



Diocese of
Dunedin

Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling: 5 May 2022

Our pānui this fortnight asks us to pray for God's Kingdom to come...as well as giving links to resources for when things are drawing to a close or have ended.

[Click here](#) for a printable version of this newsletter.

Remember that we are at the [Orange setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) (Traffic Lights). Have a look at [Diocese of Dunedin Traffic Light Guidance](#) and [options for worship under the Traffic Lights framework](#) (updated May 2022) We have information-resources for [isolating at home](#). Opportunities for daily prayer can be found on our [Prayer Resources](#) web page.

The Diocesan Office and Resource Centre is open by appointment: please contact us (03 488 0820) if you want to visit, or to arrange another way to talk to us. [Click here for more information](#).

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If you have any articles, news or photos for the next edition (19 May), please forward these to bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz by 9 am Monday 16 May 2022.

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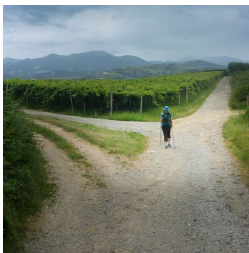
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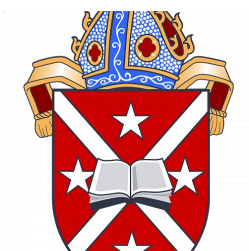
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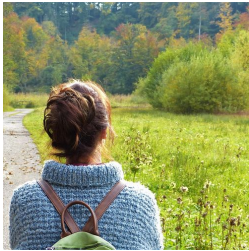
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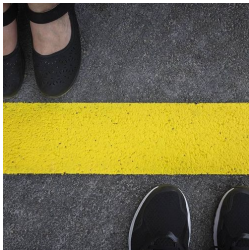
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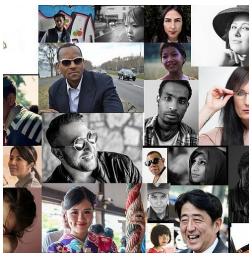
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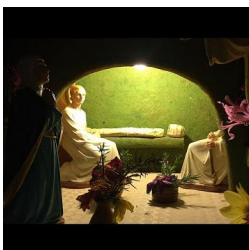
I te Pāpaho - In the Media *by Andrew Metcalfe*

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



From Bishop Steven: Updated Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - May 2022 *by Bishop Steven*

Please find attached the updated Diocese of Dunedin Cycle of Prayer which is being distributed throughout the Diocese with my invitation and encouragement to use as part of daily prayer life in our faith communities, individually and collectively.



Monthly On-line Services *by Bishop Steven*

A video of Bishop Steve's homily on 24 April... why not join us on Sunday 26 May from 9.30 am for worship (starting at 10 am) with congregations and individuals throughout the Diocese.



Regular Features *by Andrew Metcalfe*

The place to come for our our regular features.....



New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights): Diocese of Dunedin Response *by Diocesan Office*

Our updated guidance on the traffic light settings from 3 May 2022 **with further clarification around wearing masks at Church**. We remain at Orange (from 14 April 2022).



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Need ideas? [Check this booklet out](#) or visit the [Thy Kingdom Come website](#)

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Photo by Julianne Clark-Morris

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Andrew Metcalfe — May 1st, 2022

On Sunday 1 May the Hui Amorangī o te Waipounamu held a Eucharistic Service of Ordination at All Saints Anglican Church, Dunedin.

Pīhopa o Te Waipounamaū Richard Wallace, Bishop Steve and others from the Diocese of Dunedin joined with our wider whanau for this special occasion which was captured on a Facebook livestream, [which you can view here](#) (a two hour watch). Please pray for the newly ordained and all who have been set aside for ministry in this way: Shari, Heike, Rahab (Priests); Pita and Chris (Deacons).



Bishop Steve and Pihopa Richard — Image by: Mere Wallace



Flowers at the ordination — Image by: Mere Wallace

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Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

Making Tracks

Andrew Metcalfe — May 4th, 2022

How are you preparing for the next stages in your life? This can be hard to contemplate, but really important to do - and even more so for faith communities.

We have been pulling together some resources to help faith communities plan for their future, especially when it becomes clear that they may not exist in the future as they are now.

Bishop Steve writes:

I firmly believe that the church will continue, but it may not look like it does today. I've heartened by all of the fresh shoots of new life I see around the Diocese, but also aware that many faith communities are struggling to keep going and are not sure what to do next. Having difficult conversations about the future are important, and give an opportunity to make decisions that can pass on the baton of faith to those who will come after us, to enable them to continue to share the love of Christ in fresh ways. Making Tracks is a term that describes a people of faith who are not stuck in the same place, but are looking to see where God is leading them next.

With thanks to the [Anglican Diocese of Fredericton](#) (Canada), we have a new webpage, information and resources on how to tackle this.

[Have a look at the Making Tracks Webpage](#)

This talks about the following steps:

Beginning the process

Find space to have a frank and open discussion about the building and/or faith community. Find the best person to chair/facilitate this and try and look at all the options. Contact the Bishop with your decision/request (via a vestry/committee motion and general meeting motion).

Remembering and Moving On

Any process like this is hard: make sure you give space and time for people to reflect, remember and share their stories. Make time to talk and decide "What happens next?", what the options are for "making tracks". Ensure that people are cared for pastorally throughout this time. Identify future options for continuing to pray, read the scriptures and live out Christ's life in your communities.

Practical Matters - Closure-Secularisation of a church building

Check out what you need to do around closing a building and selling or making it available for new ministries. If closure takes place, a building needs to be secularised (released for secular use) by the Bishop at an arranged worship service. Make sure you think carefully about the contents of the building – how will you dispose of them? Is there anyone who gave items that you could give back? Can anything

be passed onto another faith community to use? What about areas where ashes or human remains are interred? Where can our church records be archived so that our history is not lost? Contact the Diocesan Office (Registrar) to help work through any practicalities.

Practical Matters: Dissolution of a Regional Deanery, Parish or Local Church

Please contact the Diocesan Registrar, [Andrew Metcalfe](#), if you want to find out more about these resources or need any of them in a hard copy.

