumsden Memorial Hall to enjoy soup and cheese rolls followed by cutting of a thanksgiving cake by Eric & Rev'd Gillian-Mary Swift.

### Telling More Stories



Eric Swift & Rev'd Gillian-Mary Swift cutting thanksgiving cake at the light meal after the service, held in Lumsden Memorial Hall. — Image by: Jenny Campbell

Story telling and greetings followed refreshments, with **Rev'd Gillian-Mary Swift** passing on best wishes for the future and thanks for the past ministry there from previous Dunedin Diocesan Bishop George Connor.

**Gerald Harley** spoke about the wonderful generous financial and caring support both he and **Maureen** received while they were doing mission work in Nepal after leaving Lumsden. Several years of second-hand book sales were run by the Parish to assist their outreach. Gerald remembered especially Rev'd Lachlan McKay's brother-in-law, the famous All Black rugby player Sir Michael Jones, speaking at the men's dinner in Lumsden to raise funds for mission and ministry there.

Parishioner **Maureen Soper** (aged 92), remembered her life-long association with the church through her parents and godfather especially. She was baptised, confirmed and married in the old church. Her parents were married there too. On her way home from school she used to bike past her godfather

who worked on the railway : as she pushed her bike over the railway line, he would call her over and ask her where she had been on Sunday, if he had not seen her at Church. It was a growling, and she knew she could not get away with being absent.



Lumsden Railway Station

**Rev'd Philip Robinson** wrote of his memories:

'Waimea Plains was my first parish from March 1973 - July 1978. Adrienne and I made many lifelong friends while there. In 1976 a lay readers training day produced approx 6 lay readers for the parish, several of whom later were ordained.

The Kingston Flyer and Lumsden Centennial were highlights as was the Mens' Dinner of 1973 when Rob Muldoon came to speak. 208 men attended and the women catered.

The August 1975 windstorm created havoc for many farmers.

Our 2 youngest children Grant and Vaughan were born at Lumsden. Aaron remembers the big hedge and the sheep we kept in the paddock.

The vicarage was modernised in 1978 after a lamb drive fundraiser. The best 10 lambs were given by Ian Gilkison and George Ruddenklau. Each lot were equal in weight and were valued at I think \$614 for the 10. A lovely coincidence.

The district and people of those times will always be in our hearts.

God bless you all.'

**Rev'd Vivienne Galletly** from her role as a Chaplain at Dunedin Hospital also wrote

'I send my greetings and apologies to the gathering in Lumsden tomorrow, as I am on duty at the Hospital. I obviously have special memories of the Lumsden Church and the people of the Waimea Plains. I became a Lay Minister in 1989, sharing leading my first service and reflection with Eric Swift. I was Deaconed there in January 1995 with Gillian-Mary Swift and celebrated at my first Communion service in September 1995. I have a photo of All Saints' on my living room wall which reminds me of the 21 years I spent teaching in Lumsden and all the faithful people I met there and the influence they had for good on me and my relationship with God.'

Many memories were shared of AAW gatherings, with the women always raising money from cake stalls and the like, for things needed for the church or for many different missions.

Sunday Schools set many people on their faith journeys, along with Youth Group activities, family camps and Sunday picnic services often up Dunrobin Valley. The cattle scheme was one of the big fundraisers which local farmers contributed very generously to this.

**Vicars (Reverends) across the years were:**

- 1891 TS Stanley,
- 1892-1897 FE Watson,
- 1904-09 Wood,
- 1910 W Uphill,
- 1912 H Bathwayt,
- 1916 A Button,
- 1920 C Webb,
- 1922 G Lawrence,
- 1932 E Wilson,
- 1936 H Fallows,
- 1939 B Plumb,
- 1942 S Wood,
- 1948 J Smith,
- 1952 W Hartley,
- 1958 John Greer,
- 1962 Les Steel,
- 1969 Blair Robertson,
- 1973- 1978 Philip Robinson,
- 1978- 82 Ken Light,
- 1983-86 Graeme Nicholas,
- 1987- 89 Lachlan MacKay,  
1989-2009 Chris J Rodgers.

**Media Release**

Diocesan Registrar, Andrew Metcalfe (sadly unable to be there) gave the following information to media inquiries:

"The decision to close any church building is never taken lightly but does happen when the (Anglican) faith community around it is no longer able to sustain it. There is a particular process we follow to do this, which includes (not necessarily in this order) any local faith community requesting that they be wound up and a Property Commission being formed to look at what the options for any buildings and other assets could be. The commission reports back to our Diocesan Council and Trust Board with recommendations that both groups consider and then act on.

In this case, there has been considerable deliberation, as some identified that Lumsden does have a strategic Anglican physical presence, but we were swayed by locals who said very clearly that they were unable to maintain the church buildings any longer. We are currently looking at what to do with the church and hall contents before readying the buildings and land for sale. In this situation (as with any closure) our rules stipulate that any sale proceeds " ...all property under its (the parish or church) control shall pass into the Diocese to be available for its general purposes, and shall be committed in the first instance to the Bishop to allow such arrangements to be made as will, in the opinion of the Bishop, carry out the mission of the Church in that area." (Statute 3 clause 99).

It is sad to do this, unfortunately it is a sign of the times, especially in many of our rural and isolated areas (and follows a similar pattern of the loss of other organisations and resources here). All Saints Lumsden was one of the last local churches that once made up the Waimea Plains Parish, with St Mary's Waikaia being the last remaining place of Anglican worship. On a more positive note, we have been moving into developing a [rural chaplaincy network](#) and have found so far that this has attracted new people from a variety of faith contexts who are willing to support rural areas in new ways. We have also been supporting smaller congregations through a monthly on-line worship service called "the Church of the Scattered People of the Good Shepherd", with Lumsden Anglicans being part of this since its inception and also connecting to other online services.

See also <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/making-tracks/> which gives some of the processes that we follow around any closure or faith community dissolution."

### **Other news articles from Allied Press and Stuff News:**

[Church for sale after 125 years:](#) A final farewell has been held for an institution that has been part of the Lumsden community for about 125 years. A thanksgiving and secularisation service was held at All Saints Anglican Church on Sunday (The Ensign, 26 September 2024). [Article also has a brief video.](#)

[Lumsden Church Farewelled with stories, flowers and ceremony:](#) The decision to close Lumsden's All Saints Anglican Church was both an emotional and practical one for the handful of remaining parishioners. The four were joined by more than 40 supporters and Christians from other denominations on Sunday to farewell the church and its almost 120 years of ministry in Northern Southland (The Southland Times, 24 September 2024).



