

Our pānui looks back at Holy Week and the Resurrection, explains how to make a bequest to the church and catches up with Diocesan Council.

<u>Click here</u> for a printable version of this newsletter.

Remember that we are at the <u>Orange setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework</u> (Traffic Lights). Have a look at <u>options for worship under the Traffic Lights framework.</u> We have information-resources for <u>isolating at home</u>. Opportunities for daily prayer can be found on our <u>Prayer Resources</u> 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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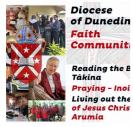
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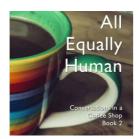
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All you need to know about how the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights) applies to Anglican activities in the Diocese of Dunedin.



Diocese of Dunedin Holy Week - Easter 2022

Video by Called South

Remembering and Celebrating

Andrew Metcalfe — April 19th, 2022

A few photos and other links that capture the solemnity and joy of Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you to all who took photos and shared them... and for all gathered in many ways and places to remember Christ in 2022.

Alternative link to video

Also, for those who missed it, we published a slideshow and hymn on Easter Sunday, celebrating the rising of Jesus Christ...



Easter Sunday 2022 Called South

From the Diocese of Auckland: Ecumenical Service recorded for Radio NZ

All Saints Ponsonby became a radio studio for an ecumenical Easter Day service recorded for RNZ National. The service brought together ministers and lay people from a wide variety of Christian denominations, with music provided by New Zealand choirs. Those contributing from the Diocese of

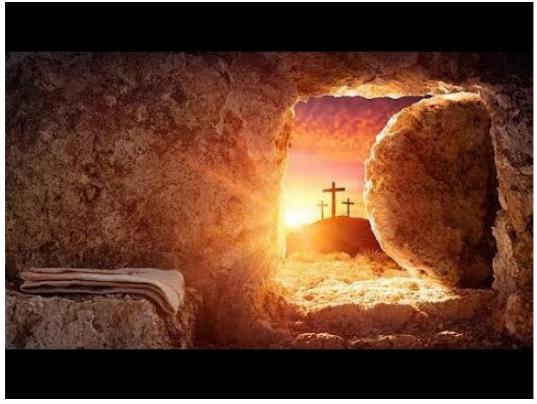
Auckland included The Rev'd Prince Devanandan from All Saints, The Rev'd Jacynthia Murphy from South Kaipara Cooperating Parish and The Rev'd Ivica Gregurec from Holy Trinity Cathedral. Read more and listen here.



Diocese of Auckland - participants at Easter Service recorded at All Saints Ponsonby, 2022. — Image by: Diocese of Auckland

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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 <u>this link</u> to the St Peter's webpage for an introduction from Rev'd Natalie Milliken.



Leadership - crossing the divide

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Diocesan Trusts Board

• No appointments were made at this month's meeting

Diocesan Council

Health and Safety - COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights)

COVID-19 Protection Framework. The Bishop has decided that final decisions are to be left to individual parishes, and different situations are suitable for different places. We are asking for common sense, and for clarity as well as clear communication over whatever decisions are made. Our guidelines were updated on 5 April. The Bishop's suggestion is that communion may be offered in two kinds, but that it is best received standing, and there is no obligation to take both.

Safeguarding

We are nearly at the point of releasing new polices around Safeguarding for the Diocese. This will be officially launched with information about what it will mean for all of our faith communities and some question and answer sessions will be organised. The policy will be reviewed in 6 months time. Rev'd John Graveston and Mr Andrew Metcalfe (deputy) are confirmed as the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors.

Property Strategy

Further conversations are taking place around this, with a view to bringing something to Synod this year.

Requests for Dissolution

The Diocesan Council has received a request to dissolve a Parish. This is always a sad communication to get and Council are concerned that the parish involved have support to look at this further. The Bishop will start to do this with them in the first instance. The Diocesan Office has been working on

some material that can help with any similar decision making, this will be publicised once it is ready.