Attachments

[Closure of Church Buildings and Dissolution of Parishes](#)

[Making Tracks Brochure](#)

[Making Tracks Checklist](#)



The Reverend Natalie Milliken

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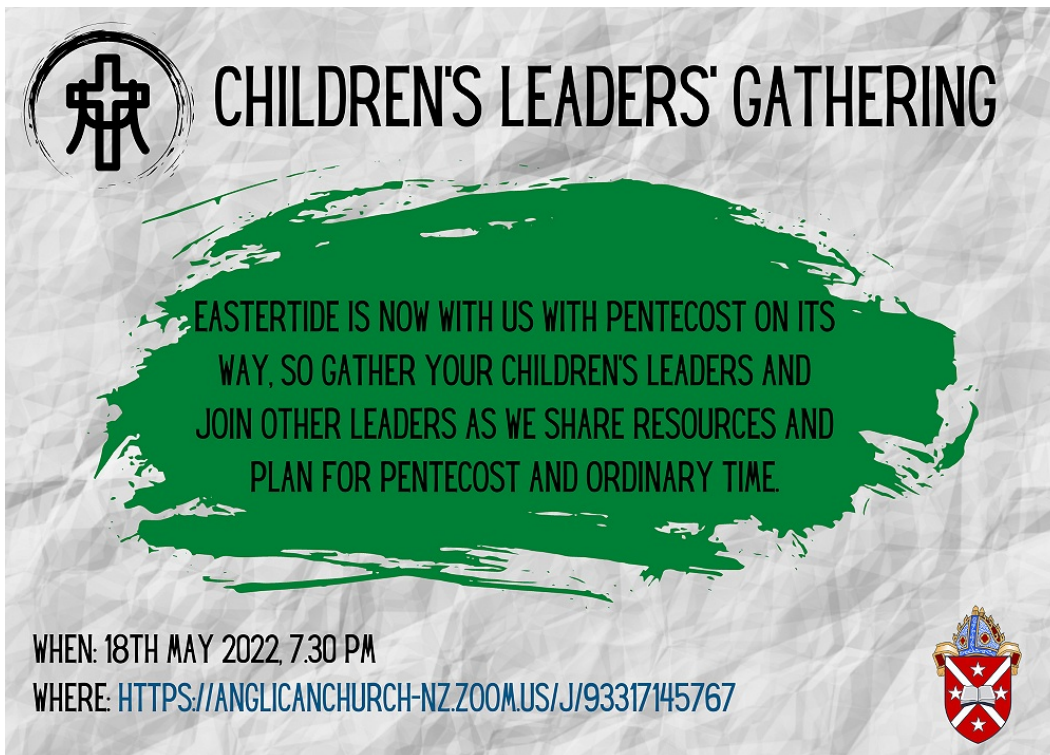
A warm invitation to all Clergy and Diocese to join with me to welcome Reverend Natalie Milliken at the beginning of her ministry here.

Light refreshments will follow in the hall.

(Please note Clergy will not be robing).

+Steven.

Please see [this link](#) to the St Peter's webpage for an introduction from Rev'd Natalie Milliken.



Children's Leaders' Gathering

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Rev. John Graveston — May 3rd, 2022

Eastertide is now with us and Pentecost on its way, so gather your children's leaders and join other leaders as we share resources and plan for Pentecost and Ordinary Time.

At the beginning of Lent, Children's Leaders gathered together to have a time of fellowship, share resources, and talk about their ministry plans. While Lent and the start of Eastertide are only just behind us it is a good time to get together again and talk about the Pentecost and the upcoming Ordinary Time season.

So come along to share what your church is doing, hear some new ideas, and bring those great resources you are using to share with the whole group.

When: 18th May 2022, 7:30pm

Where: <https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/93317145767>

If you have any questions please be in touch with our Child, Youth and Family Educator



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Rev. John Graveston, Email Signature — Image by: Rev. John Graveston

We are meeting via Zoom due to the current Covid-19 situation.

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Interior of St Saviour's Anglican Church, Riga, Latvia

Photo by <https://maps.google.com/maps/contrib/106591483917002741222>

A request from St Saviour's Anglican Church in Riga

Andrew Metcalfe — May 3rd, 2022

We have had a request from Joe Horgan, a churchwarden at St Saviour's Riga, Latvia, for postcards from Anglican churches throughout the world...

"Greetings from St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Rīga! We have a huge favour to ask all of you: Each year in Latvia at the end of May we have a country-wide event called "Baznīcu nākts" (Night of Churches) where almost every church hosts concerts, lectures, discussions, etc, and visitors will visit multiple churches throughout the night. Our church also usually displays different exhibitions of art done by our members, and one idea I had for this year would be a wall/display of postcards from many different churches throughout the Anglican world! That way, we would be able to represent not only ourselves on this special occasion, but our entire denomination and your church as well!