All Saints' Lumsden

***The original Church (wooden hall) at Lumsden was consecrated in 1890, and the current Church building was consecrated in August 1967.***

## Gallery



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## Attachments

[Lumsden Final Service 22 Sept 2024](#)



The Way Ahead

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## A response to the Royal Commission report on Abuse in Care

Andrew Metcalfe — September 26th, 2024

We have a further update on how the wider Anglican Communion in Aotearoa-New Zealand's response to the Royal Commission.

### Nationwide Response

**Please find attached the Anglican Church's response to the Royal Commission's findings of fault against the Church. This is being [published](#) by the Church further to the Commission's recommendation 130. Please feel free to share this with your organisations and communities.**

The next time frame under the Commission's recommendation 131 calls for the Church to respond to the Commission's recommendations by 24 November. This will involve closer consideration and reflection on the issues and different perspectives across the Church and its affiliated organisations in

relation to the various recommendations made by the Commission. There will be a variety of different issues and perspectives across schools, care organisations and different parts of the Church. We will be in touch further about this.

A reminder that The Royal Commission's recommendations ask for six different strands of response. In summary those strands are as follows:

1. Development and Implementation of Comprehensive Safeguarding
  2. Mandatory Training for Leaders and Staff
  3. Establishment of Independent Mechanisms in relation to complaints
  4. Offering Support and Compensation for Survivors
  5. Enhanced Accountability and Reporting Requirements
  6. Cultural and Structural Reforms
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## **Attachments**

[Archbishops Royal Commission statement 24 September 2024](#)



Bishop Steve and Bishop Ellie at Steve's licensing induction on 23 September 2024

## A new beginning...

Andrew Metcalfe — September 29th, 2024

Bishop Steve (former Bishop of Dunedin) has been licensed as Priest in Charge at St James' Church, Sutton-on-Hull in Hull, Yorkshire.

Rev'd Eric Kyte (currently on sabbatical in the UK) was able to be present and it was wonderful to have the former Assistant Bishop of Wellington (The Rt Rev'd Dr Eleanor Sanderson) present the licence in her role of Bishop of Hull.

A message of greeting was also read at the service from our Diocese to +Steve and Lorraine - plus, it appears that Marley continues her church attendance...



Some images from +Steve's licensing — Image by: Eric Kyte



Bishop Ellie and Bishop Steve — Image by: Lorraine Benford



Bishop Ross Bay - The Future of the Church

Video by Called South

## Nominations now open for Bishop of Dunedin

Bishop Ross Bay/Diocesan office — October 1st, 2024

Nominations are now open and we update our discernment process so far.



New Bishop Discernment Process — Image by: Kelvin Wright

### Tēnā koutou katoa

It continues to be a privilege to be serving as Archbishops' Commissary to the Diocese of Dunedin during this time while work is undertaken for the appointment of a new bishop.

An Electoral College Arrangements Committee has been appointed by Diocesan Council to work with me on the planning for an Electoral College which we hope will take place from Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November (please make a note of this in your diaries - more details to follow).

I spent time with Diocesan Council on Tuesday 13 August and 10 September, and [recorded a video](#) to share thoughts on the process so far, but, more importantly, the future of the Anglican Church in New Zealand (see above).

To date the Arrangements Committee have been working and have finalised a [Diocesan Profile](#) (which also utilised information from the wider consultation with the Diocese) as well as initial paperwork for Electoral College members to nominate candidates for a new Bishop. This has now been shared with the Electoral College, is attached below and has been made available on our website at: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/new-bishop-of-dunedin/>.

This is a work of prayer and I encourage you to continue to be praying often about this so that we can act and decide in accordance with God's will, for the good of God's Church, and for the building of God's kingdom.

Grace and peace be with you all.

**+ Ross**



Bishop Ross Bay — Image by: Diocese of Auckland

**A reminder that the members of the Arrangements Committee are:**

- The Right Rev'd Ross Bay, Commissary (Bishop of Auckland)
- The Ven Jan Clark, Vicar General
- The Rev'd John Graveston, Diocesan CYF Educator
- Theodore Rose, Cathedral Church of St Paul
- Rauhina Scott-Fyfe, Dunedin North Parish
- The Ven Barb Walker, Archdeacon, Rural Southland
- Prof Stuart Young, Upper Clutha Parish

(supported by Nicola Wong and Andrew Metcalfe from the Diocesan office team.)

**What happens next?**

- Nominations close on 18th of October, and candidates will then be invited to submit applications.
- Information on the Electoral College on 22-24 November 2024 is being prepared for members of this. The College will take place at St John's Roslyn Church, Dunedin.

***Any queries? Please contact [Nicola Wong](#) (phone 03 488 0826) in the first instance, who will be able to assist.***



10 Bishops of Dunedin: 1870-2024 — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

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

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

### **A Collect**

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

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

(From A New Zealand Prayer Book pg 616)



Called South Facebook logo - Prayer

## Gallery



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## Attachments

[Diocese of Dunedin Profile Final 2024 Website](#)



Anglican Family Care AGM

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

# Anglican Family Care 2024 Annual General Meeting

Andrew Metcalfe — September 25th, 2024

Board members, supporters and friends met at St Matthew's Anglican Church on Wednesday 18 September to look back on the past year in what is proving to be challenging times.

## [Anglican Family Care \(AFC\) Annual Report 2023/24](#)

An AGM is always a time to give thanks - and Anglican Family Care (AFC) are always grateful to past and present Board members, staff and funders... as well as other individuals and organisations that have partnered with them over the past 12 months. This year, there has been a sense of sadness and uncertainty, reflected in opening prayers by Rev'd Canon Rose Scott which acknowledged stress and uncertainty for staff and families in a changing funding environment.



Ruth Zeinert, Chair of AFC Board — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

Chair of the AFC **Ruth Zeinert** reflected that a highlight over the past year was the Social Workers pay equity settlement, which has been important not only in acknowledging the importance of these workers in this sector, but also means that organisations such as AFC are able to attract and retain an effective workforce. Ruth talked about even in a very challenging contracting environment, Anglican Family Care continue to do their job and do it well, as well as keep good communication going with funders.