Bishop's report

New Vicar designate for Caversham Parish Rev'd Natalie Milliken, to be installed Friday 6 May in the evening. Still looking to appoint in Dunstan Parish. Looking at how to do things in different ways around ministry, it has been interesting to see how Zoom monthly services have taken off as an alternative way of providing worship for smaller communities. Lent-Easter season is progressing, Bishop Steve is holding Chrism masses in Holy Week at Gladstone on Tuesday and the Cathedral on Thursday. Three oils will be blessed available: Chrism, catechumens (for those being baptised) plus for blessings. There will be singing at these services but no requirement for robes and processing.

Educator Updates

(Diocesan Ministry Educator, Diocesan Child Youth and Family Educator, Diocesan Community Ministry Enabler):

The Ven Dr. Michael Godfrey Michael continues to record weekly Gospel Conversations and OAR-FM broadcasts. He continues oversight of Waitaki North -Oamaru Parish and is connecting with Omarama. He reflected on Boundaries training via Zoom and does not feel that it suits this format. Continuing input into Bishop's Companion programme, lay minister training day input, and has attended a conference with other educators in Wellington. He also attended the Tikaanga Pakeha Ministry Council via Zoom. Michael continues to work on the Diocesan history.

The Ven Dr. Anne van Gend continues to be involved in encouraging fresh ways of expressing faith as well as holding services and conversations in a variety of (rural) areas. Two reserved sacrament services via Zoom have taken place. The Bishop's Companion programme appears to be going well. Feedback taking place from a number of farmers on potential for rural chaplaincy.

Rev'd John Graveston reported on a variety of activities that have taken place, including participation in Boundary Workshops, Children's Leaders Lenten gathering and Diocesan Training Day by Zoom. John also assisted with IT support for the Synod on 12 February.

Diocesan Registrar Report

Andrew reported work being in progress around some information documents: "Making Tracks" (Closure of buildings, dissolution of parishes/churches), Guidance for Bequests and Conflict of Interest. These are being dealt with via different channels, including the Social Justice Committee and Diocesan Council.

Decisions made during the meeting:

- **Motion 11:** That Synod 16-18 September 2022 be held at an external venue (to ensure the best public health measures are in place), with provision to hold it partly or wholly on-line if required and agreed by Diocesan Council.
- **Motion 12:** That the Diocesan Council recommend that the Athol Church and Land be disposed of and the DDTB instructed to complete this process.
- **Motion 13:** That the Faculty application from Taieri Parish to install two memorial plaques for previous Vicars, Interim Priests and Priest Missioners, be granted
- **Motion 14.1:** That the Stewardship Committee be formally constituted as the Insurance Board. **Note:** This allows the Diocesan Council to formally request the Stewardship Committee to act on its behalf around insurance matters. The Diocesan Office (Registrar) remains the first port of call for any insurance queries or claims.
- **Motion 14.2:** That Fiona Gray, the Diocesan Accountant, be appointed as Secretary to the Insurance Board, with authority for communication between the Insurance Board and Diocesan Insurers.

A reminder of who is on the Council

Clergy: The Rt Rev'd Steven Benford; Rev'd Liz Cheyne [Southland]; The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis [Dunedin City]; Rev'd Brett Roberts [Dunedin City]; Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace [Dunedin City], Rev'd Eric Kyte [Dunedin]

Laity: Mr Keith Gover [Southland]; Ms Lisa Burton [Dunedin City]; Mrs Dot Muir [Southland]; Mr Steve Mitchell [Southland], Dianna Abercrombie [Southland].

In Attendance each meeting

Mr Andrew Metcalfe (Diocesan Registrar), Ven Dr Michael Godfrey (Diocesan Ministry Educator), Rev'd John Graveston (Diocesan Child, Youth, Family Educator), Rev'd Dr Anne Van Gend (Diocesan Community Ministry Enabler).

Diocesan Council Committees: Stewardship Committee - Steve Mitchell (chair), Rev'd Liz Cheyne, The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis, Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace, Rev'd Eric Kyte and +Steve Benford.