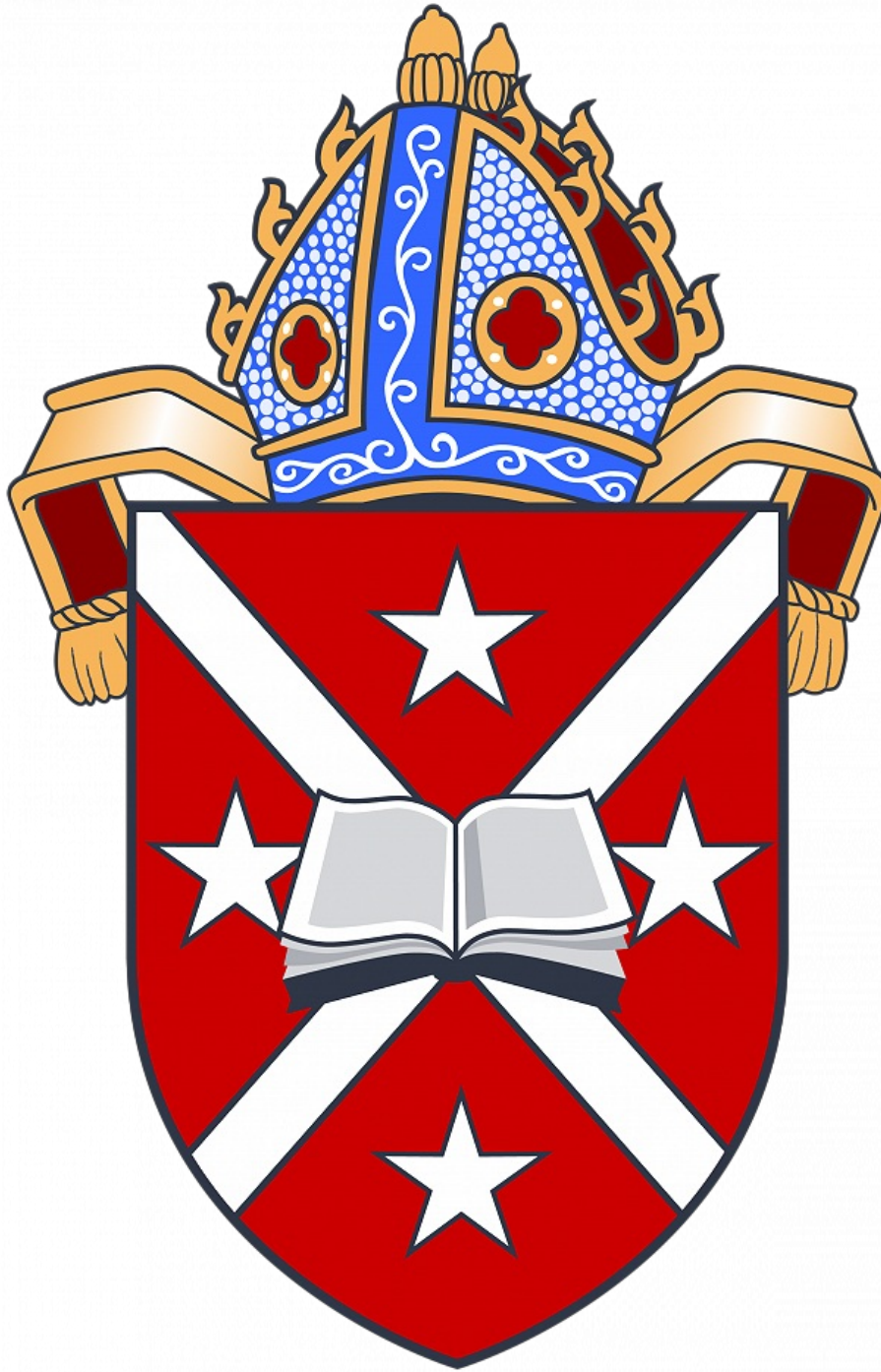
It would be fantastic if your church could send us a postcard with a small message for St. Saviours or for Latvia in general written, preferably one with your church pictured if possible. If you don't have one with the church building visible, any postcard from your parish will do! If a post card isn't possible at all, you can also send a picture of your church along with a digital greeting to admin@anglicanriga.lv that we can print out in postcard size. We will make sure to display them so both sides are visible and your messages are visible as well. If you are so kind as to send us one, we will send you one back as well!

Our address is: St. Saviour's Anglican Church Anglikāņu iela 2 Rīga, LV-1050 Latvia Thank you so much in advance, and we look forward to sending you greetings!

Blessings, Joe Horgan, Churchwarden at St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Rīga

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Diocese of Dunedin Crest

Photo by Diocese of Dunedin

The Mystery of a Crest

Andrew Metcalfe — May 4th, 2022

You will be familiar with the crest for the Diocese of Dunedin... but who designed it and how did it come about?

We were asked this from an interesting source. Rev'd Liz Greville JP, Mihana Awhina/Missioner for Te Hui Amorangi ki te Upoko o te Ika (north of Wellington) requested a high resolution copy of our crest, and if we knew anything about it's history and how it came about. She writes:

I am developing a work about the establishing of the Anglican Dioceses and Amorangi in Aotearoa NZ. One part of the learning will be a timeline with the crests on it and relate to other components currently being worked on as part of our NZ church history unit.

So, with a little bit of sleuthing, we came up with... not much to pass on. We were wondering if anyone out there has anything they recall about our Diocesan crest?

We asked the Ven Bernard Wilkinson and Dr Tony Fitchett what they knew, and Tony wrote back saying:

I'm afraid I don't know anything about the background of the coat of arms, apart from the fact that (my) grandfather was involved it getting it made official. I assume the stars represent the Southern Cross - the arms of several dioceses have stars, but generally only three, derived, I think, from the Diocese of Auckland [which, as the Diocese of NZ, once included the whole country, as well as Melanesia] - and the book is presumably the Bible.

We did pass on some information as follows:

The office has a copy of an official certificate (attached) that was issued in 1949 to Bishop Fitchett confirming our crest. The Diocese was formed on 1 January 1869 (formerly it came under the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch) and [originally the crest of Bishop Nevil Tarrant](#) was used. The certificate we have says it is "Gules a Saltire between four Mullets Argent surrounded by an open Bible". Gules is a darker shade of red, mullet means a straight sided star with "argent" being the white border to the star.

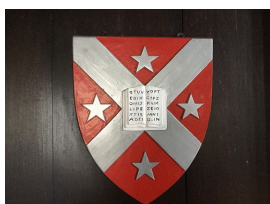
We have also found reference to commissioning of the seal in 15 October 1931 in [papers past](#), as reported in an Otago Daily Times (page 6) newspaper account of what went on in Synod.

If you know anything else about our Crest, please get in touch with [Andrew Metcalfe](#) phone 03 488 0821. We will update this article with any contributions.



Diocese of Dunedin Crest in Auckland with an extra (unusual) detail —
Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

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Climate Change

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Climate Change: How are we doing?

Andrew Metcalfe — May 4th, 2022

The Social Justice Committee have released survey results from a recent survey to our faith communities.