Jane Hutton, Practice Manager, AFC — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

Practice Manager **Jane Hutton** (stepping in for Mike Williams who was on leave) started her presentation saying:

As we look back on our journey, I'm reminded of the whakataukī: *E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini* – my strength is not as an individual, but as a collective. This speaks to the heart of what we do at Anglican Family Care where our collective effort enables us to serve our community and achieve great things together.

This was what enabled the team to partner with some many families and other individuals in times of crisis, trauma, victims of crime and so on.

Over the last year highlights have been: being fully staffed; success in accreditation and; trialling new pathways for victims in the Restorative Justice work they do. AFC continue to work in a child centred way (tamariki at the centre) and as an organisation they see the huge difference they have made in living out their vision, serving and meeting the needs of whānau in their care.



Helen Elder, QSM, Stronger Waitaki Together — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

### **Guest Speaker: Helen Elder, Partnership Manager for Waitaki Council**

The AGM was rounded off by a presentation from Helen Elder (QSM 2008 and 2018 White Ribbon Award). Helen holds an interesting role as facilitator of [Stronger Waitaki Collaboration](#), which has brought together a variety of not for profit and other organisations in the Waitaki area together, with a focus on community building. This includes safety, community health, well-being and development. Anglican Family Care Oamaru is an active part of this networking, especially in the management group as well as contributing expertise and knowledge in family-whānau resources, sexual violence as well as the mental health & addictions network.

The main aim of this network has to build community capability and capacity to meet what the wider community wants and needs. They have pioneered specific programmes in high schools around the white ribbon initiative (stopping violence/identifying mental health needs), which include student produced video projects. They have also run national conferences in Oamaru dealing with family, sexual violence and rainbow issues - topics that sometimes don't get much on an airing in smaller communities. Locally, they have also been working hard in one area of real need in the Waitaki district i.e. access to mental health services.

One critical success factor for them is that are (ironically) not a legal entity but are a coalition. This means they can successfully advocate for member organisations without potential fallout from funders that others may want to avoid.

***Please continue to remember Anglican Family Care as they face real challenges, but also draw strength from collaborations they have, including with the Diocese of Dunedin.***

### **A Prayer:**

When distress darkens our world, give us light.  
When despair numbs our souls, give us hope.  
When we stumble and fall, lift us up.  
When doubts assail us, give us faith.  
When nothing seems sure, give us trust.  
When ideals fade, give us vision.  
When we lose our way, be our guide!  
That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will.

John D. Rayner (adapted)



Season of Creation - Justice and Peace

Photo by Supplied

## Season of Creation Alert!

Julanne Clarke-Morris — October 1st, 2024

Don't forget to take that Season of Creation action you'd hoped to move on this year!

Before the Season of Creation ends on St Francis' Day on October 4, gather your parish's keenest, hardiest members one day to:

- Spend one hour collecting rubbish in your parish or a nearby waterway.
- Pledge to join a local environmental clean-up event.
- Pledge to go "zero plastic" on snack packaging at church for a month.

Remember, even our smallest actions count.

...And take some pictures of your small action to share with the diocese!



Gene Technology

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pixabay.com

## Gene Editing (GE) in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond

ICBC — September 26th, 2024

Gene editing was last reviewed in Aotearoa New Zealand some 20 years ago. The current coalition government has promised to start reviewing GE legislation this year, and enact new legislation by the end of 2025.

The InterChurch Bioethics Council agrees that our GE regulation needs to be reassessed due to GE technology and its scope having advanced considerably in recent years. However, we urge an emphasis on the government's full public consultation with easily accessible and understandable information about GE, so that New Zealanders can make their own informed decisions about the ethical use of gene technology in the many different contexts that are now possible.

This resource (attached) has been compiled to give the general public a brief summary of updated information on gene editing. Discussion starters are included to begin individual and group exploration of the benefits and risks that might surround the many possible and potential uses of gene editing technology today and into the future.

***Feel free to use this resource in any groups/events you may have to talk about (and respond) to important public issues.***

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### Attachments

[ICBC resource Gene Editing in NZ for 2024 and beyond](#)



Help needed

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## Diocesan History Taking Shape - further request for help

Andrew Metcalfe — September 30th, 2024

Rev'd Dr Michael Godfrey is continuing on a significant task updating the Diocese of Dunedin history to 2019 and is seeking a copy of a lecture given by Bishop Penny in 1992.....

Michael is taking a different approach to histories that have been produced in the past. He says:

I'm looking for memories and stories to add the human touch that I am trying to emphasise.....

If anyone has a copy of Penny Jamieson's 1992 Caroline Chisholm Memorial Lecture at La Trobe University in Melbourne, I would be very grateful to hear from them.

The lecture was entitled , "The Bridge Too Wide: Women in Christian Leadership"

If you can help, please contact [Michael](#) (who is currently Interim Priest In Charge of the Wakatipu Parish)

[Have a look at our Bishops and History Page.](#)



## AFC Movie Night Fundraiser

Andrew Metcalfe — September 26th, 2024

Anglican Family Care is hosting a Movie Night Fundraising Event on Wednesday, 23 October at Rialto Theatre. It will be a great evening for everyone!

The event will start at 6:30 pm in Rialto's Longroom where you'll have the opportunity to enjoy some drinks & nibbles while viewing various raffle items.

We will then feature the movie 'Thelma'.

Tickets are \$40 each and available from our website [anglicanfamilycare.org.nz/MovieNight](https://anglicanfamilycare.org.nz/MovieNight) calling our office at 477 0801 or email: [communication@familycare.org.nz](mailto:communication@familycare.org.nz)

### A wee bit about the movie:

"Thelma Post is a 93-year-old grandmother who loses \$10,000 to a con artist on the phone. With help from a friend and his motorized scooter, she soon embarks on a treacherous journey across Los Angeles to reclaim what was taken from her."

Check out the movie trailer here:



Thelma - Official Trailer | June Squibb, Richard Roundtree, Parker Posey, Fred Hechinger Magnolia Pictures & Magnet Releasing

**We appreciate your support! With your help, we can help Otago whānau to make positive change that inspires hope for a better future**

# Safe Faiths



## Help make churches safe for everyone!

Safe Faith Survey:  
<https://www.safefaiths.nz>

### 'Safe Faiths' survey open now

Paul Reynolds — October 1st, 2024

A survey is now open to Takatāpui / Rainbow Christians (from all Christian denominations in Aotearoa), and allies/advocates of Takatāpui / Rainbow Christians.

