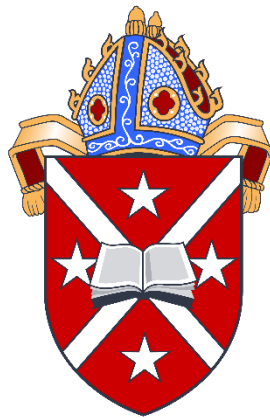


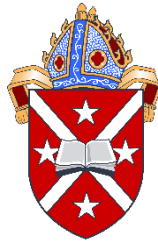
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Diocesan Council and Appointed Committees

Diocesan Council Report Synod 2025

Membership: (Clergy) Rt Rev Steven Benford (until May 2024) , Rt Rev Ross Bay (Archbishop's Commissary from May 2024), Ven Liz Cheyne, Very Rev Dr Tony Curtis (from Synod), Rev'd Eric Kyte (till Synod), Rev'd Natalie Milliken, Ven Damon Plimmer, Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace, **(Lay)** Ms Nikki Gordon-Smith (from Synod), Mr Keith Gover, Mr Steve Mitchell, Mrs Dot Muir (until Synod), Ms Lynda Turner Heaton (until Synod), Mr Theodore Rose (from Synod), Dr Gillian Townsley (from Synod).

The Archdeacons and Educators are present with speaking but not voting rights for Diocesan Council.

A year of Discernment & Preparation

In February 2024, the Diocese received notification that Bishop Steve would step down as Bishop of Dunedin in May. The first part of the 2024 year involved preparing to farewell the Benford family (including Marley), events were held around the diocese and a final liturgical celebration and social event was held on the 12 May. Bishop Steve and Lorraine left with our grateful thanks for seven years of faithful service, for leadership through some challenging times (including a pandemic) and our prayers as they began a new chapter in the UK.

The Rt Rev Ross Bay, of the Auckland Diocese was appointed as our Bishops' Commissary. Diocesan Council moved into supporting the process of discernment Bp Ross led us through. We formally assured the Episcopal Commissary that we are able to provide stipend, housing and allowances to support the ministry of a new bishop. An arrangements committee formed and under Bishop Ross's guidance attended to the tasks that allowed an electoral synod to convene at the end of November. Praying and listening to the leading of the Spirit characterised the middle months of 2024. Diocesan Council was grateful during this process to the leadership and wisdom of Bishop Ross and the willingness of the people of the Southern See to engage together in waiting on God.

The Electoral College convened on the 22nd of November and on the following afternoon, Bshop Ross was able to inform the Archbishops that the Diocese of Dunedin had a candidate they wished to propose to the wider church. With our Diocesan Discernment process completed we awaited affirmation that our proposed candidate could also be discerned as a Bishop for the whole church. That affirmation was received, and Ven Dr Anne Van Gend was confirmed as our Bishop Elect in December. By the end of March we would have the joy of joining in an episcopal ordination (more of that in the 2025 report for Synod).

Diocesan Council is extremely grateful for the support of Bishop Ross during this time of transition, for our whanau at Peter Mann House, the Dean and people of the Cathedral

parish and members of the wider three tikanga church for the support received during this year of discernment.

Property

The Bishop's house in Highcliff Road had been a joint purchase between the Benford's and the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board. With the departure of the Benfords the DC agreed that we purchase the other percentage of the house. The purchase of the property allows us to either house a bishop or provide a housing allowance thus giving us flexible ministry options. The property is currently rented out.

Diocesan Council agreed to the recommendation of the Property Commission convened to consider the sale of All Saints Lumsden that the church be secularised and sold. A liturgy of celebration for the ministry offered from All Saints and Secularisation was held on the 22nd September 2024. We acknowledge the work of Southland Rural Archdeacon



A congregation alongside the Ven Jan Clark farewells All Saints' Lumsden

Ven Barb Walker and Ven Liz Cheynne in ongoing pastoral support and for working alongside the local people as this taonga was released for secular use. Thanks also to those involved in the Property Commission, particularly the Bishop's Property Commissioner in Southland, Mr. Bill Paterson.

At the recommendation of the Social Justice Committee, Diocesan Council agreed to explore how we might support the Stewart Island Senior Living Project. A faculty was also issued for the building a tiny home vicarage for the parish of Caversham.

Conversations returned often to the need to gain some additional administrative support for property matters and this is ongoing.

Sabbaticals / Study Leave

Over the last year permission for Study Leave was given to Rev'd Brett Roberts who is dividing his leave into two blocks and to Rev'd Eric Kyte. We also acknowledged that a study leave register should be formed so we ensure stipendiary clergy use this gift to support and enable refreshment and learning for their call to ministry.

Pastoral Matters: Parish and Diocesan nominators engaged in a discernment process with the Whakatipu Parish. It will be into 2025 before an appointment will be confirmed, sometimes we have to be patient as we wait for God's timing.

Rev'ds Barbara and Francis Noordanus resigned as co-vicars of St Matthews, retiring at the end of 2024. In retirement they remain in the diocese and are part of the Roslyn Parish.

Insurance

Increasing costs for insurance have continued to exercise the minds of the Diocesan Council team and have been topics of discussion when joint meetings have been held with the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board. Mr Stephen Grant the Chair of the DDTB spoke at Synod and a mechanism was put in place for parishes to apply to reduce insurance cover if certain criteria were met. This discussion is ongoing, not just for our diocese but nationally.

Boundaries Training and Safeguarding

The Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry reported to the Governor-General in June 2024 and the findings were made public on the 24th July, in their report, Whanaketia – Through pain and trauma, from darkness to light. The Royal Commission looked into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults while in the care of the State or faith-based institutions, mainly between the years 1950-1999. It also heard about abuse that occurred since 2000.

The Royal Commission heard nearly 3000 survivor accounts of abuse and neglect and its report and recommendations are the result of five years of investigations, research, private sessions and public hearings. In response to the report our [Archbishops acknowledged and took responsibility for our failings and apologised to the victims of abuse](#). We have begun a long journey towards transformation, committed to ensuring our Church becomes a place where all people – precious in the sight of God, can flourish in safety and dignity.

Within the diocese we work towards living into this ideal by participation in Boundaries training and safeguarding processes we have in place. As we acknowledge harm and suffering done in the past we embrace and seek to grow opportunities to be better.

South Centre

Oversight of the team at South Centre has been overseen by Andrew Metcalfe and local Diocesan Council members. Synod (2024) was able to meet the new manager from South Centre and pray that this valuable ministry will go from strength to strength.

Grants

St Johns College Trust Board (SJCTB) provides funding for St John's Theological College and the Diocese and Hui Amorangi for educational purposes throughout our three tikanga church. We are blessed to receive this funding to support ministry. In this diocese this funding (which we apply for on an annual basis) has recognised the educational component of the Bishop's ministry, funded our Ministry Educator and Child Youth and Family (CYF) Educator positions and programmes associated with these roles. In 2024 SJCTB acknowledged that funding was diminishing and increases in funding applied for would not be able to be met. Applications for study grants would be limited to one round a year. We were advised there will likely be a decrease in funding from The St John's College Trust into the future.

Diocese Council acting as the Trusts Board

The Trusts Board convenes with just elected members of Diocesan Council present for this regular meeting and is responsible for the appointments to Boards for our [various Trusts](#) that serve the ministry of the church. These include Rest Homes, Educational institutions like St Hilda's Collegiate Board of Governors, and Te Maru Pumanawa Selwyn College, Anglican Family Care Board, South Centre and Earl Street Trust. The extensive ministry of these groups could not continue without the generous volunteer support of those willing to serve on Boards. Diocesan Council acknowledges and thanks those who serve for their wisdom and insight brought to governance matters.

Subcommittees of Diocesan Council

Council meetings would get bogged down if subcommittees didn't act to engage in the areas of responsibility identified in the Anglican Consultative Council's marks of mission. The Stewardship Committee, Social Justice Committee, Ministry and Mission Committees co-opt members to assist the tasks they oversee. Their reports are included in your Synod reports. Diocesan Council acknowledges the care and attention members offer and thanks them for their work.

Thank you

Over 2024, the Diocese of Dunedin had the generous and wise support of Bishop Ross in every aspect of its life. Diocesan Council knows how blessed we have been, acknowledging with thanks his contribution.

Pastoral oversight of the regions of the diocese has been offered through the voluntary service of our team of Archdeacons. Thank you for the connections you make enabling ministry to be shared and supported.

We also understand how the mission of God in this place is well supported by the team at Peter Mann House. We offer our thanks and appreciation to our admin team: Andrew Metcalfe, Nicola Wong, Fiona Gray and Dominique Aitcheson, and ministry team of Anne Van Gend and John Graveston.



Bishop Steve giving the Ven Liz Cheyne her Archdeacon of Invercargill licence, March 2024.

The Venerable Jan Clark

Vicar General, Diocese of Dunedin (until July 2025)

Ministry Committee Report and Association of Licensed Lay Ministers' Report Synod 2025

Purpose: To nurture the people of the Diocese currently involved in lay and ordained ministry in parishes and faith communities, in body, mind and spirit. Nurturing Ministry involves theological education, ministry formation, personal and spiritual development, so that people are enabled to be effective followers of Christ and to perform acts of ministry.

Key tasks (under review in 2025):

1. Ensure sound pastoral care of people involved in ordained and lay ministry in the Diocese.
2. Develop a training and development plan for the Diocese including appropriate programme initiatives to support ministry at all life stages (see Addendum).
3. Ensure resources are available (e.g. spiritual directors, supervisors, support for conflict resolution) to support learning and development for ministry.
4. Encourage and support ministry at a local level, including regular faith community reviews/development.
5. Prepare an annual plan for Diocesan Council approval, that will become part of the overall Diocesan plan. The Committee's plan will have strategies that can be aligned to the vision and mission of the Anglican Church and relevant programmes/initiatives. Report to Council on the implementation of the plan and recommend changes as necessary.

In 2024 the Ministry committee ran the regular Lay Training Day hosted by St. Mark's Balclutha. This was a successful day of learning and fellowship that finished with a time of singing together. Thank you to all those that helped put together this event. The Spring Saturdays ran again for the second year with the aim to provide training of interest to lay and ordained alike over zoom on two Saturday mornings. These will continue in 2025.

The Ministry Committee for 2024 has been made up by the The Ven. Anne van Gend, The Rev. Natalie Milliken, The Rev. John Graveston and Eirwen Harris-Mitchell. In recognition that this is a small group and better representation across the Diocese is needed the Ministry committee has expanded its membership in 2025 to include those acknowledged above, with the changes of the Rev. Natalie Milliken coming off due to leaving the Diocese and The Ven. Anne van Gend becoming the Bishop, The Ven. Dammon Plimmer (Diocesan Ministry Educator), The Rev. Jenny Tapsell, The Rev. Craig Smith, Theodore Rose and Karen Hofman.

Thank you to all those who have and are serving on this committee for their hard work and dedication.

The Rev. John Graveston
Ministry Committee

Addendum: Diocesan Education and Training Plan 2024

Overall Direction

The Te Pae Tawhiti report suggested theological education be described as:

- a. Life-long journey
- b. Finding the face of God
- c. Love God, love neighbour
- d. Present cultural realities

This could form a helpful basis for our Diocesan direction, ensuring it is in accord with the wider Provincial vision. Within those four descriptors, the Te Pae Tawhiti report goes on to suggest 7 voyages we can take.

1. **Draw on the richness of mihinaretanga and moana theologies to nurture love of God and neighbour through changed and changing times.** This voyage prioritises all we can learn of our own culture, and all we can learn from the cultures which are woven with our own within this church.
2. **Elevate talanoa and ako in educative praxis and between educational providers.** This voyage encourages us to share our teaching and learning across ages, across Tikanga, across the Province, and across varied ministries.
3. **Develop a woven and charism-based approach to ordinand formation.** This voyage suggests that ordination pathways could be guided on a Provincial level rather than a diocesan one, with multiple voices contributing.
4. **Create an educational vaka focused on training in new mission voyages.** Our Church started as a missionary church, and this voyage encourages us to once again focus on ministry outside the church: perhaps forming a new shoot connected to a school; perhaps having specialists who help in training and equipping Province-wide.
5. **Prioritise training, pathways and experiences for ministry with children, youth, young adults and families.** This voyage can also be seen as a focus on ministry with people in the “First Third” of life.
6. **Shift resourcing toward agile funding frameworks that encourage local responsiveness.** This Provincial voyage encourages us to re-examine how funding is allocated, and how projects are shaped, prioritised and made accountable around the Provincial vision worked out at a local level.
7. **Amplify the value of informal theological education in ministry formation by training skilled educators, sharing resources and encouraging quality control**

processes. This voyage emphasises the importance of lay education, and suggests that we explore ways beyond “monologue” teaching, entering instead into more experiential learning. As with earlier voyages, this suggests we would work more effectively as a Province than as individual dioceses/hui amorangi.

In 2025 this will look like:

a. Life-long journey

- Continuing to resource current ministries with children and young people
- A listening year with small and remote centres and their communities, exploring:
 - People and other resources
 - Current ministries offered, in our denomination and others
 - A gathering of ideas from local people for realistic “first third” ministry
 - Hearing where initial support will be most helpful.
- A plan for “first third” ministry in rural and remote communities to be drawn up in response to the listening exercise.
- Conversations to continue with Archbishop Justin re University Pathway.
- Korero with those involved in retirement home ministries. How can we support them? Are there learning opportunities for the people there who cannot travel easily?
- Pre- and Post-ordination sessions on baptism, confirmation, children’s ministry.

b. Finding the face of God

- St John’s Diploma
- Retreats:
 - Diocesan Retreat
 - Clergy quiet day
 - Brighton quiet days
 - Joining with quiet days and retreats offered by other denominations
 - BCP retreat
- Bishop’s Companions Programme
- Diving Deeper online study groups (for BCP “graduates”)
- Lay Training Day
- Three online lay training sessions (Saturday mornings)
- Visit from Sam Wells, open to all (details to be worked out in partnership with the University and Auckland Diocese).
- Ministry School (including theological and biblical input)
- Regional training available on request.

c. Love God, love neighbour

- 2x Boundaries Training days
- Online safeguarding training Module One completed.

- Ministry School (which will also include beginning the training required by the Royal Commission initial report).
- Pre- and post-ordination training in listening and pastoral care.
- Equipping, encouraging, training and licensing Rural Chaplains for Southland and Central.

d. Present cultural realities

- Exploring sharing educational opportunities and experiences with Te Waipounamu.
- “Understanding Te Tiriti” workshops, regionally
- Involvement of the Hahi again in the BCP retreat.
- Pre-and post-ordination sessions on welcoming diversity (including neurodiversity), mental illness in the church, the hope of the Good News in current realities, the church in society.

Mission Committee Report Synod 2024

Purpose:

- To support future church development through encouraging new Christian responses for reaching and serving communities with the gospel of Christ.
- To be the ‘research and development’ team, experimenting, innovating and supporting those who are already working to generate new faith communities.

Key Tasks (under review in 2025):

1. Recruit, support and work with people good at generating new faith communities¹ *Faith communities may be based geographically or based around a common interest or goal.*
2. Listen, research and consult current/new stakeholders in order to map possibilities, determine where to focus energy and to progress opportunities
3. Encourage and support existing parishes in how they are listening and responding to communities
4. Identify gifts and skills needed for pioneering work, define learning needs and work with the Discipleship/Ministry Committee to provide relevant learning opportunities
5. Allocate budget resources available for mission wisely around focussed projects and initiatives that support the Mission Committee purpose
6. Develop an annual plan in consultation with the Bishop and senior staff for Diocesan Council approval that will become part of the overall Diocesan plan. Report to Council on the implementation of the plan and recommend changes as necessary.

Activity from March 2024 – September 2025

The committee consisted of Dr Caroline Oliver, Professor Stuart Young, Lynda Turner Heaton, Keith Gover (Diocesan Council) and myself (Dot Muir).

We had many meetings on zoom getting to know one another to pray and review the Mission fund application process and forms. I feel now this form describes well what is needed to be successful for any application.

Funding Applications

During this time the church in Cromwell (St Andrew, Upper Clutha Parish) have created a labyrinth and a community garden with funding received in 2023. Funding was also provided towards a pastoral care worker (Upper Clutha Parish), also in the central Otago area. We also contributed towards some painting at the Bishop's residence as a practical way of supporting the ministry of our bishop by ensuring provision of a well-maintained residence (this will be noted in 2025 accounts).



Labyrinth, St Andrew's Cromwell

Funding for these new initiatives was found from the (historic) sale of buildings in our diocese of Dunedin, but currently there is no identified income stream from future sales. Applications for the Missions committee funding is advertised in the Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling newsletter up to twice a year, typically April and November.

I have enjoyed being on this committee as we developed this positive team who have enormous skills to offer you, thank you to them and to Andrew Metcalfe and Nicola Wong at Peter Mann House for their guidance.

This committee continues in the capable hands of The Ven. Barb Walker, Professor Stuart Young, Dr Carolyn Oliver and Keith Gover.

Dot Muir

(Past) Chair, Mission Committee

Social Justice Committee Report

Synod 2025

Purpose

To support the prophetic role of the Church around social justice and service in and with the community and enable the effective contribution of existing and new Church-initiated services and activities for social transformation. To strengthen collaboration between Church-initiated services around their future sustainability, impact and links with other parish and Diocesan work.

Key Tasks (under review in 2025):

1. Provide an ongoing vehicle for conversation, shared information, vision and action between church social service organisations (Leslie Groves Home and Hospital, St Barnabas, NOAH, Parata, Anglican Family Care, South Centre). Encourage these organisations in the performance of first-rate social services consistent with the mission aims of the diocese.
2. Create forums and connections between parish level action and these agencies.
3. Identify opportunities for collaboration/new ways of organising/responding to community needs, including small scale actions with a social justice/transformation focus.
4. Coordinate or encourage others to coordinate local responses to wider calls for action.
5. Strengthen and develop social justice initiatives within the Diocese, including being a conduit for information and resources from Provincial Anglican and other sources using existing communication channels (South Calling Newsletter, Website).
6. Build new connections to foster and support new ministries around identified needs.
7. Nominate representations to the NZ Council of Christian Social Services, Anglican Care Network.
8. Utilize the investment income from endowments in accordance with any applicable trusts and invite applications for grants that respond to the committee's purposes and endowment parameters.
9. Encourage and support social justice and transformation at a local level, including regular faith community reviews/development.
10. Prepare an annual plan for Diocesan Council approval, that will become part of the overall Diocesan plan. The Committee's plan will have strategies that can be aligned to the vision and mission of the Anglican Church and relevant programmes/initiatives. Report to Council on the implementation of the plan and recommend changes as necessary.

Committee Membership

The Bishop (ex officio), Rev'd Canon Rose Scott (Chair), The Ven Jan Clark, Carolyn Tregea, Lisa Burton, Simon Courtney, Nikki Gordon-Smith (Diocesan Council Representative), Rev'd Canon Dr. Michael Wallace (Diocesan Council Representative).

We record with appreciation the contribution of Dot Muir who stepped down during the year. We miss her vitality, humour and insights she offered. In March we welcomed Michael

Wallace back to the committee and in August we welcomed Simon Courtney onto the committee.

Key Areas of Focus in 2024–2025

Collaboration and Chaplaincy Support

SJC has strengthened informal links with Anglican rest homes. The monthly Aged Care Ministry Support Zoom sessions offer professional and spiritual encouragement for chaplains and staff. Guest speakers like Rev'd Vivienne Galletly and Ven. Sue McCafferty provided valuable input. The Homes continue to offer vital ministry in a financially constrained sector.