At the September 2021 Synod meeting Synod Representatives voted on your behalf to pass Motion 7 on Climate Change. The motion indicated that Synod recognised that we all have a responsibility to re-think the way we live to meet the challenges of climate change, and said: "Individuals, parishes and organisations across the Diocese are urged to take action and seek to live more sustainably."

The Social Justice Committee of the Diocesan Council prepared a short survey to learn how faith communities in our Diocese are responding to this call to sustain God's creation. Survey questions asked:

- What level of interest did parishioners have in finding ways to live more sustainably?
- To what extent has climate change been discussed in your Church/Ministry Unit?
- Is your Church/Ministry Unit currently taking action to live more sustainably?
- Are you joining with any other Church or community groups to carry out this activity?
- Is your Church/Ministry Unit planning to take action to live more sustainably in the near future?
- What resources would you like to have.. and what can you give in this area?
- What changes do you think are needed to lessen the risk of climate change on your Church/Ministry Unit?

Although it would have been great to have had more respondents, there were some good examples of ways that many churches are looking seriously at the 5th mark of mission: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and re-new the life of the earth".

Around half of the respondents indicated their churches were very interested in finding ways to live more sustainably, with about a third of respondents reporting that it was regularly discussed in their setting. Half of the respondents indicated their churches were taking action to live more sustainably, including some examples of collaborating with others in their local area.

There were some good examples of what different faith communities are doing, as well as some bigger picture ideas of what could be done to lessen the risk of climate change.

How could your faith community could start having more intentional conversations about climate change?

Why not have climate change as an agenda item on your Vestry or Church Committee and start talking about ways that you could start to make a difference?

Get in touch with the Committee via its chair, [Ondine Godtschalk](#) if you have resources or ideas you would like to offer, or if you would like to connect with other faith communities who have started this journey. Keep watching this space for resources and information to come.

The results from the 6 faith communities who responded are attached below.

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[Diocese of Dunedin Climate Change Survey Results 2022](#)



Grief Walk

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Losing and Grieving

Jan Clark — May 4th, 2022

You are invited to an on-line seminar with Alister Hendery, reflecting on our own experiences of loss and how we might support others who grieve on Tuesday, May 24 from 7.15pm -9pm.

- **We all lose and grieve – far more than we realise.**
- **What do we make of our grief?**
- **The way you grieve is utterly unique to you.**
- **What can we offer someone who is grieving?**
- **Where does God fit into the pain of grief?**
- **This seminar will offer you no saccharine ‘solutions’ to grief.**

Alister offers another path, built on his own experiences of loss as well as journeying with those who grieve. It's a journey that may lead us to something new – to a new hope – a new meaning. **Alister** is the author of:

- *The Grief Walk: Losing, Grieving, and Journeying on to Something New* (Philip Garside Publishing, Wellington, 2020) and;
- *Earthed in Hope: Dying, Death, and Funerals* (Philip Garside Publishing, Wellington, 2014)

He's now working on a third book that focuses on the fact that you and I are going to die.

Alister is presently serving as a parish priest in Hastings, Hawkes Bay. Loss and grief have been a special focus of his ministry for over 40 years. As well as being a parish priest, Alister has served as a transitional priest – ministering with faith communities in times of change – as an educator, counsellor, and has specialised in funeral ministry.

An online session with Alister will be held on Tuesday, May 24th from 7.15pm -9pm

The ZOOM link for this meeting is <https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/6379109235>

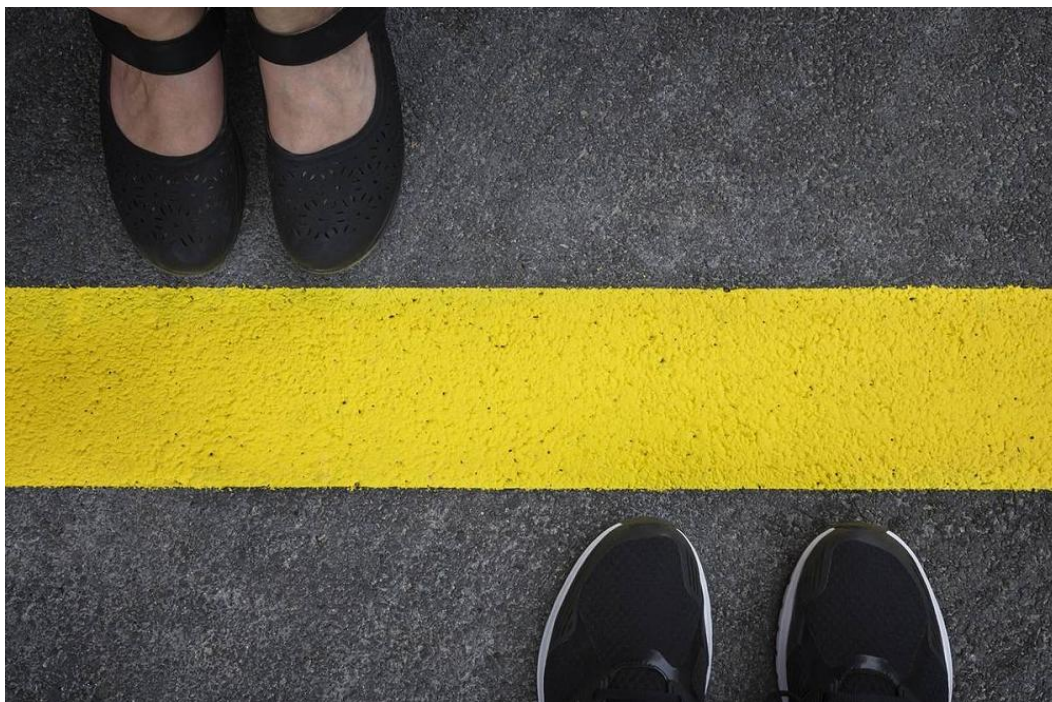
Please contact Jan Clark 0273515171 or janclark8260@gmail.com if you have any questions.