This project is led by five Christians who have created this 'Safe Faiths' survey because they are concerned that there is little or no research or quantitative data that explores whether Takatāpui / Rainbow people of faith feel safe attending their church or faith community. The results of this survey will be used to raise awareness of issues faced by Takatāpui / Rainbow people of faith in Aotearoa New Zealand and to support Takatāpui / Rainbow advocacy work, both within the church and more widely.

The 'Safe Faiths' webpage has more detail and information about the survey.

**<https://www.safefaiths.nz>**

This 'Safe Faiths' survey is hosted by the Kingi Ihaka Research Centre, and has been co-created with Diverse Church. The Kingi Ihaka Research Centre is a Christian, kaupapa Māori research centre. Diverse Church is a network of safe faith communities in Aotearoa.

Attached are flyers with more information. They also have the QR code, which takes you to the survey, or you can go directly to the survey through the link on the above 'Safe Faiths' webpage.

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#### Attachments

[Safe Faiths Survey - join us](#)

[Safe Faiths Survey - why](#)

[Safe Faiths Survey - your thoughts](#)



Rev'd Michael Holdaway rings the reinstated bell at St Michael's

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## Celebrating 100 Years of Worship at St Michael's and All Angels

Andrew Metcalfe — September 26th, 2024

St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church, Andersons Bay, is having a Centennial celebration from 2-3 November 2024.

Friends & associates are invited to a two-course buffet dinner to celebrate the centenary on Saturday November 2nd, 6pm for 6.30pm at the Otago Golf Club Balmacewen Road.

The cost is \$20 payable in cash to Diane Jackson or Joan Carter, or online – Account number 06 0911 0137403 000.

**Please quote code 2712-890-801 and reference your name**

Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office to book - [opanglican@xtra.co.nz](mailto:opanglican@xtra.co.nz)

Telephone (03) 4544724

Drinks will be available to purchase from the bar.

N.B. Vehicles can be driven right around to the dining room door to drop off passengers but must then be parked in the car park

**Numbers are required by Thursday October 24th 2024**

**More information to follow on other events planned for the weekend.**



Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish Dunedin Called South

Have a look (above) at a more "historic" video of the Otago Peninsula Parish from 2019...



Never Stop  
Learning

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## Upcoming Events

Various — October 1st, 2024

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

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

### [Link to Diocesan Calendar](#)

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

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

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

- **Boundaries Courses - Save the Dates -*(NB change of dates)* -**

8 November 2024 (Invercargill); or 15 February 2025 - (Cromwell) or 15 March 2025 (Dunedin) - [Details here](#)

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



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### Other Links

- [Latest Anglican Family Care Newsletter](#) (Autumn 2023)
- **Latest South Centre Newsletter (October 2024) attached below**
- [Link to Christian Calendar](#): Dates for feast days and other Christian observations



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

## **St Andrew's Cromwell is celebrating 150 years on Saturday 30 November.**

St Andrew's, the oldest stone building in Cromwell being used for its original purpose, is going to be 150 years old this year.

This, along with all the people associated, deserves celebration.

### **Save The Dates: 29-30 November 2024**

On Friday November 29th 2024, between 4 and 6 pm we are planning to have a social time in the church and garden; drinks will be available and finger-food provided.

At 2pm on Saturday November 30th 2024, which is St Andrew's Day, we will gather together with friends from our Parish and others, to join in celebration and thanksgiving for 150 years of worship in our Little Stone Church.

There will be an afternoon tea to follow in our adjacent hall.

If you haven't already done so, please make contact and if you can, please provide a memory or anecdote, of your time at St Andrew's.

We look forward to hearing from you, to meeting with you, other old friends and memories in November.

Sincerely,

Noeline Watson [noelinewatson@gmail.com](mailto:noelinewatson@gmail.com)  
0276973543 / 03 4451157



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## **6 Day Silent Retreat 9 - 14 March 2025**

**Venue: En Hakkore, Orangapai Sanatorium, Ranfurly**

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

For all details - please see flyer attached below.



Spacer - Dunedin — Image by: Wynston Cooper

**St Michael's and All Angels**

**44 Elliot St, Andersons Bay.**

**St Francis Day**

The 10am Service on the 6th of October will celebrate St Francis. This will include the blessing of all animals and your pets are all most welcome at this Service. Please invite any friends and family. A great one for children!



Blessing of animals — Image by: pixabay.com



Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

#### **THEOLOGY PROGRAMME SEMINAR: 'COMMEMORATING THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA IN 2025'**

Please see attached details of a public seminar to be delivered by Dr Stephen Brown from the World Council of Churches on Monday October 7th.

All welcome: Inquiries to Murray Rae [murray.rae@otago.ac.nz](mailto:murray.rae@otago.ac.nz)



Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

#### **The Wisdom Years**

##### **A Reflective Retreat Day Offering**

##### **A One-day Retreat for People 60 years+**

There will be three sessions on life as "Wisdom School"

\*Childhood

\*The Working Years

\* Maturity and how we are guided.

**When:** Tuesday 22 October

**Where:** Mercy Chapel adjacent to St Patrick's Basilica,  
Macandrew Road, South Dunedin

**Time:** 10 a.m. prompt start. Finishing 5.00 p.m.

**What to bring:** Your own lunch. Tea & Coffee provided

**Cost:** Koha for venue and the Nano Nagle Trust (which supports children attending Catholic Schools)

**Facilitator:** Joy Cowley

Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Author and Spiritual Companion.

**Please register interest for numbers:** [katieoconnor.nz@gmail.com](mailto:katieoconnor.nz@gmail.com)

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***The Dunedin City Council has a weekly newsletter with news and events-training opportunities. Have a look at the [latest edition](#) (30 September 2024).***

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

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

### **Programme for 2024**

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

Fridays 10am to 3pm, unless otherwise stipulated

October 25th

Advent Guided Retreat Day - Saturday 30th November 10am-4pm

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

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### **Meditative/contemplative prayer**

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



Spacer - Southland — Image by: Wynston Cooper

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

## Archdeaconry Meetings

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

- **Tuesday 1 October** - 12noon -2pm



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## [St John's Theological College Courses for 2024](#)

St John's Anglican Theological College in Auckland offers a range of courses, either as part of the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies, or for interest only. These courses, offered online, are excellent and even better, comes at no cost to Anglicans.