Sustainability and Community Engagement

Building on the well-received Sustainability Workshop in 2023, the Committee continues to plan for future workshops. These may include topics such as container gardening and resource stewardship, with input from Lisa Burton and potential collaboration with James Beck. These efforts reflect a growing concern for climate justice and parish-level sustainability.

Advocacy and Justice

SJC has pursued advocacy through direct engagement and public witness:

- Supported a public protest in October 2024 highlighting social policy changes and their impact on vulnerable groups.
- Discussed strategies for engaging MPs and other leaders to communicate the Church's role in meeting community needs.
- Raised ongoing concern about pay equity and contract changes in social services, notably affecting Anglican Family Care (AFC), which saw a significant staff turnover due to government funding changes.

Grant Oversight and Financial Stewardship

1. Disadvantaged Youth Fund

- Two \$5,000 grants were given to AFC for its Home-Based Family Support Programme.
- In August the committee approved the balance of the funds held be distributed to Anglican Family Care to help offset the funding shortfall left by the funding cuts made by Oranga Tamariki.
- The fund is limited and not self-sustaining. Options for replenishing it (including using Price Funds and revenue from property sales) are under active consideration.

2. Aged Care Social Service Fund

Grants made this year include:

- \$9,000 to Upper Clutha Aged Care Pastoral Worker
- \$15,000 to Leslie Groves for solar panels
- \$6,208 to Dunedin North Parish for a door release system
- \$7,230 to Friday Light Ministry
- \$13,318 to the Home of St Barnabas for chapel refurbishment
- \$15,000 to Leslie Groves for a True Sense Radar system

- Application was also made for funding towards an interest free loan towards the project of building cottages for seniors on Rakiura – this is on going (see <https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/article/Njc4EZh>)

3. Childcare Funds

Quarterly disbursements continue to AFC and South Centre, split 70//30 based on population.

Strategic Recommendation

A motion was carried recommending that a percentage of all property sale funds be allocated to social justice and youth-focused ministry, especially aligned with Marks of Mission 3–5 (this will potentially be under discussion this Synod).

Governance and Planning

The committee reviewed its Terms of Reference and began updating its annual planning framework. A key recommendation is that each part of the plan should explicitly connect to the Marks of Mission and the committee’s responsibilities—especially around grant-giving and community partnership.

Looking Forward

- A review of the Diocese’s 1983 Standing Resolution on Abortion is underway, with updated legislation under consideration. Additional motions may be prepared for Synod in 2026 following this review.
- Planning continues for how to sharpen the Church’s advocacy and community outreach in changing social and political environments.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to all members for their committed service and to our Anglican partners in social care, chaplaincy, and youth work. We especially acknowledge the ongoing administrative support of Diocesan staff and the wisdom shared by outgoing members.

We also acknowledge that there were a couple of months where no meeting was held due to a quorum not being available. This was due in most part to either illness or member’s availability. The committee is looking into changing the day and time of its meetings to accommodate all members as best as possible.

The Rev’d Canon Rose Scott

Chair

Social Justice Committee

Stewardship Committee Report

Synod 2025

The role of the Stewardship Committee is to provide the monetary capacity for all the other work and ensure financial resources flow to where they are most needed to support the strategic direction of the Diocese, and to ensure good stewardship and sound management of the finances, property vested in the Diocese, as well as people directly employed in the Diocesan Office.

To achieve all this we need to;

- Prepare and recommend the annual budget and operational plan to Council in consultation with the Bishop and senior staff.
- Ensure the Diocese has financial systems that meet external reporting accountabilities and meet auditing standards in a timely manner.
- Oversee preparation of the financial and non-financial reports, and interpret financial trends, issues, risks and opportunities to support Council, Discipleship, Mission and Social Transformation committees in their decisions.
- Think strategically about property matters and feedback on them to the Diocesan Council.
- Ensure good employer practices are in place for those employed by the Diocese, including clarity about Trust Board/Diocesan Council expectations and processes for staff support and annual development reviews.
- Ensure the organisation operates within its legal, constitutional and statutory obligations and provide guidance to Diocesan Council on these matters.
- Keep a watching brief, and review as necessary, the Trusts and resources of the Diocese and how they are employed.
- Liberate and source resources for ministry. Receive and recommend applications to utilise Trust Board investments. (The Trust Board approves and recommends to Diocesan Council on property and investment income and should approve grants from endowments. Existing legislation has the Trust Board acting as the trustee for the Social Services Board.)
- Encourage sound stewardship and good employer practices in parishes.

I include this list of responsibilities in my report as it is quite daunting, and this committee has been active in prioritising and working through these things in order of urgency and importance.

We are very grateful to Fiona Gray, our Diocesan Accountant, and to Dominique Aitcheson, her extremely hard working senior administrator, for the work above and beyond that they have both put in this year to keep the finances of the Diocese running.

Stewardship Committee has a firm belief that the financial assets and resources of the church are there to support the ministry and mission of the church, and that financial management must therefore necessarily be informed by the needs of that mission and ministry.

We continue to work with Fiona and Diocesan staff to find ways to simplify the process of financial reporting from the parish level up, in order that parish vestries and treasurers and our Diocesan office will be properly resourced, and the duplication of effort minimised. To this end, the Committee has again recommended a budget for 2025 that is slightly in deficit. There are a couple of reasons for this.

Firstly, the Diocese has significant retained surpluses from previous years, and has continued to break even financially, due to the fact that the budgets presented to Synod each year are conservative, with careful financial management ensuring that we have continued to live within our means.

Secondly, we are pleased to report that Diocesan Council has accepted our recent recommendation that the accounting software currently used by the Diocese, which has been past its use by date for some years now, be replaced with a new package that will be hosted in the cloud, and that will ultimately allow parish treasurers to maintain church accounts in the same system. This should, once implemented, improve the efficiency of our financial processes, and reduce the demands placed on our office staff. The process of securing and implementing a new accounting system does require a significant investment also of time and effort on the part of Fiona and the office staff and we are looking to be able to support the team as this project is implemented in the coming months.

Another urgent need is for there to be a resource to better manage our property assets, recognising that many parishes no longer have the resources in terms of people able to adequately manage the ongoing maintenance and care of our churches and buildings. This is a discussion that we need to have sooner rather than later. Thinking strategically about our property resources is therefore front of mind for this committee this year, and we pray that as we gather information and prayerfully consider both the needs of worshipping communities around the diocese, and the best use of the property assets we currently hold, we can as a diocese make decisions that will release ministry in every part of the diocese.

Matthew 13: 31,32 "Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is less than all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof. "

The work of this committee continues to be guided by our primary mission so clearly put to us in this scripture. Our stewardship of the financial resources of the Diocese is to enable mission. We also seek to honour those before us, whose legacy of generosity continues to make our mission possible.

To operate the diocese depends on the monthly contributions of the Parishes and Ministry Units, who we thank for their ongoing commitment to our common ministry in Otago and Southland.

A conversation we do need to have as a diocese sooner rather than later is around what steps we might take to properly fund the Bishopric for the future, so that the demand on individual parishes and ministry units may be reduced, and in conjunction with this we would like to take another look at the way in which Parish Contributions are calculated, as the current method uses a formula which does seem to punish some parishes who are growing their income.

The Stewardship Committee, who I thank for their service, ideas and dedication are Bishop Anne van Gend, The Very Rev'd. Dr. Tony Curtis, Rev'd. John Graveston, Ven. Liz Cheyne, and the Ven. Jan Clark. Each of these members has given much time, and valuable insight and wisdom to this committee!

Steve Mitchell

Chair, Stewardship Committee

Diocesan Pension Committee Report

Synod 2025

This Committee is established under Statute 15 and the membership for 2024 was: The Bishop, Ven. Damon Plimmer, Rev'd Vivienne Galletly, Mrs Sarah Kyte, Ms Nikita Wilson and Mrs Nicola Wong. The Committee meets at least once a year and carries out business electronically in between meetings.

The Committee has been pleased throughout the year to be able to assist eligible Clergy and families, and we are in a fortunate position in this Diocese to have funds set aside for this purpose. It encourages approaches being made to the Committee, via the Bishop's EA, as to whether any particular set of circumstances fit the criteria. More information as to support available is on the CalledSouth website at <https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/article/BM1diEw> Over the year \$8,355.71 was distributed by way of grants approved by the Committee. The Committee also agreed to make a distribution of \$25,000 from its Benevolent Growth Funds for the purposes of ministry of the Bishop.

The Ven Sue McCafferty has continued as the Bishop's Chaplain to Retired Clergy. As Chaplain, Ven McCafferty keeps in touch with retired Clergy, and Clergy Widowers and Widows. We also offer our thanks to Ms Fiona Gray and Mrs Dominique Aitcheson for preparing the quarterly financial statements for the Committee.

Nicola Wong

For the Diocesan Pension Committee

Diocesan Archives Committee Synod 2025

I am pleased to present the 2024 report of the Diocesan Archives Committee, comprising Alan Edwards (Convenor), Mark Hughes, Louise Booth and Stuart Strachan.

Additional Dunedin Diocese records deposited with official repositories between January and December 2024 were:

1. Hocken Collections <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/> (Otago records – excluding North Otago):

Archives arranged, described and added to the Hākena online catalogue

- Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish: Further records (newsletters)
- St Mary's Anglican Church, Mornington: Further records
- St Paul's Cathedral (Dunedin): Further records

2. Waitaki District Archive <https://culturewaitaki.org.nz/waitaki-district-archive/> (North Otago records):

No significant records received during this period

3. Invercargill City Libraries and Archives <http://ilibrary.co.nz/> (Southland records):

- All Saint's Gladstone: Photographs (1934-2014)
- All Saints Association of Anglican Women: Documents c.1979-2011, Minutes, 2015-23, Handwritten history, List of members, 2013-18
- St Alban's Anglican Church Balfour: Photographs, etc; Secretary's file (1967-2001)
- Waimea Plains Parish:
- All Saints Church Lumsden: Attendance Register, 1994- 2024; Vestry Books 1910 - 1994; Minute Book 1898-1928; Marriage Registers: 1893-1975; architects' plans (the church was consecrated in 1966); Accounts and Receipts (1960?-72)
- All Saints Lumsden & Church of the Good Shepherd Mossburn, Marriage Register, 1975-78
- St Mark's Riversdale including St Mary's Waikaia: Marriage Register: 1984-2012
- St Bartholomew's Athol: Marriage Registers: 1929-2012
- Transcript: Marriages 1893-1975 (Lumsden, Riversdale, Balfour, Waikaia, Athol)
- Baptism Register, Athol, 1928-2016
- Waimea Plains Baptism Register 1984-1995
- St Mark's Riversdale and All Saints Tapanui: Burials 1950-2011
- Waimea Plains Parish magazines from ca1968 to ca1990
- Waimea Plains: accounts and receipts book 1973-1985

(Note: some records may be embargoed or restricted to users who have obtained prior specific permission from the Bishop or Diocesan Registrar.)

Mr Alan Edwards, Convenor

Diocesan Educators and Peter Mann House Reports

Diocesan Ministry Educator Report (DME) Synod 2025

Ongoing education and PD for clergy and lay leaders

In 2024 we continued our pattern of offering:

- Ministry school
- Diocesan retreat
- Clergy quiet day
- BCP retreat
- Lay Training Day and online training opportunities

In addition, anyone was invited to be part of:

- Boundaries training (2 run by me, 2 by guests)
- Circle Processes training

and, on request, I ran:

- workshops in two parishes for the liturgists;
- an LSM workshop at St Luke's Taieri, and
- two retreat days for St Luke's.

The Educator also co-ordinates funding for theological study and Long Service Leave, and 2024 saw a significant increase in demand for both.

Discernment and post-ordination training

During 2024, four people progressed through the initial stages of our discernment track, and I met occasionally with three others as they began to explore whether they, too, wanted to enter the process. We held three pre-ordination training weekends, and three post-ordination training days. We also celebrated the ordination of Joel Stutter.

Bishop's Companions Programme

Once again, we had a pleasing uptake for this programme, which included a "communal prayer" day, a retreat day, and a Christmas gathering, as well as the journey itself on which pilgrims deepen their prayer, reading of Scripture, and living out of the life of Christ, each with their own Companion. The 18 people involved in the programme this year take our total number of pilgrims and companions to over 100 since we began.

For those who have completed the BCP we offer ongoing online study groups: “Diving Deeper”. In 2024 we covered Romans, Praying the Psalms, and the “I Am” statements in John.

Parish/Diocesan futures

I was asked to join the highly dedicated discernment group organised by Taieri parish as they worked out their future. This group met monthly through the year. I and Bishop Steve ran a Parish Review at St Matthew’s, and followed that up with ongoing discussions with the Community of St Mark’s and with the parish itself. I also worked with the parishes of Invercargill in a long discussion, deliberation and planning process, and co-ordinated a Parish Review of Oamaru while not taking part in it myself. Archbishop Justin and the “Simpatico” gathering (see below) wanted to explore the possibilities here for a new pathway to be established for university students coming from other dioceses, to keep them connected to the Anglican Church. I hosted a meeting with him and various interested people from around Tikanga Pakeha, and conversations continue.

Scattered People of the Good Shepherd

These monthly services include Te Anau, St Luke’s Otatara, Alexandra, St Luke’s Taieri, Palmerston, Port Chalmers, a branch of St John’s Invercargill, and several regular individuals. “South Singing” which was an offshoot of these virtual-and-in-person gatherings had two joyful mornings in 2024, and we are still hoping for a full weekend away in September 2025.

Rural Chaplaincy

This will have its own report but noting here that in my DME capacity I met five times through the year with the burgeoning group of Rural Chaplains in Central, facilitating their training. I was also on the Rural Chaplaincy Board.

Other diocesan committees, groups, activities

- Gospel conversations every week of the year
- Ministry committee
- St Hilda’s Special Character Committee
- Archdeacon meetings
- DC (minutes)
- “WIMET” (Women in ministry eating together)
- Diocesan Advent Calendar
- Church Mice (final year)
- Local Churches AGM
- International Rural Church’s Association

Services across the Diocese

Whakatipu (multiple); Palmerston (3); St Mary’s North Oamaru (1 + vestry); Te Anau (2); Warrington (2); Winton; St Michael’s and All Angels; St Matthew’s (2); St Peter’s Caversham; Waikaia (midwinter and Christmas); Middlemarch (Christmas); St Hilda’s (2); 3 funerals and 2 wedding blessings; Scattered People of the Good Shepherd (12).

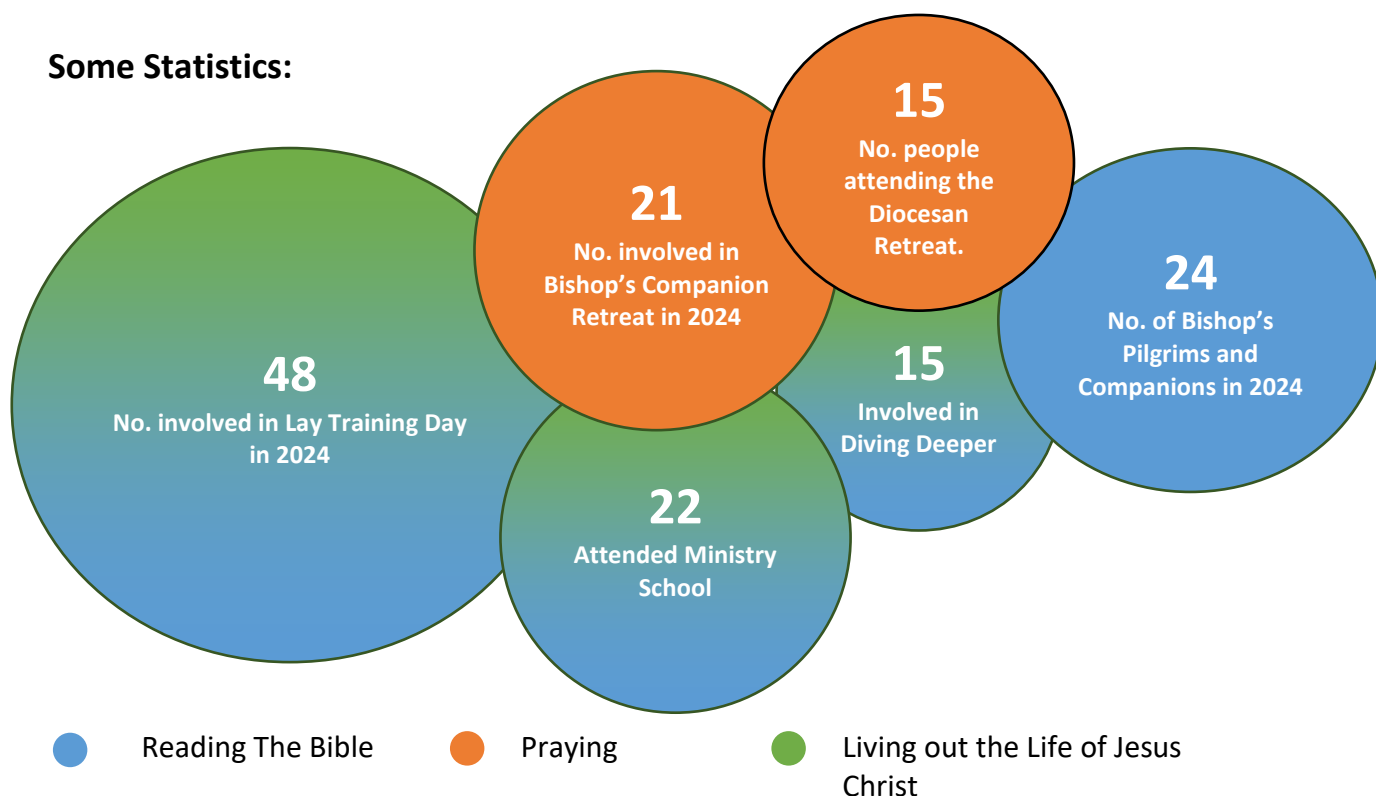
Beyond the Diocese

- TPMC – member and on Exec.
- Amen - TP Diocesan Educators' annual meeting.
- General Synod and thus TPC, which met an unusual number of times in order to elect a TP Archbishop.
- Simpatico – children, youth and families gathering for TP to vision working across our dioceses.
- I was invited to be part of Te Korowai's discussions re our response to the Royal Commission.
- Auckland Diocesan School for Girls asked that I return there to run a Special Character Review.
- There were two book launches for my book: one in Dunedin, another hosted by Christians in Science in Auckland.
- I wrote, at the request of Wellington Diocese, a Lenten Study for 2025.
- Michael Godfrey and I led the Clergy Retreat for the Diocese of Grafton, NSW, in June.

The Ven Dr Anne van Gend

Diocesan Community Ministry Enabler

Some Statistics:



Diocesan Child Youth and Family Ministry Educator Report Synod 2025

It is my pleasure to present the Child, Youth, and Family Educator report to this Synod. This past year has offered a rich variety of ministry opportunities and collaborative efforts across our Diocese. From children's and youth ministry to safeguarding, leadership development, and parish support, it has been a privilege to walk alongside our leaders, volunteers, and communities in nurturing faith across generations.

A major highlight this year was the [Children's Ministry Hui in March](#). This gathering brought together leaders from across the Diocese to share, learn, and be encouraged in their work with tamariki. It was well planned through several preparatory meetings, and feedback from participants was very positive. Around the same time, we also prepared and distributed 400 Easter children's packs. These contained everything needed for parishes to engage with children during



the Easter season and were well received. Again at Christmas another 450 packs were provided. Visits to the children's ministry across the Diocese revealed vibrant ministries sustained by passionate volunteers. We have around 19 separate Children and Youth ministries occurring across the Diocese. It was also a privilege to co-lead a children's ministry workshop at the Anglo-Catholic Hui, alongside Julianne Clarke-Morris and Rachel Slade. We challenged participants to consider holding special feast day events even if they couldn't offer weekly children's programmes. Broader conversations through the Anglican Youth network and the STRANDZ network continue to shape and support our work.