The Grief Walk — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

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[Losing and Grieving - Advert](#)



Boundaries Workshop Series for 2022

Bishop Steven Benford and Diocesan Educators — May 13th, 2022

Reminder of next two workshops in May.....

The Diocesan Ministry Educator, Ven Dr Michael Godfrey, and the Diocesan CYF Educator, Rev'd John Graveston are leading a series of Diocesan wide Boundaries Workshops. Attendance at a Boundaries workshop every three years is an essential requirement for those wishing to hold, or holding, a Licence or Permission to Officiate from the Bishop.

Bishop Steve writes:

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 this Pentecost and attendance at one of the sessions listed below is necessary if you wish to be licensed.

Clergy:

Until now, it has only been a requirement for Clergy holding a Licence (not a PTO) to complete Boundaries Training every three years. In view of the increased responsibilities being undertaken by those with a PTO, I have come to realise that this does not meet current best practice. As Clergy undertaking ministry, whether full time, part time, or on occasion, we have an obligation to protect all who we minister to and amongst.

And so, from the beginning of 2022, 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, EA to Bishop Steven, for information bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz or 03 488 0826

Boundaries Training Courses:

Arrangements will be confirmed closer to each session.....

Southland Archdeaconry:

Saturday May 14th 9:30am – 12:30pm At Holy Trinity, Gore

Dunedin:

Saturday May 21st at 9am - 12pm at St Mark's Green Island

Please RSVP to Nicola bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz or 03 488 0826 to register.

Please note these are Vaccine Pass only events.

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[Boundary Training Course \(1\)](#)



In the Media - I te Pāpaho

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I te Pāpaho - In the Media

Andrew Metcalfe — May 3rd, 2022

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

Local & Wider News

Investitures: The ODT has pictures of people from the south receiving New Years Honours from Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro at a ceremony in Wellington on 3 May. It included Malcolm Wong, of Dunedin, who was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the community and New Zealand-China relations (Roslyn Parish, Dunedin) and Prof Sir Jim Mann, of Dunedin, who was made a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to health (Cathedral) (ODT 4 May 2022)



Sir Jim Mann being Knighted by Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro —
Image by: Supplied



Malcolm Wong ONZM, with Her Excellency Dame Cindy Kiro. — Image by: Government House

Vocational Deacons: The Diocese of Wellington are having their annual ordination service for vocational deacons (Anglican Movement, 3 May 2022)

Time to talk about responsible rather than sacrificial giving? It is incumbent upon organisations not to exploit the generosity and goodwill of their employees and volunteers, writes Graham Redding (ODT, 29 April 2022)

What's in your chocolate: With Easter weekend behind us many of us have a meaningful time remembering the cost that Jesus paid for us – and some of us may have had a bit too much chocolate (Diocese of Wellington - Anglican Movement, 26 Apr 2022)

Service on beach at dawn: Only five people attended Brighton's Easter dawn service on the beach, but that did not stop the beautiful sight from inspiring awe in the members of the church (ODT, 18 April 2022)

Symbolic pilgrimage: Chaz Barcenilla, of Queenstown, holds the cross at St Peter's Anglican Church yesterday ahead of the annual Walk of the Cross through Queenstown (ODT, 16 April 2022)

Snippets shared from Christchurch

- [Timaru Church and Anglican Care](#) combine to hand out energy-efficient lightbulbs.
- New World [Family2FamilyFoodbank Appeal](#) returns and needs your support—Give to our Christchurch City Mission Foodbank.
- Sir Ed's Flag, after 65 years of display, 12 years in limbo, [has been retrieved](#) for conservation.
- Archbishop Welby meets with and says [sorry](#) for "terrible crime" to [Indigenous people](#) of Canada.
- Historian Michael Corboy publishes book about [CMS and Māori interactions](#).
- CoE church extending John Smith review to [capture new voices](#) coming forward.
- Ideas to reflect on: How important are church [websites](#)? And what about our [hymns and their language](#)?
- Having problems with your boundaries? [This may help](#) you to set boundaries with grace.
- Journalist David Hill asks if we should swap our attention to [Armistice Day as a celebration of Peace](#) while Peace Professor Richard Jackson writes about [ending the scourge of war](#)
- Colbert King from the Washington Post opines that [Silence in the face of injustice is a sin too](#) while RNZ's [Alexia Russell](#) explains [Putin's Grip on Power](#)
- Episcopal Church in US [gets property back](#) from those who disaffiliated
- [Archbishop MacDonald in Canada resigns](#) over allegations of sexual misconduct
- Japan ordains its first [female Bishop](#)
- A school in Ireland has replaced Homework with [acts of kindness](#)—what a fantastic idea!
- Another innovative idea—in San Francisco, a [church has opened its doors to the homeless to sleep](#)

National Anglican News at Taonga

+Justin's sorry to indigenous Canadians

The Archbishop of Canterbury has met with survivors of Canada's residential schools to apologise for the evils of Anglican residential schools. In his apology, ++Justin Welby has committed to walking alongside indigenous peoples to listen and repent, as well as encouraging the Anglican Communion to provide practical support to their aims.

Anglican UN women focus on climate

Rev Jacynthia Murphy from Tamaki makarau - Auckland joined the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) NGO programme this year as part of the Anglican Communion delegation.

• [UN women's summit recognises role of faith-based communities in climate justice](#)

NZCCSS hails Older Workers Plan

The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) has welcomed the release of the New Zealand Government's 'Older Workers Employment Action Plan' as a positive step in supporting older New Zealanders who want to stay in work.

The Wider World

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Prayer

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From Bishop Steven: Updated Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - May 2022

Bishop Steven — May 2nd, 2022

Please find attached the updated Diocese of Dunedin Cycle of Prayer which is being distributed throughout the Diocese with my invitation and encouragement to use as part of daily prayer life in our faith communities, individually and collectively.

Please copy and distribute throughout your faith communities as needed.

Any amendments which need to be made for the next print run can be communicated to my EA, Nicola Wong (bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz) or 03 488 0826 .