The courses for the first semester in the New Year are now open for registration.

Go to [Regional Programmes | St John's College \(stjohnscollege.ac.nz\)](#) for all the information you need, and if you have any questions on the courses or the registration process, contact Richard Johnson on [richardsueinvercargill@gmail.com](mailto:richardsueinvercargill@gmail.com) or on 021 124 2746. Richard is the St John's contact person for the Diocese.



Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

## [Cursillo Dates for 2024](#)

- See [separate article on Cursillo](#) for application forms and more information.



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## Wider News and Resources

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



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## Shared Worship Opportunities

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

**Meeting ID: 959 771 603 66**

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

**Daily Evening Prayer:** Tuesday to Friday at 5 pm.

**Meeting ID: 934 8425 0283.**

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

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



Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

***For all news to pass on please contact Nicola Wong at the [Diocesan Office](#)***

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## Attachments

[Included Across Our Church Winter 2024](#)

[June Quarterly 2024 Winter](#)

[Church Army - Together magazine June 2024](#)

[Brighton Retreat Centre 2024 Programme](#)

[Joy Cowley's Wisdom years 2](#)

[Silent Retreat 25 Registration Form](#)

[EFM News September 2024](#)

[2024 CANZ Training info - reviews](#)

[COMMEMORATING NICAEA](#)

[South Centre Newsletter October 2024](#)



Photo by Anne van Gend

## A few months ago you were asked to save the date... now here are the details!

Anne van Gend — September 30th, 2024

Register by using the link below..... This year we will be holding a truly "Diocesan Retreat" in November, open to anyone in our diocese, lay or ordained, licenced or not.

[Click here to register](#)

We will be returning to En Hakkore in the beautiful setting of Waipiata for three days and two nights,  
**from Oct 31-Nov 2**

**Bishop Kelvin Wright** has kindly agreed to lead the retreat for us. Most of you will know that he is much in demand as a retreat leader, and his quiet and deep wisdom will be a gift to us all.

Holding the retreat at En Hakkore will enable us to keep the costs to each retreatant as low as possible, and therefore, we hope, make the retreat more accessible to anyone who would like to take this time out with God.

Clergy are reminded that taking a yearly retreat is part of their covenant, so if they have not already taken part in one in 2024, this is a great opportunity to fulfil their commitments before the year is out.

*Please note: En Hakkore provides very basic accommodation. If you would like to attend the retreat but feel you would rather have more comfort overnight, you are welcome to book into the Waipiata Pub, Motel, Hotel, or B&Bs. You will need to arrange and pay for that accommodation directly yourself.*



Spring  
blossom

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

# Spring Saturdays: Online Ministry Training

Diocesan Ministry Committee — September 26th, 2024

Our first Spring Saturday will take place on Oct 19th, starting at 10am. It's created for lay people, but all are welcome to join in!

## **Session 1 Saturday Oct 19th. "Getting the details sorted" and Resources for Advent.**

All of us have a general idea of how to prepare for doing a reading, or leading intercessions, or being the liturgist for our Sunday Eucharist. But there are many, many little details in our preparation which can help us do it more effectively - hints which may not have crossed our mind which make an enormous difference to our own experience and that of our faith communities.

Liz Cheyne and John Murphy have trained up a number of lay leaders, and they are going to pool their wisdom to give us a thoroughly practical and useful teaching session.

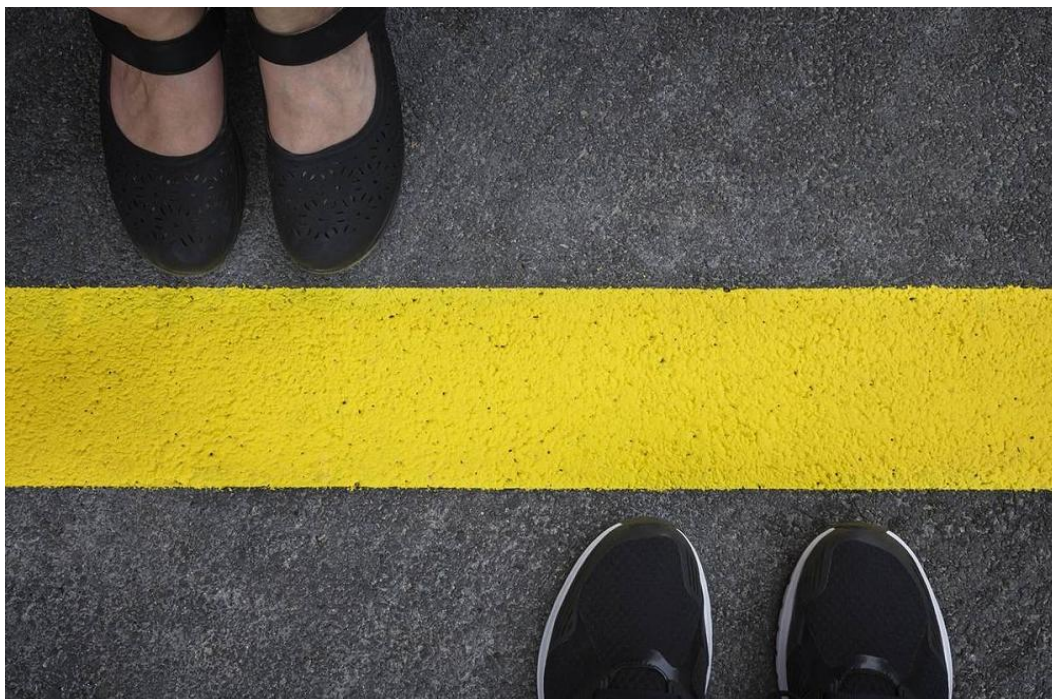
In the second half of the time, Anne will introduce you to some beautiful resources and ideas for celebrating Advent, which will soon be upon us! Even if you are not planning to lead or be part of a study group, there may be something here you would like to do by yourself. Or maybe you can gather ideas and ask someone else to lead a small group. It's worth finding out what is available to help us enter deeply into this wonderful season of the Church year.