Youth and young adult engagement has remained a focus. A number of consultations were held during the Bishop discernment process, with sessions specifically tailored for young adults and teenagers. The teenage consultation included games, lollies, ice cream, and creative stations where participants shared their views on what kind of Bishop we needed. I also followed up with young people who had attended the Tikanga Toru Youth Exchange and supported ongoing connections through the Youth Commission. Visits to youth groups such as Dim Lights (Cathedral) and work with the university Student Christian Movement group have helped maintain relational connection.

Safeguarding work continues in the Diocese with Ministry Unit Safeguarding Audits being completed and action items followed up. Work toward more accessible training is in its final stages. There have been changes to the working out of Title D at a provincial level, and we expect more changes to come to safeguarding from the provincial church during 2025 and 2026. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility so please do hold this work in your prayers. Lay Ministry Training events were held during the year, one in February and series of zoom workshops during the winter months. Feedback from all of these events was positive,

though we may revise the format to allow more time in future. Beyond these events, I was pleased to present on 'Holy Listening' for both the Bishop's Companion Programme and the Central Archdeaconry. I have attended and presented at other Archdeaconry meetings and events. A gathering brought together leaders from multiple dioceses to consider chaplaincy and ministry to university students, a conversation we hope to return to now that our new Bishop is in place.

Throughout the year, I have preached and presided in several parishes including across the Diocese. These opportunities to lead worship and engage directly with local congregations are always meaningful. Our Diocesan Christingle service is always fun and well attended and gets positive feedback. These services are often paired with children's sermons and a focus on intergenerational worship. I also had the privilege of celebrating baptisms and offering preparation to families and young adults alike.

It was an honour to represent the Diocese at the ordination of Rev. Susan Wallace in Christchurch, an event rich in tikanga Māori tradition and hospitality. I've continued to work closely with clergy and lay leaders across the Diocese and taken part in Synod, Diocesan Council, and various committee meetings. These connections ensure that children, youth, and family ministry is consistently represented in our diocesan life.

My heartfelt thanks go to all who serve so faithfully across our Diocese, in parishes, St. Hilda's, Selwyn College, homes, and communities. Together, we continue to nurture faith in tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau. Please continue to pray for and support those who offer leadership in this essential ministry.

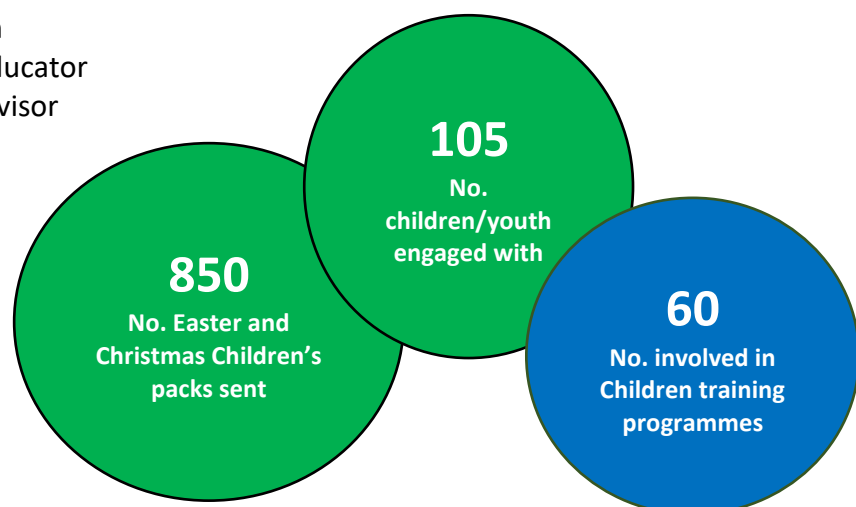
I leave you with a powerful reminder from the Church of England's "From Anecdote to Evidence" research report, a significant study on church growth in recent years:

"Growth is found where there is a high ratio of children to adults. Churches which offer programmes for children and teenagers are more likely to grow."

This isn't just anecdotal, it's evidence-based. If we want to see the Church thrive into the future, we must be intentionally investing in ministry with tamariki and rangatahi today.

The Rev'd John Graveston
Child, Youth and Family Educator
Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor

Some Statistics:



Diocesan Accountant's Report

Synod 2025

2024 was a challenging year as we said goodbye to Bishop Steve in May but welcomed the election of Bishop Anne in November. It was business as usual for the Diocesan Office team, and we were grateful for the leadership of the Vicar General, The Ven Jan Clark who supported us during the interim period until Bishop Anne's installation in March 2025.

There is a unique and supportive team at the Diocesan Office who manage to cope with most things thrown our way although not always within the timing expectations by those who have made a request. A key reflection this year relates to common misunderstandings about the Diocesan Office. The Diocesan Office is not the "Diocese." The Diocese is all of us: the faith communities, the parishioners, and other Anglican entities. The Diocesan Office operates and is funded by the Diocese to support the Bishop and his/her administration requirements. The Diocesan Office assists faith communities by offering services for accounting, payroll, property and to deal with the compliance associated with being a charitable organisation. With a team of only four (the Bishop's EA, the Registrar, the Senior Accounts Clerk, and myself) we manage a wide array of tasks well beyond our core roles.

This reflection has shaped how I have prepared the 2024 unaudited financial statements. I have sought to distinguish between the operational costs of the Diocesan Office and the broader, often less controllable, costs of running the Diocese.

The Diocese's total income for 2024 was \$2,348,000. Of this, \$1,722,000 was direct cost recovery from Diocesan entities - for payroll, photocopying contracts, insurance etc. – and is matched by \$1,724,000 in expenses.

The remaining \$626,000 was allocated as follows:

- \$162,000 for direct Diocesan costs (levies to the Tikanga Pakeha Conference and General Synod, Diocesan Council, Archdeacons, and legal fees).
- \$95,000 for Diocesan-held property costs
- \$394,000 for Diocesan Office staffing and overheads.
- The net operating result for 2025 is a deficit of \$25,000 which was offset by two key items:
\$588,000 received for the purchase of 66 Highcliff Road and a book entry for depreciation of \$16,000.

When you review and compare expenses in this way with previous years, the costs associated with the Diocesan Office remain fairly consistent and increases between 2024 and 2025 can be clearly identified as the additional costs of being responsible for the property at 66 Highcliff Road and increases in wages and salaries.

What also becomes clearer are the uncontrollable costs associated with running the "Diocese" which include legal fees, the costs of property commissions, etc. In the case of 2025, there were high legal and one-off redress fees.

Costs associated with the Bishop and Educators are now reflected in the notes to the accounts. Rather than looking at the Bishopric as needing an annual bailout from the Diocese, I have turned this on its head and any direct income earned on Bishop controlled funds and grants less direct costs associated with the Bishop have resulted in a net contribution to help allay the costs of operating the Diocesan Office. In 2025 this net contribution is \$75,000. This seems a much more appropriate way to reflect that it is not just the Bishop's EA that is associated with supporting the Bishop.

I hope this makes some sense and is clear in the ways in which it has been laid out.

The 2025 draft budget follows this same approach. Contributions received from Diocesan entities have been left at the same levels as the last two years. We are still investigating how these levies can be calculated fairly and without penalty to those proactive parishes who are increasing income. We are fortunate to have funds made available in 2025 and 2026 by the Pension Committee who have agreed to pay the Diocese \$25,000 each year. This brings us back to a more balanced budget.

We received educational grants from St Johns College of \$348,241. These grants fund two full time educators and support an educational component for the Bishop. Unused funds from the 2024 Ministry Enabler grant are available to support a Rural Chaplaincy Coordinator.

Each year brings familiar challenges: managing property and insurance, how to continue to support Diocesan entities yet reduce contributions and how to unlock funds responsibly to support Diocesan operations. While it would seem obvious sometimes to just sell property and bank the cash, these types of decisions in isolation result in "one off" cash gains and then a feeding frenzy as everyone wants a piece of the pie. Proceeds of sale fall under Statute 3 and there is a process associated for each faith community to undertake when considering disposing of property.

It is important to note that although Diocesan entities manage and maintain their property, legal ownership rests with the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board (DDTB). The DDTB acts as a "bare trustee" and is responsible for ensuring all property transactions are legal, compliant, and appropriately authorised. While sometimes viewed as a barrier, its role is protective and essential for good governance.

There is also a misconception the DDTB's invested funds are freely accessible to the Diocese: these funds are held on behalf of depositors and invested to generate returns for them. In 2024, depositors in the Income Fund received distributions of 5.5% then 5%, while Growth Fund units were valued at \$6.72, the highest rate recorded for the Growth Fund to date.

My year in general is taken up with compliance for the Diocese. The structure of the Diocese to enable it to be registered as a charity means that there are forty-two financial results from Diocesan entities that need to be obtained and formed into a consolidated group of accounts for "the Diocese of Dunedin." While this exercise mainly serves the Charities Office and takes up an enormous amount of my time, having charitable status enables tax

exemptions and GST claims for most of the entities. My thanks go to all those who get me their reports on time.

I am not expecting any surprises from our auditors this year and have not been aware of any external audit issues, however the perennial qualification to reports is always around having robust cash handling processes, regular banking, and double signing of banking schedules. I would appreciate this being kept in mind especially when there are changes of personnel.

I am always appreciative of the assistance and support of the many people out in the Diocese and within the Diocesan Office for me. Perhaps we should rename the office as “the Anglican Office and Resource Centre” from now on and leave the Diocese to be you.

Ms. Fiona Gray

Diocesan Accountant

Diocesan Registrar Kaiwhakahaere and Communications Report Synod 2025

Diocesan Registrar Kaiwhakahaere Activity

Work continued throughout 2024 on supporting the life of the Diocese across a wide range of areas. A major focus this year was on transitions – including preparations for a new Bishop, ongoing oversight of South Centre, and progress on property and health and safety improvements.

The Diocesan Handbook project moved forward significantly, with revised drafts of Section E (Care of the Ordained) and Section G (Parish Matters) tabled with Diocesan Council. However, Section F (Ministry Matters) remains outstanding; this remains a priority for finalisation in 2025.

The Vision for the Future consultation concluded during the year, though this was overtaken by the discernment process for the new Bishop, and will be re-started in due course. The new bishop discernment process included significant support from the office team, particularly Nicola Wong and Fiona Gray, in the lead-up to the Electoral College in November. Feedback was gathered from across the Diocese and collated into a Diocesan Profile for potential candidates, and the Ven. Anne van Gend was presented to our Three Tikanga partners as our Bishop Elect, which was confirmed for her ordination in March 2025.

Communication and connection were maintained through ongoing updates to the Diocesan website, regular editions of *Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka – The South Calling*, and a notable increase in engagement with video and online resources. Our Diocesan YouTube channel views and newsletter readership both increased again this year (see following full report).

We continued to maintain contact with national and international networks, including monthly Zooms with Diocesan Managers, participation in the Diocesan Managers' Conference (NZ-Australia), and zoom plus a personal visit to our companion Diocese of Edinburgh during overseas travel.

I also continue to provide support to the National Archives and History Committee / Te Puna o Neherā as a Tikanga Pākehā appointed representative.

South Centre

The Diocesan Office has continued to provide oversight and support to South Centre in Invercargill. While a new team of staff has been established, several governance and structural issues remain. There is still uncertainty over long-term government funding via Oranga Tamariki, and alternative funding sources are being pursued by Manager MaryAnn Kuiti. She continues to work on her own professional development and has shown commitment to building capacity in the Centre.

Ongoing governance arrangements are being considered, including the identification of new board members and further advice on performance management. Diocesan Council input has been important in helping guide this process.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety work has matured last year with the successful rollout of the second Loss Prevention Audit, based on materials from the Anglican Insurance Board. The 2024 response rate was lower than hoped, highlighting the importance of offering paper-based surveys alongside digital formats.

Key audit findings included ongoing risks such as cash handling, smoke-free signage, electrical safety, fire protection awareness, and contingency planning (especially the loss of key personnel). These are being addressed through updated templates, clearer communication, and resource sharing. See: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/health-safety/>

A [Church Maintenance Seminar](#) was held in April, with strong interest from across the Diocese and helpful input from external consultants. Additional online resources were made available for those unable to attend.

Some faith communities are now scheduling First Aid training and updating Health and Safety manuals, though this is an area needing continued support.

The Diocesan Risk Register (regularly reported on to Diocesan Council) has also been reviewed and updated, and ongoing property and IT risks (such as server end-of-life issues) are being addressed.

Property

The year saw a significant amount of work in relation to Diocesan and Parish properties, including:

- Ongoing issues and compliance management at Peter Mann House. This related to the lack of final consent sign off when the building was opened in 2007 and has finally been resolved.
- Launch of a new vicarage build and Cottage refurbishment at Caversham, which got underway in late 2024.
- Celebrating significant occasions associated with buildings e.g. Holy Trinity Port Chalmers and St Andrew's Cromwell 150th anniversaries, a book launch at St Barnabas Warrington (following previous 150th celebrations), installation of the Arnold Spencer-Smith Memorial Window at Sall Saints Dunedin North (March 2024) and a new bell tower at St Michael and All Angels, Peninsula Parish (April 2024). Finally, on 21 December 2024, a new Nativity Window as unveiled at blessed at St Paul's Cathedral.
- Maintenance and lease reviews (e.g., Kurow stables, Rural Transport, Dunedin North leases with Selwyn College).
- Completion of several sales, including the Arrowtown property next to St Paul's and the secularisation and putting onto the market of All Saints Lumsden (September 2024).
- Seismic report requirements raised by Dunedin City Council, with engagement across several parishes.

Property Commissions were active or initiated in places like Lumsden, Balcutha, and Maniototo to help guide long-term discernment.

A notable shift has been the growing call for a dedicated property staff position, to assist with the complex legal, financial, and compliance responsibilities now facing the Diocese. Progress on this will be reported in next year's report.

Peter Mann House

The Diocesan Office continued to operate well, including during the transition in episcopal leadership. Bishop Steve's sabbatical and eventual return to the UK marked a significant departure, with the Office helping to coordinate a variety of farewells and communications around this.

The office team – Nicola Wong, Fiona Gray, Dominique Aitcheson, and Andrew Metcalfe – have continued to off professional, stable support. Together, we bring over 51 years of service and institutional memory to our work. We also welcomed Mr Eddie O'Connor in February-March 2024 on a short-term contract to assist in re-organising our library area at Pater Mann House.



Fortnightly staff meetings and Wednesday Eucharists have continued as time allows, helping maintain rhythm and relationship in the office.

Other Activities and Reflections

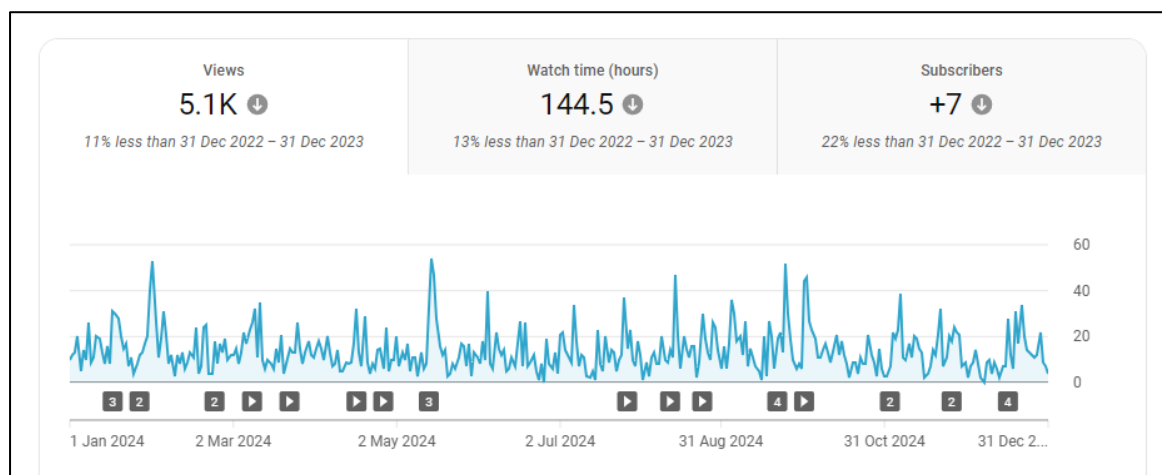
Throughout the year, the Registrar has represented the Diocese at various provincial and ecumenical events, including General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui and work with the Three

Tikanga networks. Peer support and collaboration with colleagues from other dioceses and companion partnerships (especially Edinburgh) have also continued to bring valuable insights.

A highlight of the year was attending the Diocesan Managers' Conference in Christchurch. The focus on disaster response, legal governance tools, and safeguarding reinforced the importance of planning and risk assessment at all levels. Resources from this event have been shared with governance teams.

Communications Report: Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling Newsletter and YouTube Statistics for 2024

CalledSouth Video Chanel (YouTube): 5119 views in 2024



Our YouTube site has 76 subscribers. 29 videos were published during 2024. These had a combined total of 1640 views (56 views average per video) with an overall viewing of 5,119 over all videos for the year.

Top 10 videos viewed in 2024:

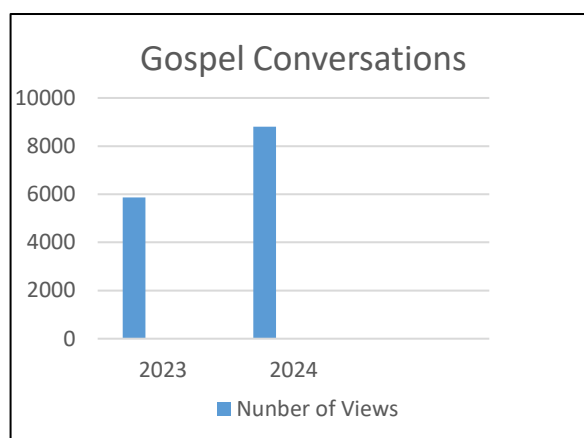
1. [Our life has its seasons](#): 29 Aug 2021 (473 views) - **This video has had 1,484 views since it was published**
2. [Christ be our light!](#): 29 Aug 2021 (406 views) - **This video has had 1,483 views since it was published**
3. [Selwyn College, Dunedin](#): 28 Jul 2019 (288 views) - **This video has had 2,232 views since it was published**
4. [Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev'd Joel Stutter](#): 1 Feb 2024 (201 views)
5. [Informal Farewells to Bishop Steve, Lorraine & Marley](#): 14 May 2024 (141 views)
6. [Bishop Ross Bay - The Future of the Church](#): 13 Aug 2024 (139 views)
7. [Rev'd Arnold Spencer - Smith Window Blessing](#): 10 Mar 2024 (103 views)
8. [Faith Communities 2024](#): 25 Aug 2023 (96 views) - **This video has had 200 views since it was published**
9. [Ordination of Rev'd Dr Katie Marcar to the Priesthood](#): 18 Dec 2023 (92 views) - **This video has had 312 views since it was published**

10. [A little bit of DIY](#): 16 May 2024 (91 views)

Comment: As in previous years, most hits were recorded around videos featuring new beginnings, special occasions and endings. Previously published music videos and one of Selwyn College (produced in 2019) continue to have high viewing, most likely because they have a higher exposure outside the immediate diocese.