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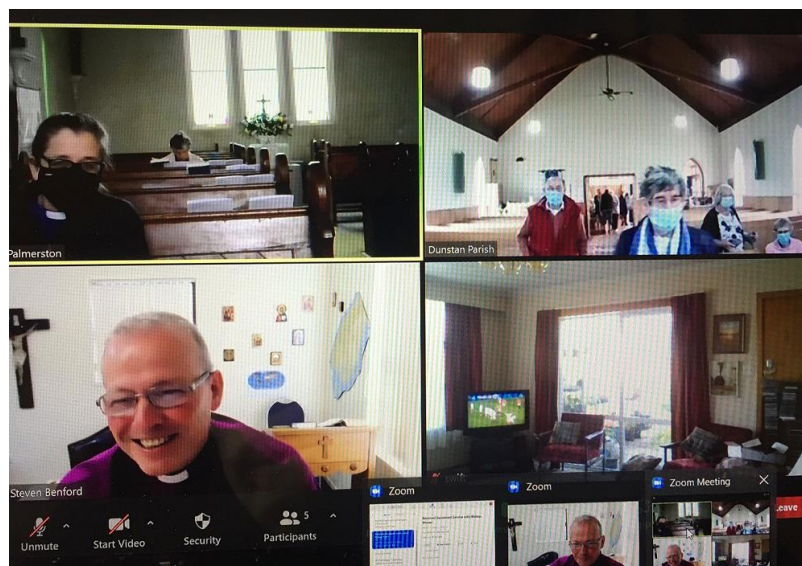
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Monthly On-line Services

Bishop Steven — May 4th, 2022

A video of Bishop Steve's homily on 24 April... why not join us on Sunday 26 May from 9.30 am for worship (starting at 10 am) with congregations and individuals throughout the Diocese.



Gathering and preparing for Worship (from top left: Palmerston, Alexandra, Bishop Steve...and Lumsden. — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

- [Link to video from 24 April](#)
- [Click here for the Zoom Meeting Link for the 4th Sunday of each month.](#)

Meeting ID: 936 0920 3636

- We have an order of service that can be used for all services (attached below).
- Hymns and readings for each service are also attached (these will be updated for each specific date).

Who can join us for any of our services?

Any group (or individual) who can gather around a screen!

- In places where church services are only occasional, maybe two or three of you could meet together in someone's home and join us from there.
- Faith communities who don't "need" this but are open to trying something new may like to join us to support smaller groups. (Alexandra was an example of this).
- Ministry teams of small churches may simply like a week off from finding a priest and filling a roster.
- Individuals who, for whatever reason, cannot attend a regular service are also welcome to join us and share in spiritual communion if we cannot get the reserved sacrament to you.

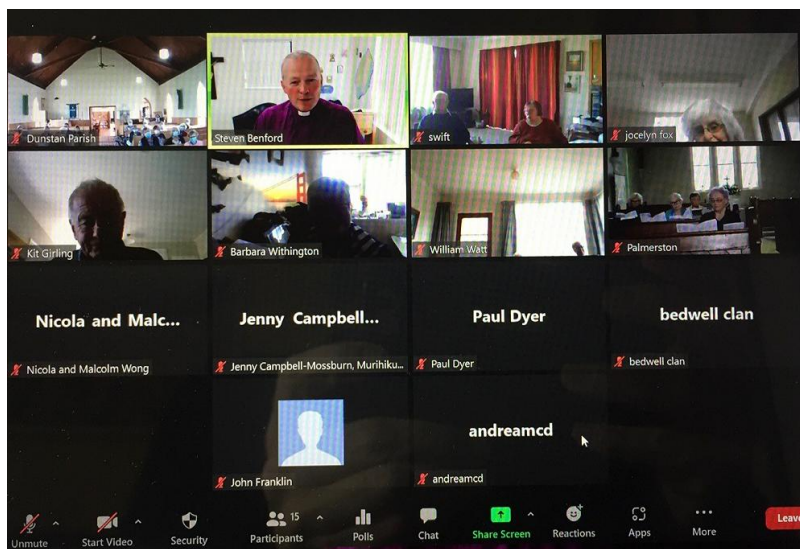
If you let us know in advance, we can ensure reserved sacrament gets to any small gathering. If you are wanting to meet in your own church, Anne van Gend can work with you to provide and set up whatever equipment and internet connection is needed.

Please contact Anne van Gend by [email](#) or phone (03) 488 0820 extension 207

This is not meant to be a plan to replace communal, in-person worship, but is offering an alternative to both assist some who can gather together but lack a preacher or priest, and for those unable to meet with others.

Why Do this?

This is part of our ongoing commitment to find ways to support and minister with all those across our Diocese, with further services being planned for the 4th Sunday of each month. We are all aware that there are communities and individuals across our Diocese for whom running or attending a Sunday service can be difficult. There are the regular issues of finding a priest, filling a roster, overcoming distances and so on. With Covid-19 are added barriers, for example physical vulnerability or people needing to self-isolate.



A screen snapshot of a service in process. — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

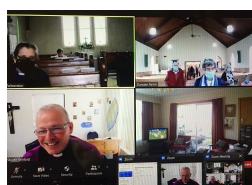
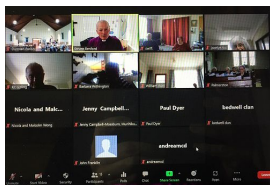
Service are using Reserved Sacrament in various physical locations from Stewart Island to Lumsden, Alexandra and Palmerston, with smaller groups and individuals being given an opportunity to take part in a moment of Spiritual Communion.



Eucharist — Image by: pixabay.com

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[Order of Service for Congregations on-line](#)



Diocese of Dunedin Faith Communities
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Regular Features

Andrew Metcalfe — May 4th, 2022

The place to come for our our regular features.....



Bishop Steven Benford — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

[Bishop's Diary](#)

An opportunity to be aware of where Bishop Steve is in the Diocese and to continue to hold him in your prayers.