**Zoom <https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/96566464225>**

***Lay Ministers are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities for learning more about vital aspects of our life and ministry as followers of Jesus. However, all are welcome - lay or ordained!***



Helping hands — Image by: pixabay.com



## UPDATE: Boundaries Workshop Series for 2024/2025

Diocesan Ministry Educator - Ven Dr Anne van Gend — September 26th, 2024

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

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

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

***If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please let Nicola know that you plan to come***  
[bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz)

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

***Please note the change in dates and venue:***

**Friday 8 November 2024 @ Holy Trinity, North Invercargill [10.30am start ]**  
**Saturday 15th February 2025 @ St Andrew's Cromwell [10.30am start]**  
**Saturday 15 March 2025 @ Dunedin [10.30am start - Venue TBA]**

*More details will be made available closer to the time.*

***To register for any of these workshops:***

Please contact Nicola Wong [bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz) or 03 488 0826.

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**Lay Ministers:**

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

#### **Clergy:**

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

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

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

***Nga mihi***

***Anne.***

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#### **Attachments**

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



Growth

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## Save the dates....

Ven Dr Anne van Gend — September 30th, 2024

A reminder of events to put into your calendars for 2024-2025.

**Remember, if you keep this link somewhere handy you can click on it any time and see the most recent version. All these events, and many more, can also be found on our Diocesan Calendar on the website [HERE](#).**

**If any dates for 2025 will clearly be problematic, please let Anne know ASAP.**

### For everyone

- Diocesan Retreat (for clergy and laity): Oct 31-Nov 2
- *"South Singing": March 1-2 2025, En Hakkore, Waipiata.*

### For Lay Ministers, BCP and Local Churches

- ***Spring Saturdays 2024:*** Oct 19, Nov 16, 2024, 10am-12pm online (links will be available closer to the time).
- *Lay Training Day 2025:* Feb 22

### For Clergy and those holding Lay Licences

- **[Boundaries Courses:](#)** 8 November 2024 (Invercargill); 15 February 2025 (Cromwell); 15 March 2025 (Dunedin)
- *Diocesan Ministry School 2025:* May 8-10

### For those on the discernment track

- ***Pre-Ordination Training:*** March 28-29 2025

### For those recently ordained

- ***Post-Ordination Training:*** Oct 5 2024; Dec 7 2024; April 5th 2025



Called South Facebook logo - Prayer



Echo Fest Invercargill

Photo by Dot Muir

# I te Pāpaho - Media and Latest News

Andrew Metcalfe — October 2nd, 2024

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

**Pictured above:** An Anglican presence at Echo Fest, INvercargill Working Men's Club, Saturday 28 October.

## Local & Wider News

[Included in our Church](#) - latest newsletter from the national Disability Ministry Educators (Spring 2024)

[Church for sale after 125 years:](#) A final farewell has been held for an institution that has been part of the Lumsden community for about 125 years. A thanksgiving and secularisation service was held at All Saints Anglican Church on Sunday (The Ensign, 26 September 2024).

[Lumsden Church Farewelled with stories, flowers and ceremony:](#) The decision to close Lumsden's All Saints Anglican Church was both an emotional and practical one for the handful of remaining parishioners. The four were joined by more than 40 supporters and Christians from other denominations on Sunday to farewell the church and its almost 120 years of ministry in Northern Southland (The Southland Times, 24 September 2024).

## Other World and NZ news

- Lebanon on the brink of [humanitarian catastrophe](#)—Church Times
- [Joy Cowley's](#) faith, wisdom, and messy spiritual journey—CathNews
- [Volunteers give church hall](#) a 'much-needed' paint job—The Press

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

### [St John's enlivens learning](#)

Hoani Tapu- St John's Theological College has launched a new mātauranga Mihinare-led advanced theological and ministry formation programme. The newly developed "Te Toi Amorangi" residential programme runs over 2-3 years and focuses on discipleship and leadership immersed in real life ministry settings across the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

### [NZ images help youth reflect](#)

Youth Coordinator for the Anglican Diocese of Nelson, Brad Wood has jumped feet first into the world of generative AI image-making and come up with a set of Aotearoa-New Zealand inspired cards designed to enable young people's reflections on matters of the Spirit.

### [Rainbow Anglicans hold Synod caucus](#)

Following an informal caucus during General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui this year, rainbow and takatāpui Anglicans have moved to form a supportive network for LGBTQIA+ Anglicans across the Church.

### [Pīhopatanga looks at leadership](#)

The Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa Commission on Episcopal Leadership (COEL) has held an urgent inquiry into developing a new set of principles to better support ngā Pīhopa.

## **The Wider Church and World**

- [NZ Catholics respond to abuse in care findings](#)
- [Cultivating a contemplative life in everyday life](#)
- [Anglicans acknowledge Royal Commission findings](#)
- [Indigenous \(Mohawk\) Christian shares testimony](#)
- [Sthn Africa Anglicans reject same-sex couple blessings](#)
- [Female clergy leave Canberra and Goulburn re:disparity](#)
- [Pope expels 10 after abuses revealed in Peru](#)
- [Understanding play as a spiritual practice](#)
- [+Justin Welby says that 'God is green'](#)
- [ECUSA navigates shift to part-time clergy](#)
- [Episcopalians embrace truth-telling and reparations](#)
- [NZ priest takes up US Episcopal parish](#)
- [West Bank violence goes unchecked-CofE bishops](#)
- [Palestinian Christians meet with ABC](#)
- [Te Puke vicar completes decade of service](#)
- [Lumsden Anglicans opt to sell church](#)
- [Ashley Bloomfield scales heights for Wgtn City Mission](#)
- [Another church burns in New Caledonia](#)
- [NZ survivor wants RC physical abuse investigated](#)
- [+Sudan war risks starving 1000s of people](#)
- [++Welby asked to boycott Israel over genocide](#)
- [West Bank Christian says land theft is underway](#)
- [NZer Cole Yeoman on 2 months in the West Bank](#)
- [Is NZ pulling its weight on Pacific climate finance?](#)
- [RSE workers gather in prayer for accident victims](#)
- [Tauranga Sikh temple factions fight in brawl](#)
- [Meet Auckland's firefighter bishop](#)
- [Wgtn City Mission celebrates 'alcohol-allowed' home](#)

- [A million+ people's homes lost in Bangladesh floods](#)
- [Police stop Māori priest on a morning jog](#)
- [Dilworth teacher deregistered for misconduct](#)
- [Religious folk want politicians' help not allegiance](#)
- [Women of color form spiritual direction network](#)



Food for the Journey

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

## Nourishing Faith: Food for the Journey

Andrew Metcalfe-Anne van Gend — September 25th, 2024

The latest in "Gospel Conversations" as well as other resources to sustain you in your journey...