Ministry Committee - Vacancy (Chair), Anne Gover, Ven Michael Godfrey, Rev'd John Graveston, Rev'd Anne van Gend, Mission Committee - Dot Muir (Chair), Keith Gover (for 12 months), Stuart Young, Caroline Oliver, Lynda Turner Heaton. Social Justice Committee - Lisa Burton and Dot Muir as Diocesan Council committee members, other members include Ven Jan Clark, Fred McElrea, Ondine Godtschalk (Chair), Liz Liddell and Rev'd Rose Scott.

Other Information

The Diocesan Council is the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Dunedin Synod as regulated by **Statute 1: (To regulate the composition and procedures of the Diocesan Synod and to establish a diocesan council).** The Trusts Board considers applications for vacancies on various Boards, Trusts and other Committees for Diocese of Dunedin organisations.

For any correspondence to the Diocesan Council or Trusts Board, contact Andrew Metcalfe: registrar@calledsouth.org.nz, Telephone (03) 488 0821. Any matters for these committees need to be received 7 days before scheduled meetings so that members have time to read all the material required.

Meeting Schedule (usually Tuesdays @ 10.30 am) for 2022:

3 May 2022, 21 June 2022 Includes Joint meeting with DDTB @ 12 noon, 12 July 2022, 9 August 2022, 13 September 2022 (Synod 16-18 Sept), 11 October 2022, 8 November 2022, 15 December 2022 – Joint meeting with DDTB (12 noon)

Please continue to hold the Trusts Board and Diocesan Council in your prayers.

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<u>Diocese of Dunedin Mission Statement 2020 Te Reo Final</u> <u>Governance Structure - Diocesan Council and Committees April 2020</u>



Thy Kingdom Come - Archbishop Justin Welby- Pledge To Pray For More People To Know Jesus Video by Thy Kingdom Come

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Andrew Metcalfe — April 20th, 2022

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Need ideas? Check this booklet out or visit the Thy Kingdom Come website

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Diocese of Dunedin Faith Communities

Reading the Bible -Tākina

Praying - Inoia Living out the life of Jesus Christ -Arumia

Diocese of Dunedin Mission Statement

Photo by Andrew Metcalfe

Remembering the church in your will

Andrew Metcalfe — April 20th, 2022

At various times in life most of us think about our wills and how we can help people and organisations once we have gone.

We have a handbook to assist your thinking around this in relation to the church, which you can share with your lawyer when making or updating your will.

The Social Justice Committee currently offer grants from previous legacies, but are finding that some of the historic ones are a little hard to work with. The committee has noted that it would be very helpful for them to have more freedom than the 'aged care' focus many of the bequests they deal with have. In the 50's and 60's aged care was a significant missional need that was emerging in the community, just as children's homes had been in earlier years. Who can predict where God may be inviting us to serve in the future... so general or less specifically targeted bequests would be helpful

The handbook (attached below) gives helpful advice on how to get the wording right, so that your local faith community - or the wider diocese - can benefit from your legacy in the future.

We really appreciate it when individuals remember the church in this way and are so thankful for people past and present who have enabled us to continue our mission of "reading the Bible, praying and living out the life of Christ".

<u>Please contact us</u> (phone 03 488 0821) if you would like a copy of this handbook posted out to you.



Anglican Diocese of Dunedin — Image by: Andrew Metcalfe

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Anglican Bequest Handbook - Dunedin



Staying Safe at Home

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Resources for Isolating and Managing at Home

Andrew Metcalfe — April 12th, 2022

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Free Rapid Antigen Testing Now Available

See the Ministry of Health Website for more information. Attend a testing station, urgent care or GP if symptomatic or request a free RAT supply via: https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/. Note one person can also pick up on the behalf of others within the residence. Call 0800VIRUS19 (0800 847 8719) to find out where the nearest place is to access testing. This number can also be called to request a delivery of RATs if there is lack of ability/transport to get to a RAT pickup station.

If RAT test positive: Upload RAT result to My Covid Record - this will link them into the system allowing them to get GP care by phone (this will be reinforced when the RATs are given). If they need help with doing this upload, they can call 0800 222 478.

If members are feeling unwell, please suggest they call their GP or HealthLine COVID line on 0800 358 5453.

What happens if we are exposed to the virus at Church?