Vacancies — Image by: Nicola Wong

[Vacancies](#)

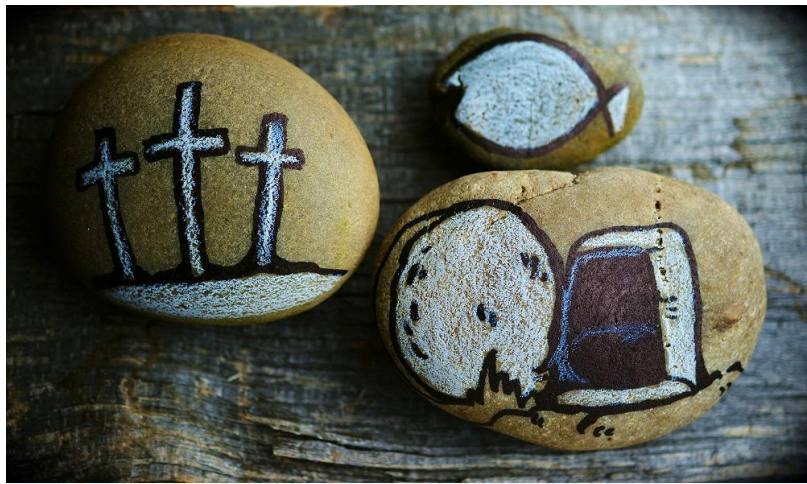
Find out what positions there are for clergy and non-clergy people in the Diocese and beyond.



Diary of Events — Image by: pixabay.com

[Events and Calendar](#)

The latest of what is going on in Otago and Southland in our churches as well as other organisations. Check this page to make sure an event is still taking place.



Gospel Conversations — Image by: pixabay.com

[Gospel Conversations](#)

A taonga in our own Diocese, these are lively and thought provoking conversations on the weekend lectionary Gospel, perfect for preachers and any person of faith. **All of these are available [from our website](#).**





Protecting Sheep (by shepherds, not masks...!)

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New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights): Diocese of Dunedin Response

Diocesan Office — May 2nd, 2022

Our updated guidance on the traffic light settings from 3 May 2022 **with further clarification around wearing masks at Church**. We remain at Orange (from 14 April 2022).

[Have a look at our updated Frequently Asked Questions page.](#)

Highlights for All Levels

Level Red

- All churches and faith communities advised to have contingency plans
- Limit of 200 people at any indoor gathering based on 1-meter distancing
- Face masks must be worn at all gatherings
- Meetings in private homes do not require face masks (but we recommend groups reach agreement on this)
- Medical grade masks must be worn by all leading and serving in worship services
- Strongly advising communion in one kind (bread) only and that people return to their seats to consume the bread.
- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping, but we are recommending this is kept in place for our settings.

Level Orange

- **There is no limit for outdoor gatherings.**
- **There is no limit for indoor gatherings.**
- **You do not need to wear a face mask outdoors.**
- **Other face mask rules remain unchanged (see Government advice for places of worship below).**
- **There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.**

Level Green

- There are no restrictions.
- We encourage you to keep up good health behaviours.
- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.

Good Health Behaviours

See <https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/keep-up-healthy-habits/>

These include:

- [Wear a face mask](#)
- [Do it for each other](#)
- [Stay home if you are sick](#)
- [Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser](#)
- [Cough or sneeze into your elbow](#)
- [Clean or disinfect shared surfaces regularly](#)
- [Improve ventilation](#)
- [Keep your distance from people you do not know](#)
- [Keep track of where you have been](#)
- [Stay up to date with your vaccinations](#)

Our Response

A note from Bishop Steve

Tēnā koutou Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us about having faith and "The Message" translation of Chapter 11 verses 1 and 2 reads:

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

Over the past 2 years we have all been affected by something we can't see, but as the current variation of COVID-19 makes its way around our communities, we continue to hold onto another firm foundation of faith that influences our response to everything taking place.

Of many lessons we have learnt, we now know so much more about how to keep ourselves safe than we did two years ago. There is nothing like a pandemic to sharpen up some of our health and safety practices!

As our country's response changes and New Zealand opens up itself more to each other and the wider world, I want to encourage us all to stay tuned into our own local communities needs and respond as we need to. This means that even though there may be fewer restrictions on what we are required to do, we will continue to keep our most vulnerable members safe by practicing good public health measures. This will ensure that our faith communities don't become "super spreader" sites. In many ways, this is similar to the Alert Level 2 precautions we had in place, where we figured out better and safer ways to worship.

If your faith community is feeling vulnerable and needs to take it easy around "opening up" completely i.e. you want to remain with vaccine pass only services for a while longer, you have my support for this. Alternatively, if you feel the time is right to move to a less restrictive setting (mixed serves where no vaccine passes are required), then you have my support for this as well. **Please advertise clearly what**

you are doing - and let Andrew or Nicola in the office know so we can update our [on-line worship page](#). Have your contingency plans in place if you have to change how you do things for a while: the office is happy to assist with Zoom links if you need to go back on-line for any gathering.

For those of you who are continuing to follow our advice around having Eucharist in one kind only (bread) you may like to take the opportunity this Easter to share the wine again, but with clear messaging that this is only for those who want to do so (please see below for more guidance around this).

Thank you for all that you have been doing to keep each other safe and caring for so many around you. As I write this our season of Lent is drawing to a close, we look forward to the day of resurrection where we recall how Christ has indeed overcome the old order of fear, sin and death. Thanks be to God!

+Steve



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Our Guidance

This guidance seeks to enable Faith Communities in our Diocese to maximise three key goals in an imperfect situation:

- to be as safe as possible;
- to be as inclusive as possible; (where “inclusive” is about welcome, pastoral care, sacramental ministry, and best-effort community participation); and
- to be as adaptive to local circumstances as possible.