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

[Gospel Conversations](#)

**This week's Gospel Conversation: October 6th, He Rātapu Rua Tekau mā whitu He Wa Noa. Mark 10:2-16.**

At some point in each year we reach the verses in our Gospel for the year which deal with divorce. In previous years we've tackled it head-on. This year we're approaching it a little differently, and daring to pay attention to the verses around Jesus' pronouncement as well. Jonathan Gale, Lisa Emerson and Judy Ringland-Stewart join Michael to tackle this, one of the trickier gospel passages of the year.

[Watch the Conversation HERE](#)



**Last Week's Gospel Conversation. Sept 29. He Rātapu Rua Tekau mā ono He Wa Noa. Mark 9:38-50**

This is a tough reading. None of us wants to hear the words of warning and judgement that Jesus utters in such a vivid and daunting way. Yet we cannot ignore passages like this simply because we don't like them. We need to grapple with them and see if we can hear them anew, as the words of the Jesus we

have come to know. We have an ideal team to do this work: Bishop Kelvin Wright, retired educator Alec Clark, and school chaplain/pastoral priest Peg Riley. Listen to how they engage these issues with Michael, and look again at how you thought you understood this Gospel reading.

[Watch the Conversation HERE](#)



[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 22 September 2024**

## **The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd 22 September 2024**

**The Ven Anne van Gend**

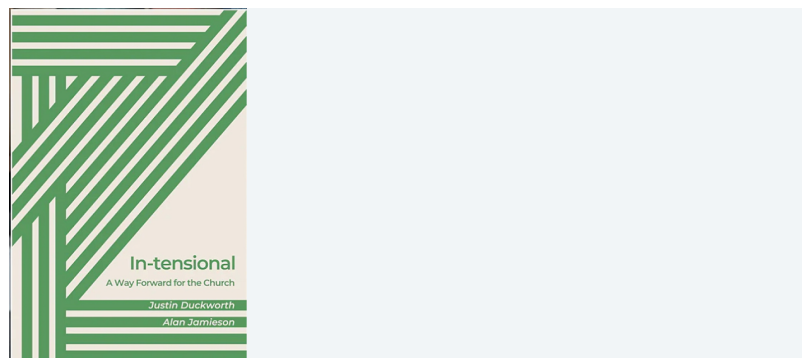
**James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a.  
Mark 9: 30-37**

Scattered People of the Good Shepherd 22 September 2024 Called  
South

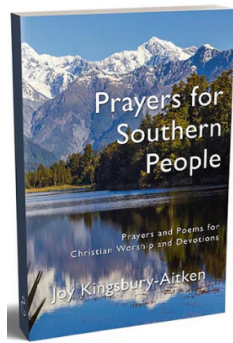
Anne van Gend reflects on James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8 and the late [Rabbi Sacks](#) who talked about the difference between politics, economics and the covenant way of God, where the more we give, the more we have...

### **New in the Diocesan Library**

Two new resources from Aotearoa New Zealand authors, for our people.



"In-tensional" is co-written by our new Tikanga Pakeha Archbishop, Justin Duckworth, and Alan Jamieson, a sociologist and pastor from Christchurch. It offers a message of hope through renewal in the face of the unprecedented challenges of our time.



Our second book will be well-known already to some of you. It is a set of resources for prayers and liturgy that is designed specifically for us in the southern hemisphere. You can find these beautiful resources sorted under "the liturgical year," "Season of Creation" and "Social themes."

## Resources from Elsewhere

### [Testing the waters in Wakefield with Food and Faith at Five](#)

Food and Faith at Five is a new initiative happening out in Wakefield, designed to be a place of invitation for the community (from Korero - Nelson Anglicans, 26 September 2024)

### [A reflection for the Season of Creation](#)

**By Courtney Wilson**

In this Season of Creation, it's worth reflecting on our created status as humans made by God, and I offer for reflection a poem penned by Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, who teaches theology at Wycliffe College, Toronto. It's called "Being the Earth Creature".

### **Pray the News with Anglican Missions**

In a world filled with constant news, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the overwhelming negativity, conflict and need around us. Within those headlines is a powerful place to pray.

[Pray the News](#) is a weekly blog published by Anglican Missions to enrich the intercessory prayer life of the church as we pray into the biggest social, cultural and geopolitical headlines facing the world.

We believe that prayer makes a difference and is an active engagement with the heart of God. Sign up to receive updates every Thursday on issues that we can pray into - together.

### **The Bible Project**

Are you familiar with '[The Bible Project](#)'? The Bible Project help people experience the Bible in a way that is approachable and transformative, primarily through animated video bible studies. They combine beautiful illustration and robust theology into a wonderful resource that connects across generations.

Our lectionary is taking us through the Gospel of Mark right now. The Bible Project has a great video that gives an overview of the structure and purpose of Mark. Check it out [here](#).



***Using our hearts, minds and strength to dig deeper into faith.***

Deepening Faith — Image by: Anne van Gend

## ADVENT

"[The Weary World Rejoices](#)" is a rich and varied resource suited for individual, family or faith community use.

It is brought together by Kate Bowler, whom some of you may know of. She has a podcast called "Everything Happens" which explores the experiences of people of faith as they work through times of suffering. The hope which shines through these stories is never "cheap" hope, but hope which faces the reality of darkness with unquenchable glimmers of light.

This resource gives reflections, prayers, and responses for every day of Advent, together with ideas for weekly gatherings/prayer times/study times around the lighting of each Advent candle. There is also a playlist of music to accompany many of the reflections.

The study can be downloaded [HERE](#) or you can choose to use her website [HERE](#).



#### **ORDINARY TIME**

There is a whole range of new resources up on our Deepening Faith page for "Ordinary Time", together with some new opportunities to study and learn from others. Check it out [HERE](#) and be sure to scroll down to see all that is there!