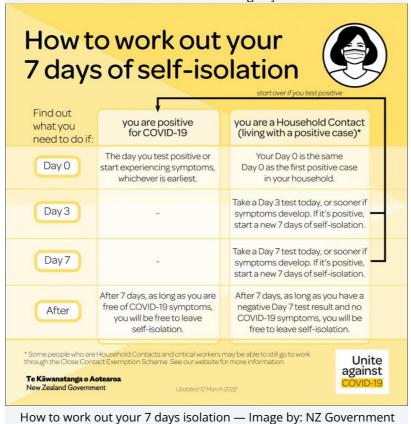
Public Health South are also able to provide support and guidance for churches about what to do when there have been cases present at worship settings. Contact PHS EOC Operations on PHSOPS@southerndhb.govt.nz and then someone will phone back to assist 7 days per week.

Individual Isolation Information

A form you can complete and share if you have a significant role in your church (clergy, Lay Leader, Employee) and need others to know how they can support you. It flags if there is anything you may need support with, and also has some tips on how to self isolate at home (Word and pdf versions of the form also attached below). The Ministry of Health have updated information for household contacts including how long you need to isolate for.



What Kind of Contact Are You — Image by: NZ Government





Extra more detailed resources and information about testing and isolation are attached below (COVID Message Grid, FAQ's Omicron response, RATs guide and Testing Guidance).

COVID-19 Community Response Webpage

<u>Check out this page</u> which has been recently updated with all kinds of resources, information and links to help you get through the pandemic.



Isolation Resources

Auckland based GP <u>Dr Sanghya Ramanathan has put together a Video</u> that has been widely watched and recommended. If you have 18 minutes to spare, its worth a watch (the attached Home Medical Management Plan for Mild COVID-19 document relates to this video).



Home Medical Management Plan for Mild Covid-19 by Dr Sandhya Ramanathan Dr Sandhya Ramanathan

The Department of Health also have two videos that are easy to watch and really helpful:

How to Isolate at Home and Manage your COVID symptoms at home.



How to isolate at home | Ministry of Health NZ Ministry of Health - Manatū Hauora



Managing your COVID symptoms | Ministry of Health NZ Ministry of Health - Manatū Hauora

Our own Hui Amorangi te Wai Ponamu have also shared a useful document called Kete Whanau (attached below).

Remember to keep an eye out for each other, make a plan, check in who you can support if they need to self isolate, as well as identify who can support you.

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Help-for-Self-Isolation
Kete-Whanau-small-version
COVID 19 Readiness Checklist
Home Medical Management Plan for Mild Covid
Individual Isolation Information Form - PDF
Individual Isolation Information Form - Word
AOG COVID-19 Message Grid - 24 February
FAQs - Omicron response - Feb 24
RATs guide
testing guidance



Standing in the need of prayer

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Standing in the need of prayer?

Andrew Metcalfe — April 10th, 2022

You could now kneel courtesy of the generous folk of Otago Peninsula parish.

Ralph Gordon, one of the wardens in the parish writes:

A quantity of church kneelers available free. 300 mm long; 180 mm wide. Surplus to our needs at St Michael's in Andersons Bay.

Please contact Ralph Gordon, 027 5555052.



Kneelers free to a good home - Otago Peninsula Parish — Image by: Ralf Gordon



Abundance....

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Monthly On-line Services

Bishop Steven — April 18th, 2022

Join us on Sunday 24 April 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

The next service is on 24 April

Click here for the Zoom Meeting Link

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!

- a. 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.
- b. 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).
- c. Ministry teams of small churches may simply like a week off from finding a priest and filling a roster.
- d. 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 in April and possibly beyond. 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 the 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 Readings for Sunday April 24th Hymns for Zoom Service April 24th



In the Media - I te Pāpaho

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I te Pāpaho - In the Media

Andrew Metcalfe — April 18th, 2022

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

Local & Wider News

<u>Service on beach at dawn</u>: 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)

<u>Symbolic pilgrimage</u>: 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)

<u>Our self-centredness gets in the way of truth</u>: The question "what is truth?" is one of the most important questions there are. (Chris Holmes writes in the ODT Faith and Reason Column, 14 April 2022. The on-line article features a Stations of the Cross image from All Saints' Dunedin).