Gospel Conversations

Viewing figures for Gospel Conversations are not included in our YouTube statistics as they are hosted on Anne van Gend's YouTube channel. From February to Christmas 2024, 51 videos were published with a total viewership of 8808 (5863 in 2023). The biggest "hit" was 317 views for the [December 1 Advent 1](#) edition. There was an average of 173 views taking place each video (113 in 2023). Gospel Conversations are now shared via a Nourishing Faith mailing list in addition to regular inclusion in newsletter editions (see below for some stats on this).



Ko Te Tonga kei te Karaka - The South Calling Newsletter Statistics for 2024

The Hail newsletter site provides limited access to statistics for the year, tending to focus on most recent articles and publications, although each article does have its own record of views. Views are 'unique' and are only counted once for each viewer in each session. So, if a viewer opens a publication and jumps back and forth from the article list into multiple articles it'll only count as one view for the publication and one view for each article that's read.



The newsletter also has its own dedicated website <https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin> which averaged 9 visits a week, 58 per month and 1657 over the year.

Over 2024, 32 issues were produced (plus one extra for clergy only), with most viewed Publications being:

1. 5 December 2024 (1083 views) ([The Ven Anne van Gend Bishop Elect](#))
2. Special Edition – 1 February 2024 (776 views) ([Bishop Steve's resignation](#))
3. 3 October 2024 (421 views) ([headlined Lumsden closure](#))

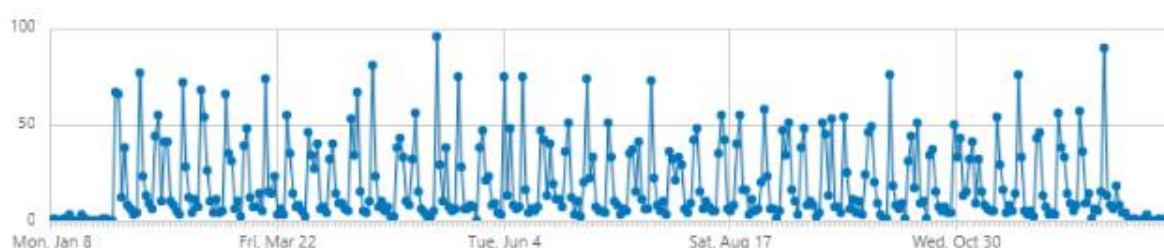
4. 19 December 2024 (282 views) ([final edition for 2024](#))

For the overall newsletter, readership in 2024 was **10,524** with an average of 329 per issue. In 2023 readership was 9150 in total, with an average of 261 views each edition. In 2022 each edition averaged 250 views with a total readership of 6998. There has been a definite uptake in readership over the past three years with current subscribers sitting at 544.

Nourishing Faith

Nourishing Faith (the main portal to Gospel Conversations) was the most viewed article as this is regularly updated each week (so has a cumulative total). Over the past year this was viewed 6881 times, with the following international access/viewership:

Views over time



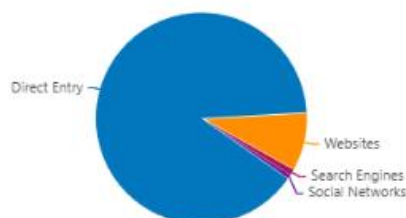
Views by country

6,881 visits



World-Wide

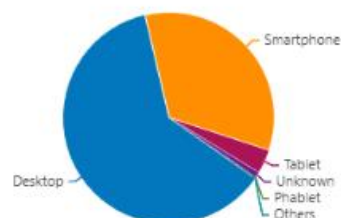
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COUNTRY	VISITS
New Zealand	6,011
Australia	468
United Kingdom	189
American Samoa	76
United States	39

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Devices



Facebook Insights





These are only available for the past 28 days at any time but give a snapshot of typical activity that takes place. These stats were accessed on 8 January 2024:

Top posts from the past 90 days:






	Welcome to Advent: with news of a new Bishop Elect, our pānui helps keep us in touch with all that is going on as we continue our journey towards Christmas... 5 Dec 2024	Post reach 2,041	Engagement 856
	This year individuals and faith communities from across the Diocese have come together to create an Advent Calendar to lead us up to Christmas 1 Dec 2024	Post reach 294	Engagement 43
	Wonderful to see such a broad group of people looking forward to Christmas... 18 Dec 2024	Post reach 287	Engagement 107
	A wonderful description of some of what the new nativity window in the Cathedral has entailed.... 22 Dec 2024	Post reach 260	Engagement 89
	Saying a final farewell to Mike Williams at Anglican Family Care today as he moves on to take on the CEO role at Aged Care Concern Otago. Thanks for your dedication and mahi Mike - we will miss you. 20 Dec 2024	Post reach 258	Engagement 31
	Tomorrow is Parihaka day...and you may want to remember this day in your faith community as part of an acknowledgment of our history in Aotearoa-New Zealand 4 Nov 2024	Post reach 235	Engagement 25

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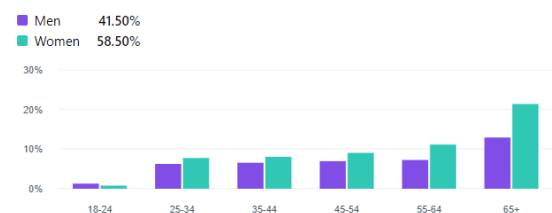
Discovery

	Post reach	707
	Post engagement	293
	New Page likes	6
	New Page followers	8

Interactions

	Reactions	78
	Comments	3
	Shares	1
	Photo views	111
	Link clicks	28

Age and gender



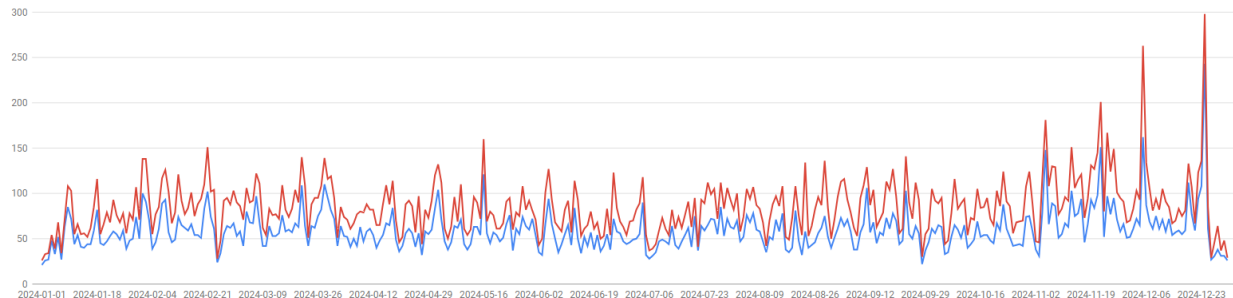
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Location		Location	
Towns/cities		Towns/cities	
Countries		Countries	
Dunedin, New Zealand	161	New Zealand	607
Auckland, New Zealand	108	Australia	32
Christchurch, New Zealand	53	United Kingdom	32
Wellington, New Zealand	37	United States	21
Invercargill, New Zealand	26	Fiji	8
Lower Hutt, New Zealand	17	Nigeria	8
Palmerston North, New Zealand	15	Philippines	7
Hamilton, New Zealand	12	Canada	5
Napier, New Zealand	10	Northern Mariana Islands	5
Tauranga, New Zealand	10	Zambia	4

CalledSouth Website 2024:

The biggest spike are in views towards the end of the year, following previous year patterns (possibly in relation to the Advent - Christmas Seasons).

Key: Blue line = visitors, Red line = page views.



Traffic by title (all time)

Rank	Title	Hits	Percent
1	Home	33885	31.97%
2	Te Reo Resources	8838	8.34%
3	CHURCHES	6221	5.87%
4	CONTACT	3444	3.25%
5	Gospel Conversations	3397	3.21%
6	DIOCESAN OFFICE	3175	2.100%
7	Worship	2991	2.83%
8	News, Events, Vacancies	2915	2.75%
9	DIRECTORY	2424	2.29%
10	ABOUT US	2153	2.4%

Comment: At times our home page may be the only one visited, hence the importance of having key information/links here. The Te Reo resources continue to be well utilised.

Mr Andrew Metcalfe

Registrar - Kaiwhakahaere, Diocese of Dunedin

Diocesan Boards and Organisations Reports

Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board Report Synod 2025

Membership:

At the end of 2024 the members of the Board comprised Mr S.J. Grant (Chairman), Mrs J.F. Burton, Rev'd R.W. Johnson, Ms S.J. Johnstone, Rev'd E.A. Kyte, Mr W.D. Paterson and Mr B. R. Tegg. There was one vacant seat on the Board which has yet to be filled.

Meetings:

The Board met monthly throughout 2024. Meetings were held by a combination of in person meetings at Peter Mann House, a meeting in person at Gore (May) and by zoom. The primary business of the Board includes the supervision and monitoring of the use of trusts both for the Diocese and Parishes where these are under the Board's control, operating the Income and Growth Funds including deciding the quarterly distribution rate for deposits in the Income Fund, and managing, supervising and approving property transactions.

The Board operates an Investment Sub-committee chaired by newly appointed member Malcolm Wong. This Sub-committee arranges and regularly monitors the investments of the Income and Growth Funds under the guidance of Craigs Investment Partners and meets monthly to consider the various investment activities and make recommendations to the Board.

The Diocesan Registrar customarily carries out negotiations on property acquisitions and disposals for the Board.

Overview:

The Board maintains an environmentally sensitive policy regarding share investments consistent with its Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives and does not hold any investments in companies linked to oil, coal and gas extraction or in companies involved in alcohol, tobacco or gambling.

Overall total funds and reserves under management through the Income and Growth Funds at 31.12.2024 were \$40,785,380. The Board acts as Trustee for the owners of these funds. The Trust Board's 'equity' in the form of the Administration Reserve amounted to \$470,433 at 31.12.2024.

Income Fund:

The Board's investments are affected by market conditions and will fluctuate in value from time to time. The Income Fund had a value of \$38,774,444 as at 31.12.2024 (excluding the Administration Reserve of \$470,433).

Interest rates were firm during the first half of 2024 but began to reduce from August as a consequence of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand having commenced a programme of easing of the Official Cash Rate (OCR). This affected the Board's interest investments and accordingly the distribution rate which had been held at 5.5 % for the March and June quarters was reduced to 5.0 % for the September quarter and to 4.75 % for the December

quarter. The Reserve Bank's programme of easing of the OCR has continued in 2025. The Trust Board's charges for administration of the Income Fund remained unchanged in 2024.

Growth Fund:

The value of each unit in the Growth Fund increased from \$5.39 as at 31.12 2023 to \$6.72 as at 31.12.2024. Volatility in returns can be expected from time to time for investors in growth securities. The value of the Fund as at 31.12.2024 was \$1,540,503.

Property:

During 2024 the Board oversaw the management of Diocesan properties dealing with a number of issues in relation to leases and disposals. The Board is conscious of the need for the Church to become involved in mission aligned investment. The Board is supportive of the use of property assets in this way and continues to be on the lookout for suitable opportunities in which it can be involved.

The Income Fund has a significant mortgage investment with the Earl St Charitable Trust (ESCT), owner of the commercial building complex at St Peter's Close, Queenstown. During the year the Trust Board received regular reports on ESCT's business from its appointees to the ESCT Board, Alistair Wright and Stephen Grant. The complex enjoyed near 100 per cent occupancy for most of 2024 but lost two of its tenants close to the year end. Increased rental income arising from reviews of rentals and the reduction of interest rates payable by ESCT on its mortgages will assist ESCT's performance while the vacancies remain. The ESCT Board is making every effort to re-tenant the vacant spaces in what is a challenging trading environment for tenants.

Insurance:

Under the Canons of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand authorised Trust Boards (of which the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board is one) have the responsibility for insuring all properties which they hold on trust for parishes and other Diocesan institutions. In 2024 the Trust Board took an active role in ensuring that these Diocesan properties were insured appropriately where the cost of the insurance was affordable. The Board will continue that oversight for the coming insurance year.

Administration and Thanks:

The Trust Board wishes to place on record its sincere gratitude to the Diocesan Office team and in particular Diocesan Registrar Andrew Metcalfe and Diocesan Accountant Fiona Gray for their work in 2024. The team provides a great service to the Diocese and especially to the Trust Board.

I would like to express my thanks to all members of the Board for their work in 2024. All members contribute in full measure to the work of the Board and their participation is greatly appreciated.

Mr Stephen J Grant

Chair

Anglican Family Care Centre - Manaaki Whānau Synod 2025

Ki a koutou katoa puta noa i te rohe, tēnā koutou.

It is my pleasure to present this report for the Anglican Family Care Centre to the 2025 Synod.

In December 2024, I had the privilege of stepping into the role of General Manager. I want to acknowledge the leadership of Mike Williams over the previous six years and the many achievements over his time as General Manager.



Mike Williams

Over the past year our dedicated highly skilled kaimahi continue to be deeply committed to the important mahi they carry out in support of whānau across Otago. Our teams continue to report many challenges the whānau they work with are facing.

Whether this be through financial pressures, cost of fuel and heating, access to services, housing, family violence or addiction - the need continues to grow. Despite all the changes that have occurred around them, our AFC kaimahi continue to do what they do best – working with and supporting whānau in our community.

Of note in June our South Otago team moved into the beautiful Te Pou Ō Mata-au – The Clutha District War Memorial and Community Centre. This move marks an exciting new chapter for the team. Being in the same building as other social agencies offers enhanced opportunities for collaboration and service delivery in South Otago.

Sustainability remains a strategic priority for Anglican Family Care. With support from Dunedin City Council, we have completed a carbon footprint assessment for the 2022/23 year. Unsurprisingly given travel is a key part of our work, the main contributors were vehicles and fuel use, supporting our ongoing fleet transition to hybrid vehicles. With a methodology now in place, we will continue to monitor and reduce our carbon footprint in the years ahead.

The past year has presented considerable challenges for the agency. Changes to our Oranga Tamariki contracts alongside funding reductions have impacted our operations. As a result, we had to say goodbye to six kaimahi from the Dunedin Family Start teams, as well as our Dunedin-based Counsellor resulting in the closure of our Dunedin counselling service. Not only was this hard for all affected, but it was difficult to bid farewell to valued colleagues and friends.

I want to thank the Dunedin Anglican Diocese over this time for their financial support to the Dunedin Counselling service. This enabled an extension of this service which meant we could transition the clients within the service. We have been fortunate to receive some further community funding which has meant that we have been able to offer outsourced

counselling support for our Dunedin based clients. Your generosity allows us to continue helping those in need of this support.

In the year ahead the financial pressures will continue as costs rise across the agency, and pressures and uncertainty remain about contracting. As an agency AFC must remain to be innovative, be willing to collaborate with our community partners whilst remaining fiscally prudent to navigate the year ahead. We are closely monitoring the development of the Social Investment Agency and potential opportunities it may bring.

Finally, Anglican Family Care continues to be deeply grateful for all the generous support we receive from the Dunedin Anglican Diocese. This is not taken for granted and makes a real difference and enables us to continue to do the mahi that we do.

Ngā mihi nui



Lynette Finnie

General Manager, Anglican Family Care



Lynette Finnie

Leslie Groves Society Annual Report to Synod Synod 2025

In common with all providers of Residential Aged Care, the challenges facing The Leslie Groves Society of St John's Roslyn continue to grow. Increasing numbers of residents are older than previously, with significantly advanced morbidity. The expectations of families concerning quality of accommodation and the care we provide for their loved ones, continues to rise.

There is a necessity for us to provide "in house" specialist training for our staff, but this is not covered by the bed rate Government funding, despite the need for us to provide evidence of it when we are audited. The ongoing Te Whatu Ora funding model fails to account for the actual costs we continue to face.

Were it not for supportive grants from the Social Justice Committee of the Diocese and from other charities, along with donations, bequests and volunteers providing entertainment, weekly services and visiting, our ability to provide the very basics of care would be significantly constrained.

To therefore have the three units at Wakari receive four-year certification (the longest period awarded) with no highlighted requirements from the Ministry of Health auditors, was an outstanding testament to the quality of care and management provided. Their report

highlighted how our staff were at the forefront of facilities with “in house” training that enabled them to better understand and respond to residents with different stages of dementia.

Two recently developed technologies have significantly enhanced staff understanding of the effects of dementia. We are pleased to have achieved the training of 80% of our Staff with “EDDIE” a 3D virtual immersive programme. “EDDIE” shows what it is like to be in the shoes of a dementia patient. The use of the Rendever headsets enables a small group of residents to share visual and sound presentations of events and places that they recognise as conversation starters. The Tovertafel “Over Table” projection of moving images has also facilitated staff learning experiences.

A further consequence of using this cutting-edge technology training was gaining “Dementia Friendly” status with Alzheimer’s NZ.

At our recently held Te Ara Hou (The Way Forward) planning day an “Options” Report was received re the best way forward for our Sheen Street Rest Home. As for all providers of care at Rest Home level of residential accommodation in comparison, the declining number of persons presenting and qualifying for this level of care is a present and growing challenge. While we continue to have above national and regional average occupancy rates at the three Wakari units and our Day Care Programme based at St. John’s Roslyn Hall, the occupancy for Sheen Street is declining!

Reluctantly we have had to restructure our staffing levels at Sheen Street to match a 20% drop in occupancy as well as addressing a number of other ways to keep our operational costs within our grant income.

Not surprisingly, after 12+ years of occupying the units at the Wakari site we have been faced with replacement of basic furniture and fittings such as beds, chairs, carpets and medical equipment. Unlike a normal household, our chairs, beds and carpets get exponentially more daily wear. We have replaced 20 armchairs across 2 units and flooring in the Taieri Unit through prudent budgeting and management.

For the year ahead, the Leslie Groves Board and management will focus on “Where to from here” with provision of Rest Home level care. We have an ongoing objective: to be known as a caring and compassionate provider of residential Aged Care in Dunedin.

Brian Tegg

Board Chair – Leslie Groves

North Otago Anglican Homes for the Aged Trust Report Synod 2024

The nineteen units the Trust owns continue to be full, and there is always a waiting list to consider when a unit becomes vacant. The Trust can rightfully be proud of what they have achieved over the past forty years in providing housing of high standards for the elderly of the parish and community.

In the past year we have continued our maintenance programme, with some roofs being repainted and timber cladding attended to where necessary. When a unit becomes vacant, the Trust members personally inspect it, and replace carpet, drapes and other furnishings where necessary to restore the units to new condition. We are fortunate to have the services of Russell Cundall, as our fix-it man.

Although rates and insurances are heavy costs, we face the coming year with confidence we have the resources to cope, and we thank God for all we have been able to achieve.

Bernard Wilkinson

For North Otago Anglican Homes

Parata Anglican Charitable Trust Report Synod 2025

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report for Parata Anglican Charitable Trust.

Parata Home and Village continue their ministry providing excellent care, service, and support to the aged and elderly, and their families, within the Eastern Southland community.

Occupancy within the rest home has been maintained at 99% from May 2024.

Village occupancy remains at capacity with units maintained and upgraded as appropriate on changeover.

Our community kitchen provides 250 delivered meals, and 25 meals to day centre clients each week.

Parata Day Care Programme and activities involve up to 25 clients per week. Special appreciation and acknowledgement must be given to the many local people who take time out and share their talents and energy, to entertain and enthrall our people.

The Parata Chapel is a very special place. Families choosing non-secular services are opting for a Parata farewell. It is a good fit for milestone and significant events such as Anzac Day, Matariki and All Souls Day which are commemorated/celebrated in the chapel.

The sudden, and completely unexpected passing of Parata Chaplain Lois Shallard during the year, was a severe blow to the people of Parata. The love, friendship and encouragement given by Lois on a daily basis was very much appreciated and the special service for Lois at Parata was very well attended.