Our response to the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (“Traffic Lights”) framework put in place by the NZ Government is that:

1. All Faith Communities (parishes, regional deaneries, local churches and Cathedrals) must follow Government regulations.
2. Local arrangements (as permitted within the regulations) for services and other gatherings in each Faith Community are to be made by the Dean/Vicar(s)/Priest(s) in charge **and** Vestry/Church Committee/Greater Cour response document chapter.
3. “Gatherings” includes all meetings of groups, children’s ministries, youth ministries, and ministries to the elderly which take place on church premises such as a church, hall or church lounge, or which take place in another venue hired by the church, such as a local community hall or a campsite for the purpose of holding a camp or retreat. They also include church gatherings in private homes (as already covered in our existing Action Plans).
4. **There are no restrictions to attending indoor gatherings of up to 200 people at Red, but some may continue to offer Vaccine Pass Only services.** Faith Communities who wish to offer a service or services or other gatherings, for which each attendee needs to present a vaccination pass, are encouraged to do so. [Download the NZ Pass Verifier](#)
5. **Each Faith Community must advertise its own services clearly** (e.g. on their website, social media, church noticeboards, newspaper advertising, via the [Diocesan Website](#)) so that attendees understand whether the service or gathering they are planning to attend will or will not require a vaccination pass to be presented by each attendee.

6. In any situation where doubt as to the application of these guidelines arises, or difference of viewpoint within a Faith Community cannot be resolved, consultation with the Archdeacon should take place. Where necessary the Archdeacon will consult with the Bishop. **The Bishop's decision on any such matter shall be final.**

Principles for Worship at All Settings

a. At the Red settings, the wearing of face masks is required in all indoor gatherings, including when singing. At Orange, the wearing of a face mask by attendees is strongly encouraged.

b. In services with Singers in a choir or music group, participants may sing without a mask, providing the choir or music group is at least 2m distant from other persons present in the service.

c. At Red and Orange, all Workers and volunteers (Clergy, people with a lay license) must wear a medical grade facemask (for example a Type IIR/Level 2 mask or above) while working in public facing roles. These include the widely available 'blue' medical grade mask.

d. Face masks may be removed temporarily by a person leading parts of the service, reading Scripture, leading intercessions, giving notices or preaching; the presider at eucharist/communion and any assistant at communion may be masked through the Great Thanksgiving when not speaking and during distribution of communion to the people.

e. Eucharist/Communion

- **All presiders and servers must practice good hand hygiene.** This means washing or sanitising hands before ablutions (ritual purification) and handling/distributing any sacraments.
- **Eucharist in both kinds (bread and wine) from Easter Sunday 2022.** Make sure that when communion is offered that people are under no compulsion to take it – some may be more comfortable with receiving in one kind only or requesting a blessing.
- **We recommend people receive the Eucharist while standing.** This avoids any contact with altar rails.
- **Any president at Eucharist/Communion can restrict communion to one kind (bread) only** if there are any concerns about the presence of COVID-19 in the community.

f. Good Health Behaviours: we recommend these are followed at all times (see above). Previous guidance from the Diocese concerning non-contact forms of The Peace, hygiene, ministry to children, youth, the elderly, as previously issued for [COVID-19 Alert Level 2](#) or subsequently updated should be followed.

g. Meetings in private homes do not require face masks, but we recommend groups reach agreement on this, recognising that current COVID-19 variants are more transmissible.

h. Hospitality: If you are operating a **gathering[1]**, you can serve food and drink at Green, Orange or Red. We are not recommending offering of indoor hospitality at Level Red if there is active transmission in the community.

Please note: where Government Guidance talks about 1-metre physical distancing and capacity limits: Capacity limits are based on the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was 1 metre apart. People do not have to keep 1 metre apart at the venue. In some cases a maximum number is also specified. The limits include everyone, including children, in a defined space, except workers.

Government Advice for Places of Worship (as of 9 February 2022, the latest update)

See: [Faith-based gatherings at Red | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

Leaders in Ministry (Clergy and Lay)

The Bishop has previously indicated that all lay people involved in public-facing public ministries related to a worship service or other parish/church work must be fully vaccinated at vaccination-only services or gatherings and when performing other work where vaccination is required. Such people include ushers, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, those leading liturgies of the Word, and undertaking Communion to the sick and home visitation. It also includes people involved in ministry with children and young people under the age of 18 years.

Priests who were not fully vaccinated were, under previous public health orders, significantly constrained in their ministry and were asked to confirm their vaccination status to be able to continue ministry.

We are currently seeking advice around this as settings are adjusting: if there are any queries around this, please contact Bishop Steve through his EA, Nicola Wong ph. 03 488 0826.

Suggested publicity for pew sheets and posters

We are now operating under the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights). The current traffic light setting is (*Green, Orange, Red*).

The following Mixed Service(s) are open to everyone, but precautions are in place: (*replace these words with your details*). Please continue to sanitise/wash your hands, scan or sign in for local contact tracing purposes. You must wear a mask at all times and keep 1 meter distance from others. There will be maximum numbers we can have at any service in the Red setting of 200. Communion may be in one kind only at Red – please take the bread back with you to your seat to consume.

The following service(s) are open to anyone with a current Vaccine Pass: (*replace these words with your details*). There are no restrictions, **but you must wear a face mask and give each other plenty of room**. We are asking that you keep your face mask on when singing. Please show us your vaccine pass, continue to sanitise/wash your hands, scan or sign in for local contact tracing purposes.

Alternative Worship Services: Visit the Diocese of Dunedin Website for a full list of Anglican worship services that are available: <https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/article/FnD9HK0>



QR code for Traffic Light Service information — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

Finally..

A reminder of the beginning words in our original Pandemic Plan that still hold true:

It is important that we change how we serve, worship, and come together during this COVID-19 pandemic infection. This is a time to share te aroha o te Atua (God's love) through our words and our actions to protect our whānau.

[\[1\]](#) Gathering means a group of people who are intermingling. This does not include people who remain at least 2 metres away from each other so far as is reasonably practical. Services at a place of worship, or a prayer group in an individual's home are an example of a gathering.

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[COVID-19-Kia-ora-Please-have-your-vaccine-pass-ready](#)
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[Church Safety Poster Orange Green Levels](#)
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[What to Do and Say at the Door](#)
[COVID 19 Readiness Checklist](#)
[Kete-Whanau-small-version](#)
[Diocese of Dunedin COVID-19 Protection Framework Guidance May 2022](#)