<u>Prayer App Launching soon:</u> A brand-new Anglican prayer app is in the final stages of development before release on Google Play and Apple's App Store. The design of the app, named 'Tuia', is inspired by pasifika themes and the Five Marks of Mission and is based on A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa. Read more <u>here</u>.

When Jesus was alive, resurrections were commonplace: If you think Jesus' resurrection was unique, think again, writes Deane Galbraith. (ODT, 14 April 2022).

<u>Hillsong Isn't the Only Abhorrent Megachurch:</u> Meet Arise church. They're rich, they're powerful - and you've never heard of them (Webworm, David Farrier, 4 April 2022). See updated article: <u>Head of Arise Church resigns board seat following allegations</u> (ODT, 18 April 2022)

Snippets shared from Christchurch

- Rare chance for a Christchurch <u>Cathedral tour</u> as part of OPEN.
- Did you know that New Zealanders spend on average a total of \$34 a week on products linked to Modern Slavery?
- Streets with eyes!
- The website 'Grocer' let's you <u>find the best deals</u> and cheapest products—genius!
- Read NZCMS Rosie Fyfe's article asking, "Who is a missionary?".
- From "Gospel Conversations" (Dunedin Diocese) our Rev'd Peg Riley speaks about Easter.
- A Cross at **Ground Zero** is giving Hope at Easter.
- \$3mil in assets given back to local iwi in Tauranga by Curate church.
- Churches in Aus <u>looking for real climate change</u> not political rhetoric—meanwhile our <u>NZ Eco</u>
 <u>Church</u> is thriving in Tawa—and in England a <u>CofE Priest is arrested again</u> while part of a Fossil Fuel protest.
- Australia's <u>Disaster Recovery Chaplains</u> are hard at work talking and caring in critical times
- David Ford, from Church Times UK, says CofE is paralysed with privilege, class and wealth
- Are your kindness tanks depleted?

National Anglican News at Taonga

New book unearths CMS secrets

A ground-breaking new history is now out that delves into the encounter between Māori and Pākehā during the earliest period of Church Missionary Society presence in Aotearoa.

Karakia for Creation marks Earth Day

'Karakia for our Climate' are encouraging Anglicans around Aotearoa New Zealand to pray for the integrity of the Earth and all Creation on Earth Day, this Friday 22 April.

Aroha is the best way, always.

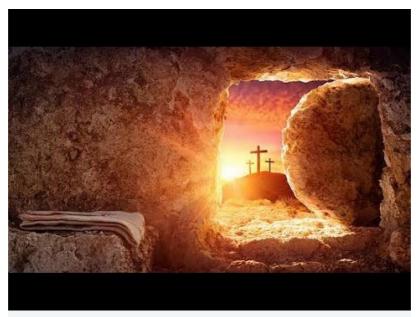
Archbishop Don Tamihere and Archbishop Philip Richardson celebrate Christ's resurrection, recalling his life as an indigenous man whose call to love, no matter what, challenges us to solidarity with the despised and to confront the powers that be.

The Wider World

- Our NZ lifestyle is upheld by slavery overseas
- 10 ways to support a child with autism's parent
- Ponsonby Anglicans host RNZ Easter service
- Pakistan sentences blasphemy mobsters to death
- ++Leonard Dawea encourages priests at chrism mass
- Arise workers tell of burnout, money focus
- Arise interns told to work in pastor's gardens
- Arise is acting quickly & openly: Peter Lineham
- How Covid reshaped the Black church
- Child labour not ruled out of Cadbury, Lindt
- ABC: Slavetrader plaques don't belong in church
- Rustat memorial shows CofE racial justice fail
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- <u>5yrs on from Egypt's Palm Sunday bombing</u>
- Soldiers occupy Myanmar Catholic Cathedral
- TVNZ shares +Te Kitohi Pikaahu's vision
- ATWC,+Auckland apologise re: forced adoption
- The Pope's apology requires concrete action
- +N.Indiana walks indigenous 'forced march' road