Many thanks to Holy Trinity Vicar Gary Griffith-Smith, and Anne, Heather and Sally from the Holy Trinity Parish for their Christian pastoral care.

The planned laundry upgrade within the home is close to commencing. An increase in size by 30% will enable a better more stream-lined workflow for our staff and enhance infection control protocols.

Planning and thought are being applied to proposed upgrades of the office and of the foyer. By investing time and thought, resources can be applied effectively, efficiently and appropriately.

As far as the Home is concerned, the present funding formula is unrealistic as it does not meet costs of asset maintenance and improvements. While the present model meets basic care, it leaves no surplus to upgrade and maintain the buildings and fixtures of a +50-year-old asset. This means that any work must be carefully planned to make best use of funding.

Parata continues its reputation as a happy, caring, family orientated Christian home. We appreciate the ongoing hard work, good humour and compassion of our staff who interface 24/7 with those in our care and provide so well for all their needs.

I would also acknowledge and express my thanks to Administrative Manager and Financial Controller Mary Pullar and Clinical Care Manager Aliesha McColl for their leadership, and for their successfully navigating the good ship Parata through a changing and challenging regulatory environment, while always maintaining positivity and good humour.

To the Parata Anglican Charitable Trust Board, I express my thanks for your continuing care and enthusiasm for the mission of Parata, and for your freely given skills and energy.

*We thank God for continuing to bless Parata.
We pray that God protects the people that live at Parata,
and the people that work at Parata.*

Peter Hargest

Chair, Parata Anglican Charitable Trust.

Rural Chaplaincy Report

Synod 2025

Rural Chaplaincy: Here for you in All Seasons.

Recently we celebrated Pentecost Sunday (2025) when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples and others gathered in that room in Jerusalem. Jesus words to his disciples “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit Comes on you and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth”, were fulfilled that day.

The Southern Rural Chaplaincy ministry is certainly happening at the ends of the earth, an exceptionally long way from Jerusalem where that message was shared. The Holy Spirit is guiding all of us in this Southern Region of Aotearoa New Zealand, as this ministry birthed 3 years ago is beginning to walk. With our hand firmly placed in Christ the Good Shepherd’s hand, He leads us out across the paddocks, over the mountains, across the waters of this place we call home.

Rural Chaplaincy

Word is getting out around our country via emails, phone calls and chats with Bishops, and clergy from around the country and one visiting Bishop from the UK and recently a farmer in the Waikato, emailed me: **“tell me about Rural Chaplaincy.” I can assure you I do.**

Rural Chaplaincy primarily is about building relationship, spending time with people, listening to their stories, being available to listen, in our rural areas. It could be at the local rural store, on the side of the road, the farm paddock, at a rural gathering, farm focused meeting, sitting in a café or a pub or out on a fishing boat trying to catch blue cod.



A New Year.

In January 2025 a group of potential rural chaplains called by God into this exciting developing ministry, gathered for a time of praise and thanksgiving to Christ our Good Shepherd. It was a time of reflection on the previous year; communion was shared as we sat on stools high up in the hills on a farm near Dipton. Conversations around the training sessions occurred, plans for ongoing training, and plans for commissioning of some rural chaplains were shared as the cattle mooed in the background, **(a sign of approval I think)** Over the last 5 months I have had the joy of being involved in the commissioning of 5 Volunteer Rural Chaplains. **Nick and Jennie Wedge** from Clydevale, whose home church is St Marks Anglican in Balclutha, **Gray Menlove** from Caroline Valley Dipton whose home church is Riversdale Presbyterian Church, **Alison Moore** from Gore whose home church is Calvin Presbyterian Church and **Michael Broad** from Invercargill whose home church is Knox

Presbyterian Church. They joined Rev **Margie Rea** who is based in Crookston, West Otago. Plans are in place for other people to be commissioned in the future.

The Southern Ecumenical Rural Chaplaincy Charitable Trust (SERCCT) is now a registered charitable trust; indemnity insurance is in place for our trustees and our chaplains. Fridge magnets have been purchased, and for our commissioned volunteer rural chaplains, vests, summer and winter, name badges and lanyards, business cards and flyers have been produced, and a specific rural chaplaincy phone has been purchased. A big thank you to the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin, the Waidale Trust and Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland for their financial and spiritual support.

Training during 2025

Ongoing training has been provided alongside some workshops over the last six months. Understanding and Responding to Trauma, was facilitated by Paul Reet at the Calvin Church in Gore in May. Paul has agreed to facilitate another workshop in November on Anxiety Grief and Loss. Several of our chaplains attended a workshop on meth which was highly informative, as meth is a huge problem not only in our cities but also in our rural areas. A sheep and beef farmer came and shared his story of farming under huge pressure when a crisis happened some years ago, the Southland Multi-Cultural Trust staff from Invercargill came and spoke about reaching out and supporting people who have arrived from many different countries around the world. Listening roleplay sessions have also been held. A Red Cross First Aid course is being held in July 2025 for all our chaplains. Other training days are planned later. Some of the commissioned Rural Chaplains attended the Rural Mental Health meeting in Gore on the 8th of July 2025 where the Hon Matt Doocey, Minister of Mental Health spoke about Mental Health in Rural Areas.

Rural Gathering

A monthly gathering of all our chaplains by Zoom is held on the last Monday of each month from 7pm to 8 pm. This gives us an opportunity to catch up with each other, hear what has been happening, and to pray and support each other.

St Andrews Church Rakiura / Stewart Island.

The pastoral and spiritual care of the Anglicans and others on this Island is under Southern Rural Chaplaincy and over the last 12 months I have been travelling to the Island to take services, in both the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches to build relationships and provide pastoral support. I have also been involved in supporting members of the Stewart Island Senior Cottage Trust as they work towards building three duplexes one bedroom units on already purchased flat land, for Islanders who are struggling in their current accommodation with rising power bills, loss of drivers licence mobility issues, isolation and loneliness.

Southland Rural Support Trust.

Relationships with rural communities continue to grow, Rural Chaplaincy is warmly welcomed to the Southland Rural Support Trust Stakeholders meetings, where we give an update on what has been happening. It is also an opportunity to hand out my business card to the diverse groups who attend this meeting.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support from Bishop Steve and now Bishop Anne and the Diocesan Office staff, which I have received regularly from them all, in my role as Lead Rural Chaplain and also in my role as Archdeacon for the Rural South. A big thank you to churches communities, for your financial, prayer and practical support. Thank you to the Diocese of Dunedin Rural Chaplaincy Board for their support in diverse ways. Thanks to Rural Dean Richard Johnson, Chair and all the Trustees of the Southland Ecumenical Rural Chaplaincy Charitable Trust, for their support in many ways. A big thank you to Judith Stewart who continues to provide excellent material for our education training days.

Rural Chaplaincy is up and walking across the Southern Region of our land, contact us if you would like to hear more of what we are doing.

Please remember that we are here for you in all seasons.

The Ven Barb Walker
Archdeacon Rural South
Archdeacon of Rural Ministry

Rural Chaplaincy Board – Synod Report 2025 **Synod 2025**

The Diocesan Rural Chaplaincy Board was set up in 2023 to support and help grow rural chaplaincy within our Diocese. Current members are Bishop Anne van Gend, Esme MacDonald, William Paterson, and Ven Damon Plimmer. The Board met four times in 2024 and was joined at each meeting by rural chaplain, Ven Barb Walker. Barb brings to her role a lifetime of experience and a passion for rural people and their communities, and the Board would like to acknowledge their gratitude for the significant work she is doing.

The Board administers funds of close to \$200,000, made up of contributions from property sales and donations from individuals and parishes. The interest from this fund supports the ministry of Barb Walker and rural chaplaincy more generally.

Rural chaplaincy in Southland continues to go from strength to strength. The efforts of many, including Rev'd Richard Johnston, to help establish The Southland Ecumenical Rural Chaplaincy Charitable Trust, has provided a solid base for this work to flourish in the years to come.

A Central Rural Chaplaincy Group met regularly throughout the year, and it is hoped that it won't be too long before rural chaplains are commissioned for ministry in Central Otago. I would like to thank each of the members of the Rural Chaplaincy Board for their contributions over this past year and for the work done by our Bishop in her former roles as Community Enabler and Ministry Educator.

The Ven. Damon Plimmer
(Chair)

South Centre Anglican Care Te Whare Manaaki Synod 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa. It is a pleasure to present this report on behalf of South Centre Anglican Care, Te Whare Manaaki.

Overview and Funding Context

2024 brought both challenges and achievements, but overall, it was a successful year for South Centre. As noted last year, many NGOs, including ours, faced the threat of funding cuts. Fortunately, we retained our Oranga Tamariki funding. However, uncertainty remains as discussions continue about transferring this funding to the newly formed Social Investment Agency. Oranga Tamariki has been holding regional hui with partners, and we expect to hear outcomes around October 2025.

Strengthening Community Connections

We have made significant strides in increasing our presence in the community through networking, joint activities, and relationship-building. These efforts are part of a long-term goal to reshape perceptions of South Centre—remarkably, many agencies were unaware of our work despite our presence since 1986. That is beginning to change.

We are immensely grateful for the support from local parishes, whose generous donations—food, quilts, clothing, bedding, and ready-made food packs—have made a real difference. The time, visits, and prayers from the Anglican community are deeply appreciated.

Staff Changes and Collaborations

We welcomed two new Family Support Workers in May 2024, bringing our team to three. However, one resigned due to unforeseen circumstances, and we are once again recruiting. Our current team brings diverse experience from health, disability, youth mental health, and social work, including a registered Social Worker formerly with Oranga Tamariki.



South Centre Staff 2025

I also wish to acknowledge Mike Williams, former Director of Anglican Family Care, for his guidance. After Mike's departure, I was introduced to Lynette Finnie by Andrew Metcalfe. Lynette and I quickly built a strong and productive working relationship that continues to be mutually enriching.

Programme Development and Growth

A key highlight of the year has been the introduction of two new programmes, developed in response to community needs. These have helped reinvigorate South Centre, drawing strong interest and enabling us to connect with previously vulnerable groups.

Triple P Parenting Programme

One of our Family Support Workers became accredited to deliver the Triple P Parenting Programme for parents of children aged 3–12. Rather than integrating it into general family support, we launched it as a standalone service. The programme—delivered through 10 home-based, one-on-one sessions each school term—has been well-received, using tools such as video, workbooks, roleplay, and observation.

Since our first intake in October 2024, we've had 58 families participate out of 72 referrals. Some were declined based on eligibility, but overall the programme has proven popular. We are currently in our fourth intake and pursuing further facilitator training, expected to be completed by the end of this year.

H.A.R.D. (Healing Around Real Dilemmas) Programme

H.A.R.D. is a Peer Support programme addressing methamphetamine use and reduction, funded by MSD under the ROCC (Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities) initiative, in collaboration with NZ Police. Invercargill is one of three high-risk areas identified by wastewater testing. Given our existing relationship with Narcotics Anonymous, we submitted a proposal in response to a request from the (Police) District Commander.

The programme emphasises lived experience over formal qualifications, and our Peer Support Worker—who has personal experience and a diploma in Mental Health and Addictions—is on track to become a qualified AOD clinician by the end of 2025. Since August 2024, 34 individuals have participated (exceeding our 25-person annual contract target), with eight maintaining abstinence from meth. The programme focuses on wellbeing, self-care, and trust building.

Ongoing Services:

Homebound Elderly Support

This non-funded programme has faced fluctuations in client numbers due to competition from similar services, transitions into care, or the passing of clients. Nonetheless, the need persists. We are beginning to explore how we might adapt the service. A positive note for 2024 was that many of our elderly clients remained in good health over winter.

One memorable example of our collaborative approach was the case of an elderly client diagnosed with cancer, requiring a leg amputation. Our community worker worked closely with medical professionals, rest home staff, and the Cancer Society to ensure a smooth transition and effective aftercare.

Family Support

Family Support has been consistently busy, with our waitlist reaching double digits multiple times. Demand has increased, with many families presenting complex, long-term needs. Our focus remains on building independence rather than dependency.

Common issues have included child behaviour, educational challenges, relationship difficulties, trauma, hoarding, budgeting, health concerns, and access to specialist care. In response, we've used practical strategies such as distributing garden beds and fruit trees (thanks to the Tindall Foundation), and offering cooking sessions on preparing healthy meals on a budget—both of which have built confidence and self-reliance.

Gratitude

We extend our sincere thanks to the Diocesan Council for acting as our interim governing body—your support makes our work possible. I especially wish to acknowledge Andrew Metcalfe, Fiona Gray, and Rev'd Liz Cheyne for your continued dedication. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

MaryAnn Kuiti

Manager, South Centre Anglican Care

The Home of St Barnabas Trust Report Synod 2025

Background

The Home of St Barnabas provides rest home level to vulnerable elderly in Dunedin. Established in 1956 by the Diocese of Dunedin as a Christian response to human need through loving service, when the need for suitable accommodation for seniors was identified. From small beginnings the original 14 bed facility has grown to accommodate 41 residents (this includes one double room). We seek to recognise and affirm the spiritual, physical and psychological needs of the residents and provide a community where compassion, fun and support is offered so they can enjoy what they are able to do without having to worry about health limitations. As part of our wholistic care the Home has chaplaincy services available. We acknowledge Rev'd Natalie Milliken for her ministry to the residents, staff and their families.

During 2024 the Home continued to achieve consistently high occupancy levels, as we moved into 2025 referrals have been lower across rest home level care and our occupancy has been lower. This is a concern that the Board is monitoring. We have achieved high accreditation standards ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for all residents. We recognise that this standard is achieved through the work of a phenomenal team of dedicated staff and management. The Home's budget includes funding for the ongoing development and training of staff and the Board. Over the last year this has been achieved through the Altura platform and off-site workshops.

Although Covid restrictions have eased, we occasionally have to manage an outbreak among residents with appropriate protocols in place to keep our vulnerable residents safe. The connection between the residents and the community is an important part of their well-being, family visits, outings, craft and music are popular activities. We thank the volunteers who visit the Home willingly as part of the various programmes.

The environment - Funding Crisis in Aged Residential Care

Funding for aged residential care is allocated as follows: Aged care providers are certified by government agency HealthCert as meeting criteria to deliver specific levels of care – e.g. Rest Home, Hospital, Dementia, or Psychogeriatric care. Certification does not entitle providers to any guaranteed funding. It simply confirms that they meet the required standards to deliver care, such as the required staff and facilities. Providers are subject to regular audits (both scheduled and unannounced) by independent auditors approved by

HealthCert. Many of the standards audited relate directly to staffing levels, and the sector overwhelmingly respects and adheres to the voluntary safe staffing levels agreed with Government.

When a New Zealand senior is assessed by a NASC (Needs Assessment and Service Coordination) team as needing residential care, the Ministry of Social Development reviews their financial situation. If they qualify for support, they must first contribute their own income (e.g. superannuation or assets). The Government then tops up the difference between what they can afford and a capped amount that can be charged by any residential care provider for the provision of that care, with the capped amount set by the Director-General of Health. The individual and their whānau choose the care provider they wish to deliver that care to them. All financial agreements around the provision of care are between the government and the New Zealander needing care. No Aged Care Facilities receive a bulk grant from government or have a direct financial contract with government.

In March 2024 a report by the Aged Care Commissioner highlights worsening health outcomes for older people, who are facing prolonged and unnecessary hospital stays as they wait for aged residential care beds to become available. The report also notes the increasing shortage of beds in aged residential care, especially at the highest levels of care.

Despite decades of advocacy for funding that supports the actual costs of providing aged residential care, successive governments have chosen to underfund this vital part of the health sector. If a person needing aged residential care remains in hospital when a bed or an assessment for care has not been made it cost three times as much to provide care. This does not include the effect on the persons wellbeing when they live in limbo waiting for a placement. **If you have an opportunity to advocate for appropriate funding for our Seniors needing care, please speak up.**

Outward facing ministry

Aging in place is the term that describes supporting older people in the community so they can remain independent. Our **Meals on Wheels** service has continued to support people through the provision of nourishing meals delivered to their homes. Over 60,000 were delivered by year end 2024. Alongside the staff at the Home who collate orders, cook and plate and pack meals we owe thanks to our drivers, many of whom are volunteers. A nutritious meal and social contact improve the wellbeing of elderly and vulnerable adults in the Dunedin community. **We are always looking for new volunteers please contact the Home if you would like to share in this ministry.** Food poverty is a reality for some of our Meals on Wheels clients: to address this need the Board agreed to set aside funds from our shares in the Foodstuffs account when this was wound up.

Grants

The Home acknowledges the receipt of grants from Diocesan Social Service funds, a grant has allowed the upgrade of the chapel to be completed. This project ran over the financial year so was noted as underway in last year's report to Synod.

A grant has also been received to begin recarpeting the Home. We are grateful for this assistance.

Thanks

Barbara Sanderson worked as the Kitchen Manager at the Home in total for 27 years and her association with the Home goes back 40 years. Her cheerful demeanour was appreciated by residents and catering clients alike. She retired in December 2024. Barbara was instrumental in starting the Meals on Wheels service which is part of our outreach to the community. We thank Barbara for the skill, energy and enthusiasm she brought to her role and wish her well in her retirement.

We were sad to learn that Rev Natalie Milliken had accepted a post in Canberra and would return to Australia after Easter 2025. The conversation to extend chaplaincy ministry at the Home will continue when a new vicar is in place at St Peters.



The Home of St Barnabas Trust Board offers grateful thanks to the General Manager and her team acknowledging the dedication and care, Mrs Shirley Hennessy and the staff bring to the provision of the services in the Home and beyond. The Home is governed by a Board who bring a variety of skills to the table. Their voluntary contribution to the governance of the home is also appreciated. Thank you to all the trustees, Colleen Baylis, Derek Lester, Glen Murtagh, Anne Stevens KC, for the work you do. To ensure we take opportunities to strengthen the relationship with Leslie Groves Residential Care Services (part of St John's Anglican parish) we are pleased to have Brian Tegg the Chair of LG Board attend some of our Board meetings, we thank Brian for his contribution.

The Ven Jan Clark

Chairperson

Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa Board of Governor's Report Synod 2025

The Warden and Chair of the Te Maru Pūmanawa Selwyn College Board of Governors offer this combined report to Synod 2025.