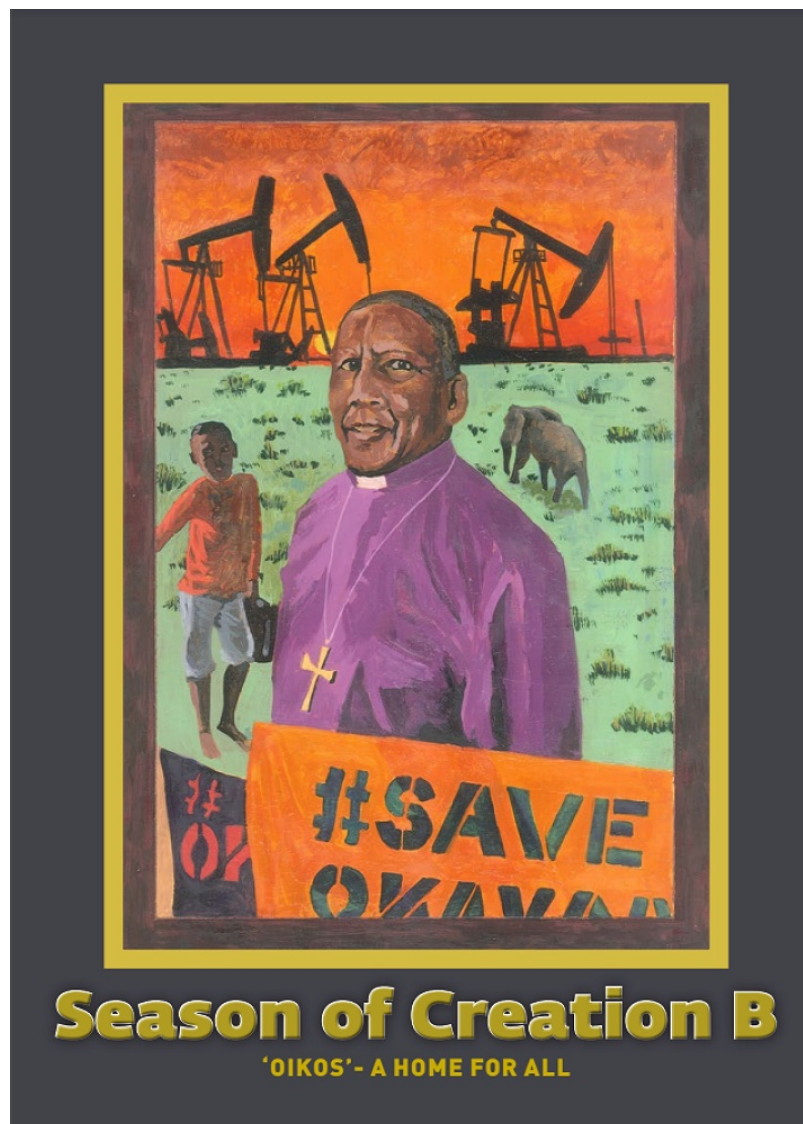
If you've been looking for something to use which isn't Alpha but is aimed at the same sort of audience as Alpha, have a look at 321. It's a new study series, made by an Australian Anglican priest in London who is making quite a splash as a speaker at the moment: Glen Scrivener. The course takes us through a basic introduction to Christianity in a way that encourages us to question and think, and always come back to Jesus. Best of all, it's free! [Click HERE to go to the website.](#)

#### **[Season of Creation](#)**

In the Season of Creation which started in September we are encouraged to take our relationship with creation seriously by the Five Marks of Mission and the Lambeth Calls, but issues such as climate justice go straight to the core of who we are as Christians: people called by God to work with God in

order to bring blessing to the world.

There are a wealth of resources available for planning this season in your faith communities, including [THIS resource](#) from Green Anglicans which provides a choice of Eucharistic prayers for the season, readings, sermon notes - in fact, resources for every part of our Sunday liturgies.



Other resources can be found at the Seasons of Creation website [HERE](#) and the Anglican Communion website [HERE](#). The video below is a long one, but gives you a good sense of the world-wide and ecumenical nature of this movement.

Launch of the official Celebration Guide for  
**Season of Creation 2024**

Wednesday, 5 June

6:00 Vancouver | 8:00 Minneapolis | 9:00 New York | 15:00 Geneva  
16:00 Istanbul | 21:00 Manila | 01:00 Aotearoa

**Ms Sharon Thiong'o**  
Intern at World  
Communion of  
Reformed Churches

**Rev. Rachel Mash**  
Co-chair, Season of  
Creation Steering  
Committee  
Green Anglicans

**Dr. Lindlyn Moma**  
Director of Advocacy  
Laudato Si'  
Movement

**Rev. James Shri  
Bhagwan**  
General Secretary  
Pacific Conference  
of Churches

**Rev. Dr. Dave Bookless**  
Head of Theology, A  
 Rocha International  
Laudanne Global Catalyst  
for Creation Care

**Ms Suzi Moreira**  
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8 Latin American  
Regional Director  
Anglican Alliance

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WITH CREATION**  
Season of Creation 2024

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### [Deepening Faith: Children's Spirituality](#)

There is another new course up in the brilliant resource, ["Discipleship Pathways."](#)

This new, short, free, online course looks at the spirituality of children, and would be helpful for many of us! Whether you are wanting help in understanding your own children or grandchildren, or being ready for when children pop into church, or running a children's programme, it would be worth having a look at [this](#).

1	Warthogs & Dragons: Phases of a Child's Life	+	2	The Only Way is Up!... Or is it: Stage Theory	+
3	Spirituality & the Child	+	4	Defining Spirituality	+
5	Guiding & Nurturing Children's Spirituality: The Big Picture	+	6	Spirituality & Play	+
7	Spirituality & Scripture	+	8	Spirituality & Safety	+
9	Nurturing & Guiding: Some Final Reflections	+	10	Congratulations	+

There are also courses available on Intergenerational Communities, Preaching on Purpose, Baptism Unpacked, Children and Family Theology and many others. Check them out [HERE](#).

The [Deepening Faith webpage](#) has a whole range of resources. Note that **Anne Gover** has recently gifted her huge range of study notes to anyone who will find them useful. These are simple-to-use, informative and engaging studies which cover biblical characters, books, baptism and a host of other topics. If you are part of a small group (or would like to start one) these will make your preparation easy! Find them in a dropbox folder [HERE](#).

## Faith Communities Videos

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