- Climate crisis: is it time for loyal disobedience?
- Tauranga church gifts building to local iwi
- The story of Fiji's first Anglican Church
- Pope apologises for Canada RC residential schools
- Rowan Williams urges UK to add Trans to ban

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Easter Sunday 2022 Called South

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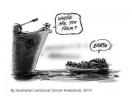








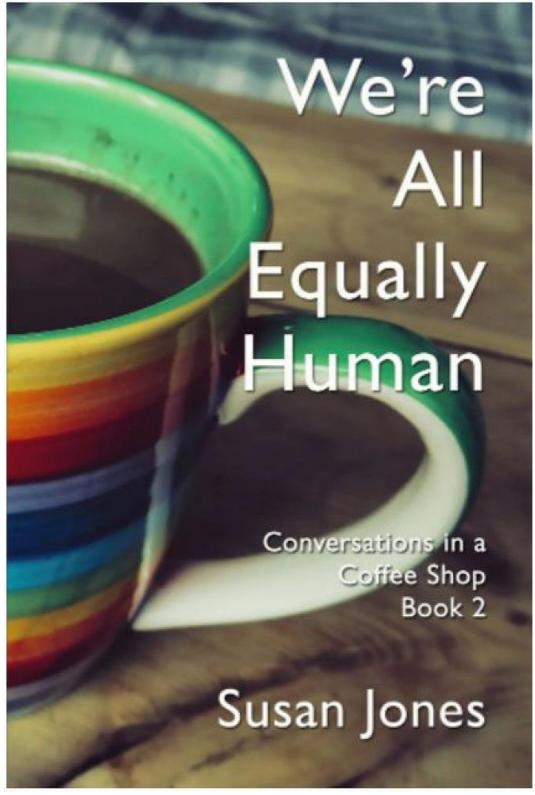




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All Equally Human cover

Photo by Susan Jones

We are all equally human Andrew Metcalfe — April 5th, 2022

Susan Jones is taking orders for her new book, We are all equally human, book two of the coffee shop trilogy.

Rev'd Susan Jones - poet, writer, musician and spiritual guide writes:

Equally Human aims to empathise with and educate both gay and straight, inside and outside organised religion. It is intended to resource the church in its ongoing discussions about members of the rainbow community.

The importance of us *all* recognising each other as equally human whatever our orientation is re-affirmed here.

This debate has been present in New Zealand mainstream churches since the 1970s and has raged since 1991.

Public debates do not allow time and space for considered laying out of the relevant points nor exploration of underlying forces greater than all of us.

It has been a privilege to have time to investigate and write on this topic. You can help spread this resource to others not yet entirely convinced.

Have a look at the attached flyer for this book and others that Susan has written.

Susan has shared a seasonal peom from he book Progressing the Journey for your reflections:

Today

Easter Day Year A
Today, we Christians (yes, us, that stuffy lot)
are making the country happy
(well, perhaps not retailers in tourist towns)
but definitely we are making others happy today.
They get to have a holiday on this holy day
accompanied by chocolate eggs
and other forms of chocolate which have been
woven into the urban legend over the years.
(This year I saw a chocolate kiwi in the supermarket aisles.)

It's right the general population is invited to enjoy, to re-create, to celebrate at Easter for that is what we celebrate too the joy, the release, the freedom, (chocolate covered or not.)

Today we embrace the Spirituality of Life,
Thankful we have come through the darkness of death.
We are more than only unscathed.
Easter reminds us there is transforming power
afoot in the world and, if we allow it,
it might just transform us!

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Diocese of Dunedin Faith Communities 2022

Video by Called South

Regular Features Andrew Metcalfe — April 20th, 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

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 <u>from our website</u>**.



Easter 2 2022 Anne van Gend



We are Red

Video by Called South

New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework

Andrew Metcalfe — April 10th, 2022

All you need to know about how the New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights) applies to Anglican activities in the Diocese of Dunedin.

Have a look at the Government Guidance on the NZ COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights).