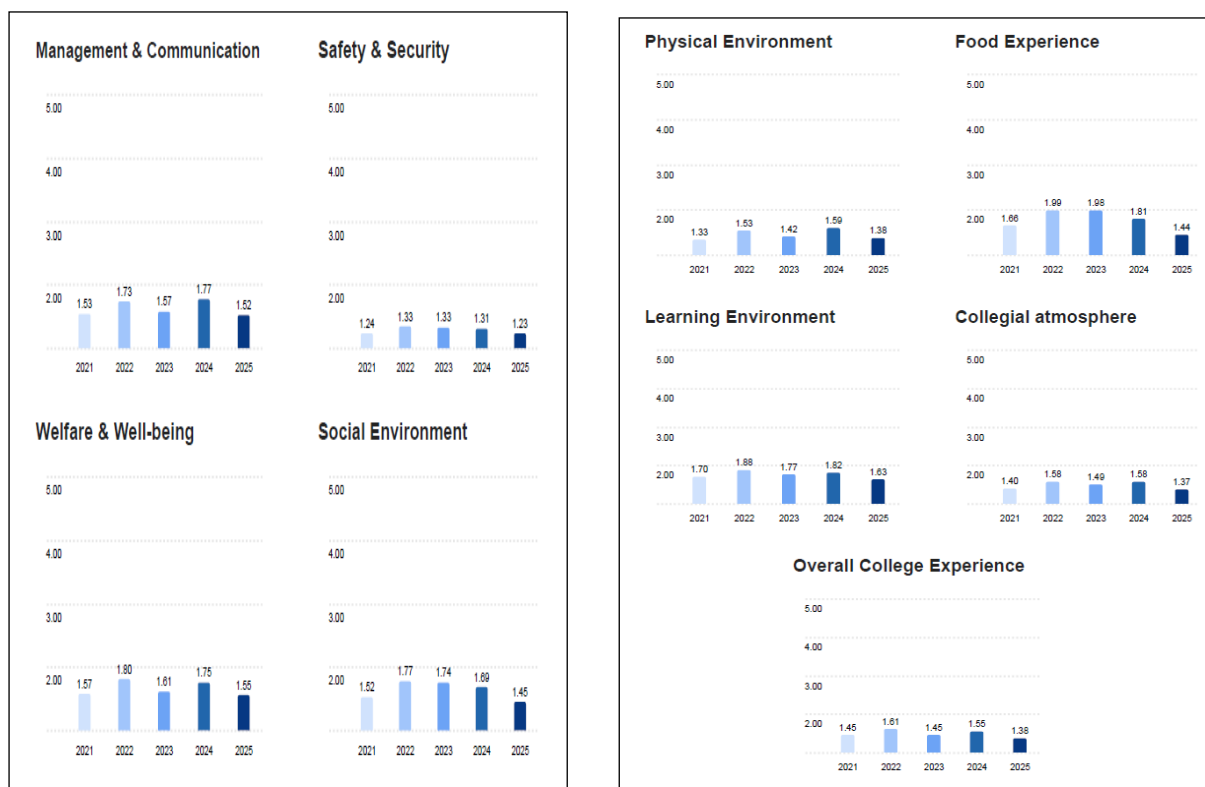
Purpose of Selwyn Te Maru Pūmanawa College:

To provide an excellent standard of accommodation and Pastoral care to first-year students attending the University of Otago, primarily for the first time. This is carried out by upholding the values of inclusivity, mutual respect and care for each other.

As well as upholding these values, Selwyn is working successfully towards focusing on establishing and meeting its 'Special Character' of its Anglican Church roots expressed through the Three Tikanga's. Tikanga Maori, Tikanga Pacific and Tikanga Pakeha. A report from the Special character sub committee chair Dr Penny Field, will be submitted separately.

We have welcomed 215 students for 2025 and remain a highly sought-after residential college for students attending the University of Otago. Selwyn remains at 99% occupancy capacity for the first semester, with 100% occupancy in the second semester. Selwyn again remain top of students choices for accommodation.

Student University Colleges annual survey: Selwyn College survey has produced its best result overall in comparison over the last 5 years. It has also achieved one of the top results amongst all other colleges. This is an indicator that our students are very happy at Selwyn college and that our hard-working staff have been a big factor in that result.



Graph results (previous page) of how students rated Selwyn in nine areas over 5yrs: 1 best result – 5 poor results

Given very few returners back at Selwyn College 2025, **Ronan Brier** was elected as student president for 2025 by his first-year peers. Students just completed their examinations for the semester and have left the college for semester break.



*Selwyn College Student
President Ronan Brier*

Pastoral care: The pastoral care team lead by my **Deputy Tautai Watson** and well supported by my **Assistant Warden Karun Rawat**, reinforced by my sub warden team have been outstanding. Our new Pastoral care “welfare Hauora checking system” has enabled us to not only to sight see each Tauira every week, but the implementation of the “traffic light system” provides urgent quick intervention for any of our Tauira that maybe struggling with university work or living life within 24 - 48 hours.

Our pastoral care includes and involves our whole staff team including **Kitchen staff** who provides excellent standard of food (Best rating of all the Colleges in recent survey 1.44) to our **domestic staff** to our **maintenance** and **garden staff**. A real team effort to be proud of.

Spiritual input: Our Chaplain Fr Michael continues to be part of our community providing seasonal services and sharing Sunday evening meals with our community.

Education.

Service delivery in this area has focused on developing an environment that is conducive to academic excellence and broad education. Supplementary tutorials have continued throughout the first semester. In addition to regular supplementary tutorials, leading up to the examination period, exam preparation and mock exam sessions were held.

Academic Supplementary Tutorials Programme

The following papers were offered as tutorial to our students in the first semester:

- BSNS111, BSNS112, BSNS113, BSNS114, and BSNS115
- PHS1191, CHEM191, CELS191, and HUBS 191, PSYC111, STATS110, FINC102, LAWS101, MATH130, POLS104

Examination results 1st semester 2025:

188 students (88.3%) passed all their first semester papers with 25 students (11.7%) failing one or more of their papers, with 8 students (3.8%) having an average grade less than 50%. 35 students scored average A+ in all their papers and will be invited to special function to acknowledge their achievement.

Our pastoral team is preparing to follow up with those students whom may need some guidance and direction after the results have been released.

Selwyn In-House Relay for Life Fundraiser (28 March) Due to a conflicting external event, the College hosted an in-house fundraising event for the Relay for Life instead of running in

the relay. Led by one of our kaiāwhina, the College held a quiz and bake sale raising \$668 for the Cancer Society.

Reviving our Haka (new) and Waiata: As part of Tikanga Māori we are trying to revive our Selwyn College Haka and Waiata. This new Haka is more appropriate than the old one and Selwyn is very fortunate to have three boys from Te Aute College (An all-boys school, Hawkes Bay) living with us 2025, who are recipients of a full accommodation scholarships to live at Selwyn College for the 2025 year. These scholarships (Hoani Parata scholarship) have been made possible through the generosity of St John's Theological College Trust Board, in Auckland and the Selwyn College Board. These students have contributed to our Selwyn community effortlessly with their involvement, particularly in cultural arts, performances and reviving our Selwyn College Haka. The challenge with learning the new Haka and waiata is how do we keep it continuing each year with no returners to teach and pass on to the new student body intake.



A few of the Selwyn College students practising the new Haka, with the Te Aute College scholarship winners leading.

Whakairo: Towards the beginning of the year, a stunning whakairo was carved by Rongomai Taiwhiti Parata-Taiapa. The whakairo was unveiled and blessed on April 9th 2025, in the presence of Rongomai-Taiwhiti-Parata-Taiapa and his whanau, and distinguished guests from Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki, and representatives of the college board, college staff, the diocese, and the university. It now sits above our foyer area at the College, acting as a welcoming doorway between Selwyn College, the public and the All-Saints Anglican Church community.



The whakairo "Te Arohanui" by Rongomai-Taiwhiti Parata-Taiapa: Rev 'ds Te Ata Roy and John Graveston blessing the Whakairo, in the presence of Rongomai and some of his whanau.

Financial Position of the College:

Selwyn College continues to operate with a small surplus despite in an environment of rising cost of food, power, wages, compliance, maintenance of aging equipment and aging building. The Board is very grateful to our operation manager **Kate Twist** for a wonderful job in keeping our financial position strong. Kate has had to address issues such as internet providers failing to work, addressing historical unwarranted building works, causing building warrant of fitness failures and compliance failures. She is achieving great outcomes in addressing these, but all this means increase in our expenditure that we had not planned for.

Upcoming summer Projects with significant financial implication:

Heritage building maintenance: The Board is hoping to complete the double glazing of our Whitehead building which is categorised as a heritage building. One side of the building was completed over the summer of 2024. This will be expensive but hoping that our funding application to DCC Dunedin Heritage Fund will be successful. This will enable us to address some of the double-glazing, deteriorating pointing and brickwork over the summer. Selwyn College will not be able to carry out the work if funding from the Heritage Fund is unsuccessful.

Suitable staff accommodation: The Board is currently obtaining costing and plans on a redevelopment project in converting part of our accommodation block (Richardson House) to provide suitable warm accommodation standard for living on site for the Deputy Warden and his family. This project will be carried out during Nov 2025 – Jan 2026 period. We are also considering how we will be able to provide suitable accommodation for Assistant Warden and his family with a baby due in October 2025. This staff member is renting a one bedroom house belonging to All Saints Church.

Future projects for Selwyn Te Maru Pūmanawa College:

New kitchen/dining room redevelopment: The outdated kitchen and dining room will always be a challenge for us, as this will be dependent on securing funding to build the redevelopment. Our Board is considering options to secure funding for a new kitchen and dining facility and is hopeful that we may build within the next 3- 5 years. The Board through our **operation manager Kate Twist** is investigating financial investment in the form of commercial loans to pay for these improvements and so are actively reducing our current debt ratio to permit new borrowing.

Board matters: We welcome on board the new Bishop of Dunedin, Dr Anne van Gend as our new Chairperson for the Selwyn Board of Governors. The Board of Governors has continued to retain its two established sub-committees reported in 2024. These are the Operations Committee and Special Character Committee. Both meet monthly and report to the full Board on a quarterly basis. The Special Character Committee is chaired by Dr Penny Field, and the Operations Committee by Anne Stevens KC.

Farewell and thankyou: I want to take this opportunity to express mine and my staffs' thankfulness and gratitude to our outgoing Chair Anne Stevens (KC) for her dedication, passion and unselfish service to Selwyn College community. The positive changes in Selwyn, that we are experiencing today, is in no doubt partly due to her strong no-nonsense leadership as chairperson during a period of uncertainty about the future of Selwyn College and helped bring a positive change in student behaviour. I've really enjoyed seeing Annes face light up whenever she is engaging with our students as well as our staff. Anne will be hugely missed. *Fa'afetai lava mo le ave'a ma ta'ita'i malosi (Thank you for your strong leadership).*

Current Selwyn College Board of Governors:

The Bishop Ann Ven Gend (in-coming Chair); Anne Stevens KC (outgoing current Chair); Sagato Ziggy Lesā (Warden Exofficio); Rev'd Brian Kilkelly; Rev'd Canon Dr Michael Wallace; Dr Penny Field; Dr Lance Lawler; Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis; William Mohammed; Logan Anderson; Steve Mitchell, Ronan Brier (Student President Representative).

The Board Chair and Warden wish to express their gratitude to the Board of Governors and to each and every member of staff for their mahi over the last 12 months.



Anne Stevens (KC) and Louis

Anne Stevens KC

(Chair of Selwyn College Board of Trustees)

Sagato Ziggy Lesa

(Warden Selwyn Te Maru Pūmanawa College)

Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa and Diocesan Council Special Character Planning Report Synod 2025

Summary report to Diocese of Dunedin 2025 Synod

Prepared by: Penny Field, Convenor Special Character Committee, Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa Board of Governors

Cc: Anne Stevens Chair Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa Board of Governors

This brief report summarises key achievements and plans for Special Character in Selwyn College, Te Maru Pūmanawa.

As the fifth Special Character Report this account of activities is intended to update members of Synod on key achievements and ongoing work.

Background

The Board of Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa established the Special Character Committee to give effect to the October 2020 Diocesan Synod resolution to retain ownership of the College and work to realise the College's potential to witness to its foundational character and the Anglican five marks of mission.

Members Special Character Committee 2021-2022:

Michael Wallace (Board of Governors, College Chaplain), Ziggy Leesa (Warden), Steve Mitchell (Board of Governors, Diocesan Council), Merekaraka Te Whitu (appt of Te Pihopatanga o Te Tairāwhiti), Eseta Mateiviti-tulavu (Diocese of Polynesia), Matthew McMurray (2025 Special Character Scholar), Will Meredith (2024 Special Character Scholar), Penny Field (Board of Governors).

The broadly-based committee met monthly with a combination of Zoom and in-person participants.

Summary notes of all meetings were tabled for Board of Governors meetings.

Key Achievements 2024- 2025:

Special character activities have consolidated and evolved over the last year.

Significant achievements towards Special Character Strategic objectives are:

1. Continued development of three Tikanga kaupapa through:
 - a. Working with the Diocese of Polynesia on plans for scholarships for students from their secondary schools. The scholarships will follow the model of the Hoani Parata scholarships.
 - b. Review and commitment to continue the Hoani Parata Scholarships for students from Hukarare College and Te Aute College. Scholars are supported by members of Tikanga Māori and University Māori Chaplains, College Staff and Māori residents.
 - c. Continuation of the annual Hoani Parata lecture in partnership with the Department of Theology, University of Otago. The significance of this

highly successful event is becoming evident over time.

2. Resident-led special character initiatives championed by Matthew McMurray (2025 SC Scholar) included a weekly prayer meeting (semester one) and plans for an introduction to Christianity series in semester two.
3. Further development of the annual blessing of the College, Opening the Doors ceremony and Welcome service. These activities have cumulative impact laying a strong spiritual foundation for the year. One indication is 2025 residents commitment to the College. Currently Selwyn College has the highest resident retention rate of all Colleges on campus.
4. Unveiling of a Whakairo in the College entrance hall. Carved by Rongomai Parata-Taiapa the Whakairo design reflects our three tikanga church and Sir Mason Durie's "Systems of Knowledge", a paper written for Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa. With support of Ven Susan Wallace and the Parata whanau the 9 April 2025 unveiling ceremony was ably led by Rev Ata Roy and University of Otago Kaumatua Hata Temo.
5. Active involvement in our global body, Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion(CUAC). Two Board members attended the CUAC Oceania Chapter meeting in July. Links were strengthened by Michael Wallace, Chaplain visiting CUAC's General Secretary Richard Burnett in Massachusetts during his recent sabbatical.
6. The Selwyn College Board of Govenors continues to receive and discuss Special Character Committee reports at every meeting.
7. With Bishop Anne joining the Board of Governors we are looking forward to continued development and enhancement of Special Character in Selwyn College.

These developments attest to the commitment of Special Character Komiti members including College Chaplain Michael Wallace. We continue to be thankful for new opportunities to give effect to the objects of the Selwyn College Trust Deed.

St Hilda's Collegiate School Report

Synod 2025

2024 was a year of considerable consolidation for St Hilda's Collegiate. We had a full roll, both in the day school and at Tolcarne and so there was a vibrancy, energy and sense of purpose at school that is to be enjoyed and treasured. We have renewed our focus on developing and embedding an inclusive school culture and giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Our special character continues to underpin our activities and school culture and there were many special services enjoyed in our new chapel. Being able to host St Hilda's Day in our own chapel was a privilege and enabled us to further build our community, honouring our distinguished alumni Louise Potiki -Bryant and Rosie Carruthers in our own space. An enduring association with, and support of, Anglican Family Care has been evident in some very moving chapel services and whanau groups commitment to the fund raising and support activities. We are very fortunate to have Dr Gillian Townsley leading our chapel services and the religious education programme. Gillian embodies our school values in her leadership and interaction with others, and her chapels and reflections offer time for quiet contemplation, curiosity, challenging korero and deeply felt gratitude.

The Whitby/Chapel development was fully utilised, and the benefits of the enlarged and enhanced spaces were immediately evident, with the ability to host events and functions for the whole school and invited guests. The facilities have enabled connection and community links to be highlighted, with the library being particularly well used for a range of learning activities and we are incredibly grateful for the beautiful facilities, the improved flow around the school and our ability to be innovative and fluid in our utilisation of spaces.

The Technology block has ensured close collaboration across the technology disciplines and the staff have commented on their pride in the spaces, but also how they have enhanced their teaching practice and cohesion. By the end of the year, we had begun the concept design for the third floor of the Neville block, which includes a revamp and refurbishment of the Science labs and the installation of a lift to the fourth floor for full accessibility.

We continue to work on programmes and processes to promote a strong sense of community, and enable the smooth transition of ākonga into school. We have expanded the Tatakriki programme (mentoring of Yr 7s with Yr 13s) and initiated the Tautoko Kaiārahi programme where Yr 13s talk to yr 10s about current social issues, such as bullying, popularity etc. Our Deans team work collaboratively together to ensure a progressive and meaningful programme of care as students move through the year levels.

The Community of Practice with John McGlashan College, Otago Boys HS and Kings HS was established in 2024, as the four schools work to share strategies and best practice on supporting rangatahi to develop healthy relationships with their peers, and to recognise the importance of sexual harm prevention. While recognising that the impacts of social media, pornography, the sexualisation of girls and the radicalisation of boys are well researched, documented and clearly identified global issues, working together to find a local solution is paramount for the wellbeing of our students.

The Community of Practice presentation to the combined schools boards, staff and PFA's by Dr Kris Taylor, Associate Professor Melanie Beres and Doctoral candidate Marcelle Nader-Turner, was a great opportunity for the schools to work together to share information and collaborate over solutions. This work in our kura led by Marcelle Nader-Turner has been pivotal in building self belief and collaboration amongst our students, who have had considerable input into the discussions and suggested strategies to support students. We had another excellent year academically, with strong results in NCEA. Again our Level 2 results showed a 100% pass rate, which was a great endorsement of our student's mahi and the commitment and planning by staff. Comparatively, we topped Otago Secondary schools for Level 2, were second in Level 3 and top in the region with our University Entrance pass rate. We were delighted to see that the high quality of our programmes and the progressive nature of our teaching and learning were achieving such stellar results.

None of the wonderful initiatives that are implemented and succeed at St Hilda's would be possible without the outstanding staff both at school and Tolcarne who model inclusivity, compassion and connection for our students to further enhance their learning. We have had new staff join us, and others are taking time away – and they all add to the vibrant mix that makes this community so special.

We have been delighted to welcome Zlgani Hill and Robyn McGarry as Co-Directors of Tolcarne. They have settled well to their new roles and the experience and knowledge they bring of Tolcarne has ensured a smooth start and a solid year. We were very fortunate to secure the skills of, and welcome, Marcus Verbene (Food Services Manager) and Simon Meldrum (Property Manager) into the team at Tolcarne and school.

Ange Rathbone was appointed to Deputy Principal – Pastoral and brings with her considerable experience in building frameworks to support the wellbeing and emotional growth of rangatahi, and expertise as an educator. And after having been such a vibrant influence and powerful driving force of the fundraising for our capital projects, Amanda Burke finished in the role of Development officer.

I want to acknowledge The Board of Trustees and the Board of Proprietor's who are so hard working, resolute, passionate about the school and unwavering in their commitment to best practice. The opening of the Whitby redevelopment and the new Richards technology block last year is testimony to the combined vision, expertise, drive and abilities of the Boards – they really do make amazing things happen. I am incredibly grateful to Gretchen Beardmore and Andrea Chisholm and the Boards they lead, for their leadership, trust and support this year.

We are so grateful for the continued contribution of the PFA, Old Girls and friends of the school to St Hilda's. Their patronage, positive energy and enthusiasm have lifted us all this year, reminded us of the strength of community and that we truly are Toa Takitini – Better Together.



Jackie Barron MNZM
Principal

External Boards and Other Reports

Anglican Missions Report for the Diocese of Dunedin Synod 2025

As your Anglican Missions Enthusier for the Dunedin Diocese, I would like to thank you for your continuing support for Anglican Missions. Especially for your wonderful efforts for their special appeals.

I would like to high light the importance of your church communities' pledges of giving and fund raising to reach \$65,000 which was pledged at our Synod 2024.

Some of the areas that your funds have been directed to are supporting communities in Fiji and Samoa that have been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and its aftermath.

The Anglican Missions website offers you so many choices for your giving and gives you a regular update of how these funds are being used.

- There are weekly updates for prayer in our Partner in Prayers asking you to pray for those people you are supporting.
- Anglican Missions prayers focus on spreading the Gospel, supporting Missionaries and addressing the global need.
- Giving you intercessions for your church and its mission.
- Pray the News-which offers weekly prayer points based on current global headlines.
- Ideas in praying the Scripture, readings, reflecting, and responding to the scripture in prayer. These are a few ideas that could help you engage with your communities.

Please continue to document your giving so we can acknowledge you and give you a receipt to make sure your donation goes to the place you want to support. Partnerships with other organisations is strengthening, this making our giving more successful.

YOUR GIVING:

- From January-December 2024 was \$46,000
- From January -May 2025 was \$16,000

To date we have given \$1,000 more than last year. Thank you once again for supporting Anglican Missions, your Mission organisation.

You have all worked hard to reach our target, but in the last few years we haven't made it. I suggest that we lower our target from \$63,000 to an achievable target of \$47,000. I would like to recommend to you at this Synod 2025 a pledge of \$47,000.

Dot Muir

Missions Enthusa

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

Synod 2025

Associating with a Purpose

Active People

Our focus is to grow and move forward as Active Anglican People, doing all we can to show God's love.

It is a great privilege to be part of AAW in our Dunedin Diocese as your president. Thank you to those of you who are on the executive team and who are members of a AAW group. There are 11 groups throughout our Diocese.

I would like to thank you all so much for your generous donations to the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation appeal in 2024, \$17,400 was raised. What a difference this will make to all the families in this foundation. Please go to [AAW website](#) for more information about this.

From the emergency fund \$2,000 will be given to the Holy Land and Myanmar Appeals. Through Anglican Missions.

AAW groups have supported other AAW groups in time of need when natural disasters have occurred such as Flooding in Nelson, West Coast, Christchurch and the East Coast of the North Island. To get a card or email from fellow members can be so up lifting to let them know they are in our prayers.

This year's (2025) Appeal is for a container full of equipment such as chain saws, cutting equipment, shovels etc. The value of this is \$10,000 for the people in the Pacific. This will be installed and ready if a disaster hits. **It would be great if each AAW in our Diocese could raise \$100 to support this appeal.**

Membership

Our Dunedin Diocese has 146 paying members, out of 968 members throughout New Zealand. These groups are very active supporting people in their local communities and outreach overseas. Some groups have decided to be AAW friendship groups where people still meet socially and are invited to join in special functions and receive one circle per group. There are two paper Circles and two email Circles per year. I think we can get it out to a lot more people by sending it by email. Some groups now invite all to their social occasions and meetings.



During our few days in Wellington at the AAW National AGM, we had a very interesting and encouraging talk from Mary-Therese Nalder, who is an assistant Chaplain with the Missions to Seafarers based at Centre Port. Mary -Therese and other chaplains visit international ships that come into the Wellington Harbour to support and care for Seafarers. Currently, over 1.89 million Seafarers work on ships. Mary-Therese is starting a project to create care

packages for female seafarers entering NZ ports. Currently, they only make up 2% of this workforce. The response to this has been great, thanks people of AAW.

I know a lot of people in our Diocese knit for our young, old and for Mission without Borders, but could you help with the Seafarers too please?

Are you interested?

For more information, please find more about this ministry on the [AAW website](#).

New Chaplain

We are delighted that Rev. Te Ata Roy has accepted the call to be our AAW Diocesan Chaplain following the resignation of Rev'd Natalie Milliken following her return to Australia. We are looking forward to making more connections with Māori and Pacifica people together

Te Ata is the Māori chaplain across both University and Polytech campuses, and has given us this brief mihi:

*Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi ngā iwi.
Ngāi Tūpoto, Patukeha ngā hapū.
Ngāi Tūpoto, Te Rawhiti ngā marae.
Te Hāhi Mihinare o Ōtepoti is the church I minister in.
Kuhu mai, kōrero mai, karakia mai.*



Rev'd Te Ata Roy

Looking forward

We are looking forward to joining a Hui in November, please come and take part (more information on this when available). Also, the Diocese of Dunedin's AAW members of Council of Anglican Women's Studies (CAWS) is inviting us to join them at their pop-up Hui and zooms. AAW is a member of the National Council of Women [NCW], which enables members to respond to NCW remits and action items. Action items relate to submissions which NCW is making to Government Bills and new legislation. This offers members the opportunity to have their views heard and included in the submissions.

The theme for this year is Praise:

Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Blessings

Dot Muir

President Dunedin Diocese.
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Anglican Women's Studies Centre (AWSC) Dunedin Report Synod 2025

The Anglican Women's Studies has a special place in the Church, resourcing women from all three tikanga, and working as a group in a uniquely three tikanga way.

Occasional meetings of CAWS Dunedin Diocesan members are held in Dunedin and Invercargill over lunch or afternoon tea to discuss current issues pertaining to women, for theological enrichment **and leadership support**.

Regular newsletters are published with local, national and international news from a woman's perspective, around women in the Diocese who have self-selected to receive this information. Newsletters point people to the regularly updated website www.anglican.nz

Virtual Theology Chats, using Zoom, are a regular monthly event featuring an outstanding woman as guest speaker followed by a discussion. On the third Thursday at 7pm, these allow for a wide range of topics, lively discussion and thoughtful theological reflections.

<https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/94599431152>

Our CAWS Administrator Ceridwyn Parr has resigned, having served the Anglican Women's Studies Council with grace and dedication for six years. We will miss her wisdom, energy, enthusiasm, attention to detail and guiding presence. The Council is now looking for a new administrator who can rise to the occasion.

CAWS will host a National Women's Conference at El Rancho on the Kapiti Coast, near Whanganui-a-tara Wellington from Thurs 30 Oct to Sun 2 Nov 2025 with the theme of 'Hope in Diversity'. See CAWS website for information about registering and the programme.

Regional pop-up Hui initiative has been progressed positively since early in 2024 when some CAWS Council members from across our three tikanga, along with Ceridwyn, visited Ōtepoti for a Friday night and Saturday mini-conference, drawing on local speakers, workshops, music, fun and excellent kai. This three tikanga event, with about 30 women participating, has continued on an irregular basis several times last year. The latest one at the end of April 2025 was held to farewell informally, Rev'd Natalie Milliken, Co-Link, Dunedin & Council member for CAWS.

Our theme 'Past, Present & Future Insights, Titiro Whakamuri, Kōkiri Whakamua,' enabled a reflective afternoon. **Speaker: Rev'd Esther Clarke-Prebble**- Reflections on 3 Tikanga Anglican Climate Resilience Conference 2024 in Fiji 'The Moana Water of Life 2' & **Speaker: Rev'd Natalie Milliken** Offered insights in to her life as a Prison Chaplain in Australia, followed by Vicar at St Peter's, Caversham in Dunedin, Aotearoa and anticipation of her new ministry back in Australia.

We made Tussie Mussie(small bouquets) to give to new people who had joined us. Now that Natalie has moved back to ministry in Australia, she will continue in these roles, by Zoom, until General Synod 2026. All women across our region are welcome. It is ecumenical and includes all cultures. We are very thankful to the CAWS Council members for inspiring us! Tumeke! Watch out for more *pop-up hui* in our Diocese.

Whakataukī: Titiro whakamuri, kōkiri whakamua. Look back and reflect so we can move forward.

Jenny Campbell, Dunedin Diocesan Co-Link, Southland for AWS, 027 351 0180,
jennycam@xtra.co.nz
& Rev'd Natalie Milliken, Co- Link, Dunedin & Council member for AWS (until May 2025).

Bishop's Chaplain to Clergy Synod 2025

Early on in 2024 Anglican Financial Care had to decide to suspend their Health Fund “due to the challenging investment environment over recent years” (4.2.24) Unfortunately this has meant that retired clergy, widows and widowers can no longer seek funding for necessary surgery, such as having cataracts removed. The decision to cut funding has caused problems for some clergy, and we hope the fund will resume in due course.

I have continued to visit people throughout the diocese, covering Southland, Fiordland and North Otago, as well as around the Dunedin area. I was also at the 150th celebrations for St Andrews Cromwell and was able to catch up with some people there.

Due to Covid, it has been a while since the get-togethers for retired clergy, widows and widowers have taken place, but this is starting to happen now, and we hope to continue to encourage people to come to these events. As some become more unable to move around, we have found that it is important to have a venue which is easily accessible.

And then there are those who have had to go into care, and we treasure the conversations and the visits that have taken place beforehand and continue to take place. I say ‘we’ because the care of retired clergy, widows and widowers requires teamwork and I thank all those who given their time to make sure that people are able to attend church services and other functions, as much as possible.

Sue McCafferty

Bishop's chaplain for Retired Clergy, Widows and Widowers.

Cathedral Chapter Report Synod 2025

This report is a snapshot of what's going on at the Cathedral. For a fuller view, we invite you to browse the Cathedral website, where you will find the latest news, information about upcoming events, and interesting things involving Thursday Choral Evensongs and soup. The website is here: <https://stpaulsnz.net>

2024 and the first half of 2025 at the Cathedral have been busy, sometimes turbulent, but overwhelming great fun. These are good signs of a revitalised Cathedral with continuing growth and extending mission.



Commonwealth Service Participants 2024

The steadily increasing numbers bring new life – including now three groups of young people who meet regularly, ranging from throngs of toddlers to a horde of teenagers. The traditional Cathedral roles and usual services continue and expand, and we've been delighted to welcome regulars and guests for a number of special services at the Cathedral recently, including the installation of Bishop Anne in late March, and the ordination of four deacons in late July.

This is only possible with faith, vision and the elbow-grease of many people: thanks to our clergy, musicians, sacristan, vergers, servers, caterers, dishwashers, youth group leaders, members of Chapters, and all volunteers. Standout thanks once again to: Dean Tony and Rachel, who facilitate and nurture so much of the life and growth here at St Paul's; to Deborah, our office manager, without whose efforts so many of our achievements would not be possible; and, to Monty Montgomery, our Treasurer, for ongoing and careful stewardship of things financial.

Throughout the year we played host to many community events including local and international choirs and chamber music and art exhibitions. Our choir has now joined the Rock Tenors for two sold out performance seasons - an evening of Pink Floyd music in 2024 and the Best of the Eagles in 2025. These, and other occasions, give a glimpse of how we may continue to open our spaces in the future.

In March we were pleased to again host the annual Pride Service. This ministry continues to be fruitful year on year.

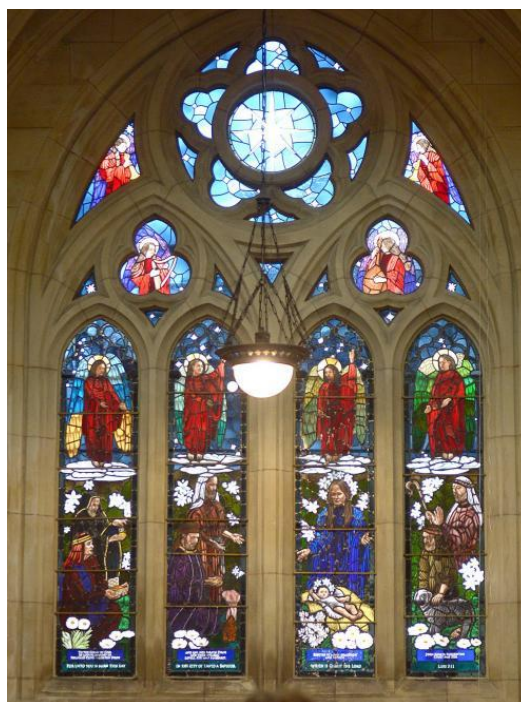


We are extremely grateful to longstanding parishioner Prof John Broughton for commissioning our new Nativity window, and we were delighted to be able to bless it at the start of Advent. It is a beautiful addition to St Paul's. Many thanks also to Peter Mackenzie for his absolutely stunning glasswork and the stonemasons for installation. If you haven't seen it yet, pop along to a service and have a good look.

Other works are ongoing. The apse floor is completed and has been getting heavy use already – with the installation service in March proving it can hold a full set of Archbishops and Bishops.

Over the next year we expect to finalise design and consent work and engage contractors to start the construction and renewal works downstairs. The end result will be a fully accessible series of areas and facilities for staff, regulars, and visitors.

As we look ahead and continue this mission, work, and more, we ask for your continued prayers, support, and guidance.



Theodore Rose
People's Warden

Canon Andrew Thompson
Dean's Warden

CAIRA Pastoral Supervision Report

Synod 2025

The CAIRA model of biblically based pastoral supervision continues to be offered in the Diocese of Dunedin and across Aotearoa New Zealand. Licensed supervisors, drawn from various denominations, are available to work with both lay and ordained people in ministry leadership roles. Supervision can be arranged in person or online (via Zoom or similar platforms).

What is CAIRA Supervision?

CAIRA stands for **Collegiality, Accountability, Identity, Responsibility, and Authority**. This philosophy underpins the training and practice of supervision within the network. The comprehensive 18-month formation programme for supervisors has recently been revised to increase accessibility, making this form of pastoral supervision more widely available. (For more information, including a list of current supervisors, visit: www.caira.org.nz.)

What Does CAIRA Offer?

Titiro whakamuri, kōkiri whakamua – Look back and reflect so you can move forward.

CAIRA provides a reflective, confidential space to support personal and professional growth in ministry roles. Supervision is especially encouraged for those in non-stipendiary roles, including Wardens, Vestry members, pastoral care teams, liturgists, administrators, youth and children's ministry leaders, musicians, chaplains, and home group leaders. It is equally valuable for ordained clergy.



Supervision is offered in a flexible and affordable way, with fees negotiated between supervisor and supervisee. Each relationship is based on a mutually agreed contract.

Benefits of CAIRA Supervision

- Promotes growth, transformation, and professional development
- Provides a safe and confidential space
- Supports ministry reflection within a Christ-centred model
- Encourages affordability and accessibility
- Builds trust and resilience in ministry

Local Training Update

An 18-month CAIRA training course for new supervisors is currently ending in Balclutha, having completed regular monthly Saturday sessions. Four people, from diverse and ecumenical backgrounds, have completed this training, which is largely funded by St Johns College Trust Board (SJCT), reflecting its national importance. A graduation service and presentation of their CAIRA Licences by the National Co-ordinator Rev Marilyn Welch, will be held at St Mark's Anglican Church on Saturday 23 August 2025.

As rural ministry networks grow in Southland and Otago, the need for trained supervisors is increasing. The support of Bishop Steve up to May 2024, Bishop Anne from 2025 and others has helped grow this initiative locally.

He iti, he pounamu – It may be small, but it is precious.

Jenny Campbell

CAIRA National Advisory Group, representative for Dunedin Diocese

Cursillo Report Dunedin Diocese Synod 2025

Cursillo in the Dunedin Diocese during 2024 has continued to connect with the other three Dioceses in Aotearoa New Zealand through the National Secretariat meetings. We share ideas on adapting to the environment we are now in and encourage each other on the journey. Cursillo believes everyone needs to be a friend, make a friend and bring a friend to Christ – never mind where you are at or where you live. Cursillo offers a method by which conversations about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus can occur through gatherings called Ultreyas.



We were disappointed as a planned weekend Cursillo for January 2024 did not have enough registrations to go ahead, even though there was an enthusiastic team.

Our first Ultreya gathering was organized for Saturday 16 March in Dunedin, but unfortunately this clashed with a funeral that many of us had to attend, so this did not occur.

A second Ultreya gathering planned for Invercargill on Saturday 25 May also did not happen because key people were over-committed with other events.

The winter gathering on Saturday 24 August was by Zoom and had participants from all four corners of the diocese, other NZ dioceses and overseas. This online meeting was filled with songs and sharing about what Cursillo had meant to participants, what they had learnt in their Christian journey since attending a Cursillo and a recent answer to prayer. Vivienne led Opening Devotions sharing about St Bartholomew [Nathanael] who is recognised on that day. Anne and Trish shared what their group had learnt through their study about 'Seeing Angels' with an informative PowerPoint and the Closing Devotions were about 'Taming the Tongue / Power of Words'.

Our planned November Ultreya gathering clashed with our Diocesan Electoral College and there were no free dates between then and the end of the year, but a large number of people who had attended a Cursillo were present at that time and we were thrilled to see our new bishop, Anne Van Gend elected.

Our thanks go to Lynda Turner-Heaton who stepped down as our Diocesan Lay Director, because of work commitments, for leading our Secretariat team so ably and Rev'd Vivienne Galletly for guiding our spiritual journey as well as the 2024 Secretariat members - Margaret McLanachan, Craig McLanachan, Pete Masters, Lois Shallard and Trish Tytler.

Anne Gover

on behalf of the Secretariat Team

Tikanga Pakeha Mission Council Representative's Report Synod 2025

Thank you to the church communities who have supported Anglican Missions by giving to Tikanga Giving and emergency appeals this year. This allows Anglican Missions to support projects in the Pacific and further afield.

Mark Mitchell who works for Anglican Missions visited some of our projects in July. You can read about his visits on the Anglican Missions website.

From January till May 2024, you have given over \$33k. This amount includes Tikanga Giving and donations received for Emergency appeals. This figure is slightly down from the same period of 2023. For the whole of 2023 year you gave \$76k. This was inclusive of Emergency giving. [\$54k was your Tikanga giving for 2023]. Please keep up your good work so we can get to our target of \$63k.

This giving is coming from 20 Parishes out of 29. I would like to see if there might be ways to help encourage those 9 parishes that are not currently giving and to see what might be possible so we can plan to relieve some of the distressed people in God's world. I have already talked to some of you with a wonderful response, thank you.

I am your representative on Overseas Mission Tikanga Pakeha [OMTP] which works to grow the profile of missions across our Diocese.

Our group also disburses small amounts of funding to help with short-term mission visits which are usually carried out by young people who often travel to Polynesia.

The Anglican Missions website has videos, pictures and information that you can download to encourage your congregations. Please get in touch with me if you have any ideas on mission or would like resources for your church. A weekly "Pray the News" resource is available to you where you can pray for events taking place across the globe.

Thank you once again for supporting Anglican Missions. I do enjoy meeting up with you and encouraging you to help others that are in need.

Dot Muir

Diocesan Motivator for Overseas Mission—Tikanga Pakeha

Hospital Chaplaincy Report

Synod 2025

Presented to the Anglican Synod of Otago-Southland, covering Chaplaincy at Dunedin, Wakari and Southland Hospitals

Introduction

Chaplains employed by Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa | Amokapua Hohipera Aotearoa continue to serve faithfully at Dunedin, Wakari, and Southland Hospitals, offering pastoral and spiritual care to patients, whanau, and staff in times of need, distress, and uncertainty.

While the organisation retains the legal name Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy (IHC), the updated working name, Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa, was officially adopted in October 2024 to better reflect the ecumenical and national scope of our work.

The past year has been one of continued growth, change, and faithful service for hospital chaplaincy teams in the Otago-Southland region. In the face of organisational transitions, increasing demand, and heightened pressures on healthcare workers, chaplains have remained a calm and compassionate presence. This report outlines key activities, milestones, and developments across the chaplaincy services in the region, and gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support of the Diocese of Dunedin.

National Overview

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa maintains a contractual relationship with Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora to provide chaplaincy services across the country. We are also supported by various Health NZ regions, churches and denominations, community funders and individuals.

Across Aotearoa, the chaplaincy team included:

- 93 chaplains (representing 53.9 full-time equivalent roles)
- 165 trained Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants (VCAs)
- 65,845 patient visits
- 11,784 whanau visits
- 8,756 staff interactions
- 26,872 hours of pastoral care delivered
- 42,459 instances of prayer or sacramental ministry

For further details, the full 2023-2024 report is available on the [Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa website](#).

In mid-2024, a new national Fundraising and Partnerships Manager role was established to strengthen connections between the chaplaincy service and parishes, congregations, and individual supporters. You may have seen the new resource, *Be the Heart and Soul of Your Community: An Invitation for Churches*, which outlines ways to support hospital chaplaincy—both financially and relationally.

Local Oversight and Support

In Dunedin, a Local Chaplaincy Committee chaired by Rev. David Poultney meets five times annually. The committee comprises members from various denominations who offer prayer, advocacy, and a vital link between local congregations and the chaplaincy team. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing encouragement and support.