This replaced the Alert Levels 1-4 that have previously operated during the current pandemic. This framework (commonly referred to as the Traffic Lights) came into force on 3 December 2021 and was amended in April 2022.



Traffic Lights — Image by: pixabay.com

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 capacity of 1 m spacing

- 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.
- 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
- <u>Do it for each other</u>
- 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

Useful Links

- Diocese of Dunedin Traffic Light Guidance includes some frequently asked questions.
- New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Lights): Diocese of Dunedin
 Response our main guidance document for Faith Communities on how to operate under this
 framework.
- <u>Community Response and Resources</u> our web page of information, resources and support for this time of taking extra care of each other and ourselves.
- <u>Sunday Worship under the Traffic Light settings</u> information about what options for worship Faith Communities are offering.
- Full range of posters you can download and display.

Government Advice for Places of Worship

- Some religious rituals or practices need people to be close to each other for example, a christening. Try to keep the time spent in close contact to a minimum.
- Encourage contactless donations instead of a cash collection box.
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- You can have refreshments after a service, but people should not share drinks, cups, plates, cutlery or other items. Face masks can be removed while eating and drinking. You do not have to follow the advice for (commercial) hospitality at any traffic light setting (but we expect you to follow standard infection control precautions as per our Hospitality Checklist).
- Children under the age of 12 are not required to follow face masks rules at gatherings.
- Medical-grade masks are to be worn by public facing workers/volunteers in indoor gatherings and events in Orange and Red. Presiders can remove these provided they are 2 meters physically distanced from others.
- Places of worship should display posters or signage indicating they will be asking people to show their My Vaccine Pass to enter if this is a local requirement.
- Consider offering online services so people who cannot attend in person can participate. This could be suitable for faith-based gatherings.
- Singing, for example, church choirs and other types of performance, can go ahead. Performers do not need to wear a face covering. Clean and sanitise musical instruments thoroughly before and after use.

<u>Guidelines for places of worship [PDF, 698 KB]</u> Please note: these Government guidelines offer minimum settings that need to be applied. Our <u>Diocese of Dunedin Traffic Light Guidance</u> indicates our local guidance, we will review this in the light of any new information from the Government.

Key points for all of us

- Ensure you **follow directives** for places you visit or work in.
- **Be kind.** Make a difference by checking-in on others, especially the elderly and vulnerable.
- **Look after anyone that needs help**. Drop supplies to those at home sick and ensure you have no physical contact.
- Keep up your physical distancing habits, scanning and use of face coverings
- Use alternative ways of staying in touch with more vulnerable people i.e. the phone, a letter, a video messaging system or something similar.

Got symptoms or have health questions?

Call your GP before you visit. Or call Healthline on 0800 358 5453. If you feel unwell, remain at home.

Not sure who to talk to?

If you're not sure what assistance may be available, or you don't know who to contact for help, phone the Government Helpline on 0800 779 997 (8am – 10pm, 7 days a week).

The Ministry of Health recommends that you should follow the usual precautions including:

Staying safe and well at any level

At every level (Green, Orange, Red) people should take measures to stay safe and well.

- Regularly disinfect surfaces
- Wash and dry your hands thoroughly and regularly
- Don't touch your face
- Stay home if you are sick
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you have cold or flu like symptoms call your GP or Healthline on 0800 358 5453.
- Continue to seek primary medical care.

Anyone who has returned to New Zealand from overseas **must abide by NZ government requirements.**

Want to know more? See the **Government's dedicated COVID-19 webpage**

How to get in touch with us

<u>The Diocesan Office (Peter Mann House)</u> is open Monday to Friday 9 to 3 pm, please let us know if you want to visit (03 488 0820) and bring your face covering with you. **All staff based at Peter Mann House (Diocesan Office) have been doubly vaccinated.**

The Diocesan office is very happy to answer any queries you may have. Please contact <u>Andrew</u> <u>Metcalfe</u>.

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Notices for Open-Closed Churches 2021

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COVID-19-Protection-Framework-Guidelines-for-places-of-worship

Church Safety Poster Orange Green Levels

Orange - PDF Summary