Southern Chaplaincy Team

The Southern region is currently served by the following ecumenical chaplaincy team:



Wakari Hospital

- Paul Johnston (Baptist)
- Rev'd Fr. Jaewoo Lee (Roman Catholic)

Dunedin Hospital

- Rev'd Vivienne Galletly (Anglican)
- Marty Pritchard (Anglican) — concluded service in January 2025
- Campbell Boyd (Elim)
- Rev. Alyse Sibaen (Anglican) — joined July 2025
- Rev. Fr. Mark Chamberlain (Roman Catholic)
- Rev. Fr. Jaewoo Lee (Roman Catholic)

Southland Hospital

- Abbe Tily (Pentecostal)
- Rev'd George Coleman (Anglican – Hui Amorangi Te Wai Pounamu)
- Rev'd Fr. Tony Harrison (Roman Catholic)

We are also supported by trained Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants who each contribute approximately 4-6 hours per week of pastoral care in Dunedin and Southland Hospitals. Their presence greatly extends the reach and responsiveness of our ministry.

Ministry in Practice

Chaplains offer support to patients, whanau, and staff across a wide spectrum of needs and backgrounds—religious or not. The chaplain's presence often becomes especially important for patients far from home, disconnected from their regular support systems.

We welcome referrals from churches and individuals, especially when someone is hospitalised out of town. Within the constraints of privacy protocols, these referrals can help us locate and support patients who might otherwise go unnoticed. Chaplains provide a ministry of presence—listening, comforting, praying, or simply being alongside patients during vulnerable times.

Hospital Statistics

In the last year, the team supported a total of 10,615 people in Dunedin and Southland Hospitals as follows:

Dunedin Hospital

- Patients visited: 8,315
- Whanau supported: 668
- Staff interactions: 747

Southland Hospital

- Patients visited: 818
- Whanau supported: 40
- Staff interactions: 27

Conclusion and Gratitude

We give thanks for the prayers, financial support, and spiritual encouragement offered by the Diocese of Dunedin. Your partnership enables us to bring compassionate presence, hope, and sacred care to people in some of life's most vulnerable moments.

We invite ongoing prayer for:

- The wellbeing of chaplains and volunteers
- Opportunities to deepen connections with local faith communities
- The sustaining of this vital ministry, both spiritually and financially

Thank you for standing with us in this sacred and often unseen work.

Otago-Southland Chaplaincy Team
Dunedin, Wakari, and Southland Hospitals

(Supplied via Rev'd Vivienne Galletly

Interim Lead Chaplain - Southern
Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa)

Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board Report

Synod 2025

The Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board would like to again express its gratitude to the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin for its Annual Grant. Chaplaincy continues to be such a crucial ministry of care at both the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic. The tertiary sector continues to face a lot of upheaval with many financial constraints and constant change. This creates a fair bit of worry and stress for both staff and students. Time and time again the chaplaincy services that we provide support individuals during times of high uncertainty and change. We are able to journey with individuals during the highs and lows of their lives, and we are able to constantly refocus on our amazing God, who is the source of love and hope during these times. We also see the burden of care that our chaplains experience and 2025 is proving to be a challenging year to be a chaplain. One of our Otago Polytechnic chaplains was reflecting, at our July Board meeting, on what a difficult time staff are experiencing at Otago Polytechnic at the moment and just how much heaviness there is at the moment with all the job losses and uncertainty. This is also experienced through the increased demand for chaplaincy support that our chaplains are providing at the moment.

We are so appreciative of the support from the Diocese. Without this support, and the support of other church organisations, Trusts and individual donors, our work would not be able to continue. Thank you so much for this support. We are truly blessed to have you partner with us in this ministry. Your support through firstly prayer, and through your financial contribution, means a lot to the Chaplains and to us on the Board.

Mike Summerfield finished up with us towards the end of 2024 and has now moved into a full-time position at Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust. We are grateful for all of his mahi. We recognize that his ministry will continue to reap benefits in many people's lives.

Mike Tonks has taken on the 0.5 FTE Chaplain role at the University of Otago since the start of this year. He works alongside Rev Olivia Dawson (fulltime) in supporting the staff and students at the University. Mike had been working as Director of Catholic Social Services in Dunedin and has also been a pastor at Musselburgh Baptist Church. His many years of experience and his background in social work adds more diversity to the chaplaincy team. Olivia continues to grow in the role of Lead Chaplain and we have increased the amount of day-to-day management that she provides for the team. Having a Lead Chaplain is allowing for much better day-by-day management and is providing improved communication within the team. Steve Downey continues to be the full-time Chaplain at Otago Polytechnic. He is crucial in providing both student and staff support as Otago Polytechnic goes through much upheaval at the moment. Te Ata Roy is flourishing in her Māori Chaplain roles across both institutions. She was recently acknowledged by the Hon Grant Robertson, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, who publicly mentioned the very significant and helpful contribution Te Ata made to a day-long hui held at the University on a challenging and important topic.

Sheila Mark (0.4 FTE) continues to provide excellent support at the University of Otago Christchurch Campus. She recently received the Integrity (NGĀKAU TAPATAHI) Award for UOC. "For her unwavering support of staff and students over the past year in making

herself available, offering her time, care and a compassionate listening ear; her kindness, empathy, and quiet dedication has made a lasting impact on the wellbeing and sense of community on the campus". We continue to have Richard Brown as a volunteer Chaplain.

Our Chaplains continue to be available to offer pastoral care and counselling, spiritual support, spiritual direction, services of worship, retreats and a whole range of other forms of ministry. Our ecumenical team works in partnership with the Catholic Chaplaincy team of Father Mark Chamberlain, Amy Armstrong and Erolia Rooney.

We are blessed to have very active and talented Board members who put a lot of mahi into supporting what our Chaplains do. We said goodbye to Christina McEwen as the Salvation Army representative at the end of 2024 and have recently had Chonny Bryan join the Board as the new Salvation Army representative. We really appreciate the mahi of Tessa Campbell on the Board and we are grateful for her representation of the Anglican Diocese. She is a crucial member of the Board and we are thankful for how God uses her service for the benefit of chaplaincy. We thank you for providing this representation.

We continue to encourage and develop the 'Friends of the Chaplains' group. The web address is: <https://www.otago-tertiary-chaplaincy.nz/friends-of-the-chaplaincy>. We write occasional Newsletters and seek to keep Friends informed about Chaplaincy. We have also encouraged individuals to support the work of the Chaplains financially and are very grateful for the support we receive in this way. The Chaplains also have an active Facebook page, relating to all that is happening in Campus Chaplaincy. It is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/otagotertiarychaplaincy>. Members of Synod would be most welcome to join both groups.

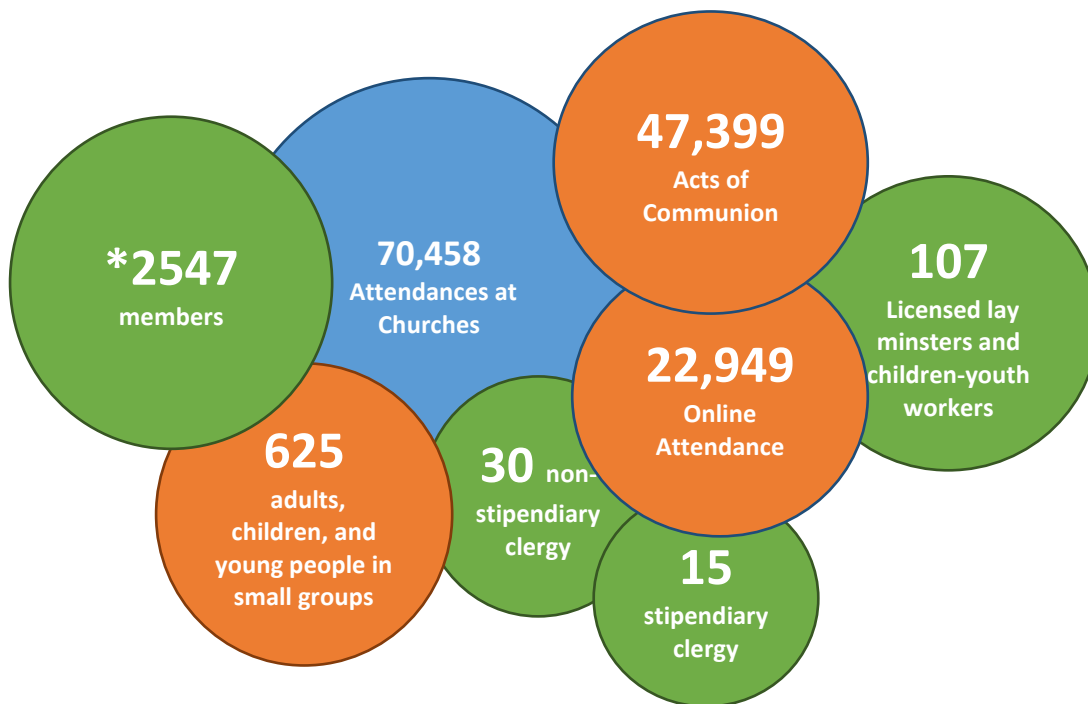
Even though 2025 continues to provide many challenges, we are so thankful for how God allows chaplaincy to contribute to the journeys of many individuals across both our Tertiary Institutions. Once again, our most sincere thanks for the support provided by the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin, which is vital for the ongoing ministry of Chaplaincy at both the Otago Polytechnic and the University of Otago.

Hamish Smith

Chair, Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board

Diocese of Dunedin Statistics: An Overview of 2024

● Reading The Bible
 ● Praying
 ● Living out the Life of Jesus Christ



***2547 on church rolls (1758 households) in 48 locations.**

Faith Community Trends

If we look at numbers on our rolls eleven years ago in 2013 (5064) compared to 2024 (2547), we are just over **49.7% smaller**. This equates to an average net loss of around **229 people per year**. While this continuing decline is sobering, it also sharpens our focus on how we are called to be the Anglican Church in Otago and Southland today and in the years ahead.

Despite the drop in numbers, the life and witness of our Diocese remains active and vibrant. In 2024, our churches recorded:

- **70,458 in-person attendances** across 48 worshipping communities and organisations
- **47,399 acts of communion**
- **22,949 online attendances**, reflecting our ongoing digital engagement
- **625 adults and children** involved in small groups
- **107 licensed lay ministers and children/youth leaders**
- **36 baptisms** (26 children, 10 adults), **5 confirmations**, **20 marriages**, and **79 funerals** — moments marking life, commitment, and hope in Christ

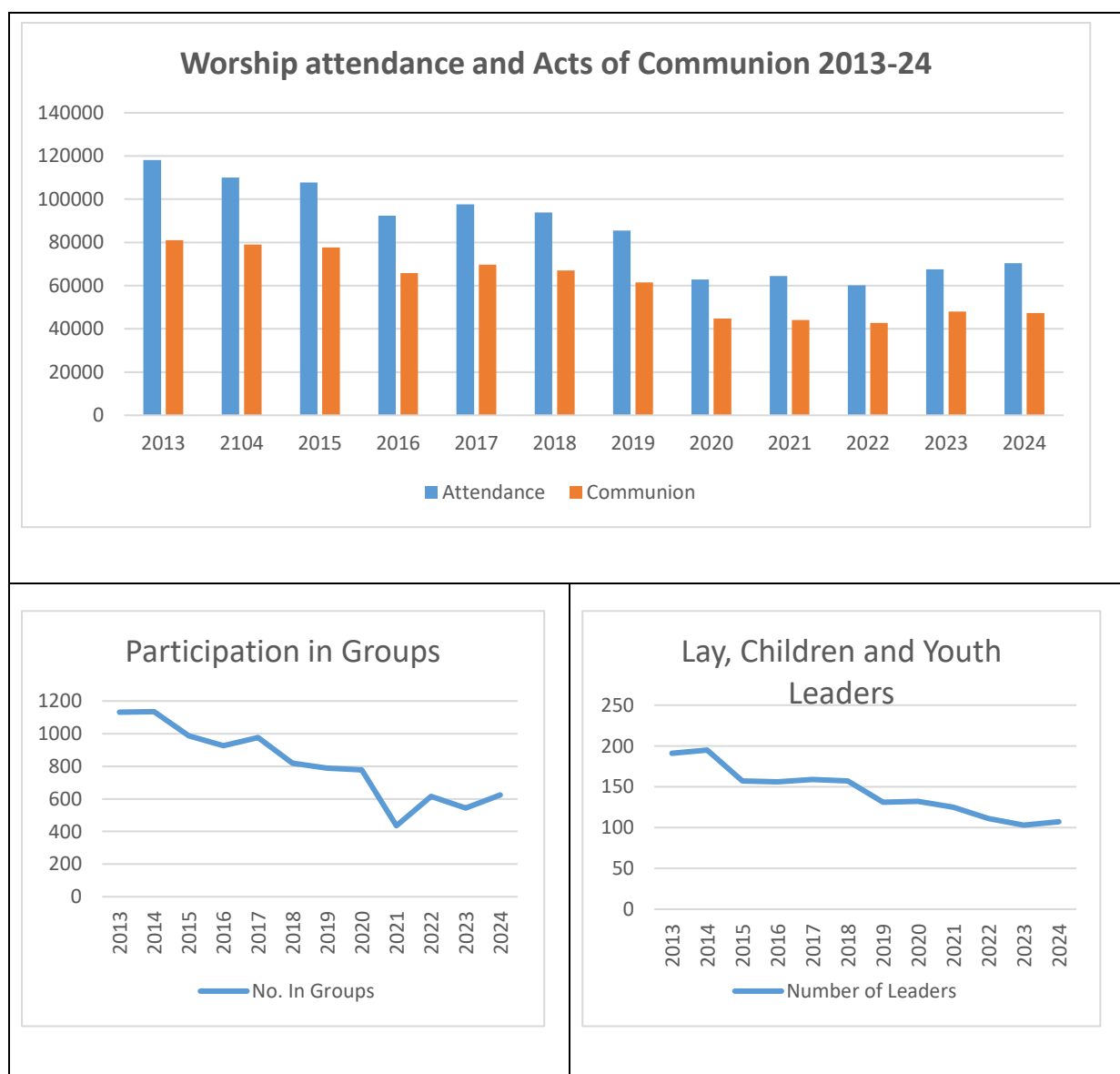
We currently have:

- **2,547 members on parish rolls**, across **1,758 households**
- **45 active clergy** (30 non-stipendiary, 15 stipendiary)
- A strong volunteer base supporting education, pastoral care, community outreach, and worship

When compared to 2023, some areas show encouraging signs:

- **4.2% increase in total in-person attendance**
- **31% growth in online attendance**
- Increases in lay ministry engagement and youth contacts in some regions

While smaller than we once were, our communities continue to show resilience, adaptability, and dedication to Christ's mission — proclaiming the Gospel, offering worship and pastoral care, and serving the people of Otago and Southland.



Five Marks of Mission and Diocesan Mission Statement

The Diocese of Dunedin sees its mission within the Five Marks of Mission to be: faith communities who read the Bible, pray and live out the life of Jesus Christ.

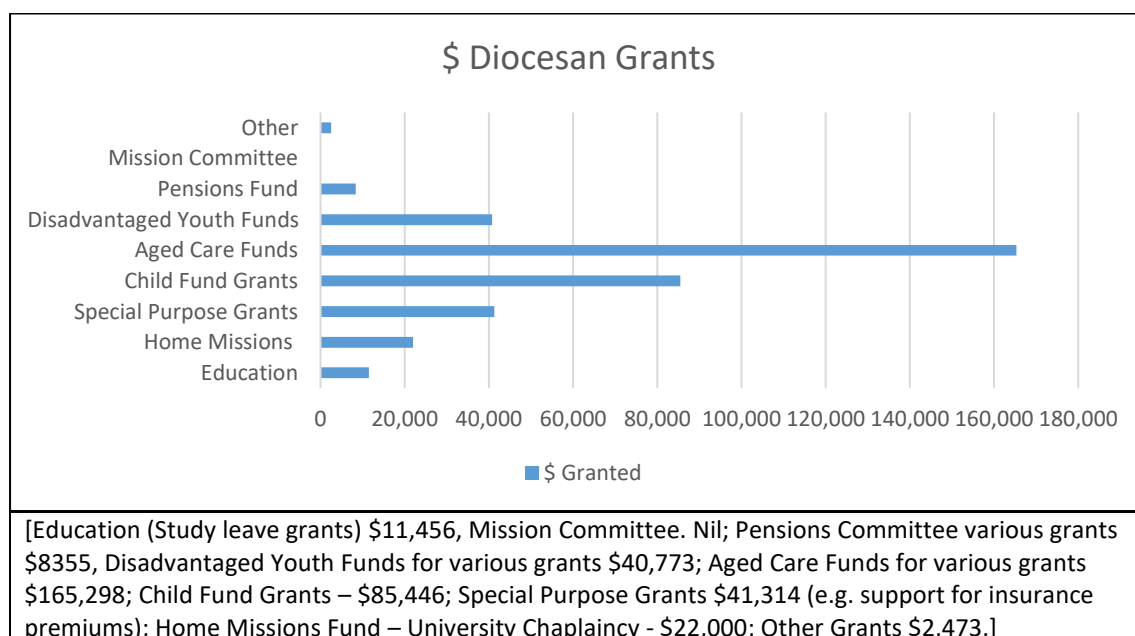
This has been the third year when we have given faith communities the option of telling us what **Community Based Ministries – Pastoral Care** they have facilitated and other **Social Transformation** and **Safeguarding Creation** activities. The following statistics and supplied narratives unpack this further:



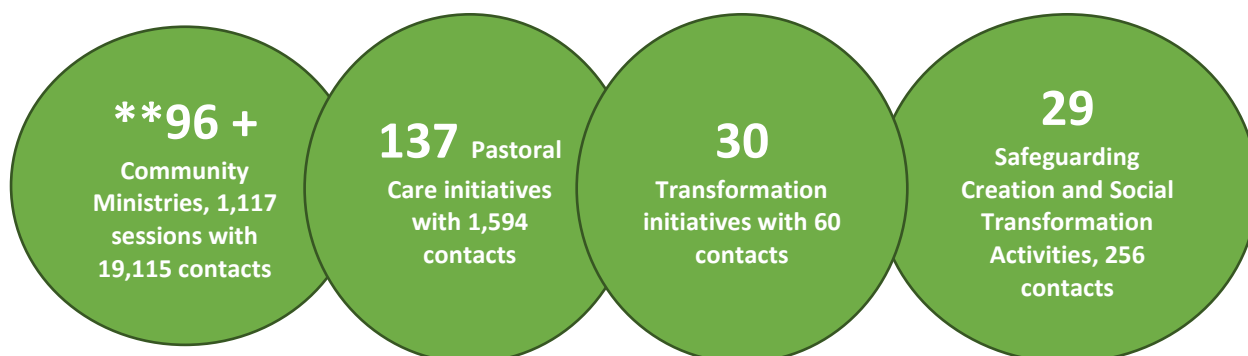
Grants Made by the Diocese in 2024: over \$377k

Through careful stewardship of our resources, the Diocese of Dunedin can support the Five Marks of Mission in a practical and meaningful way. Several bequests and centrally held funds, managed by the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board, generate income that enables this work. **In 2024, the Diocesan Council distributed over \$377,000 in grants**, based on recommendations from the Social Justice and Mission Committees, as well as in response to other requests. These grants have supported a broad range of individuals, ministries and organisations—both within the Diocese and those we have a strong commitment to assisting.

The following graph provides an overview of the sources of these grants. **Please note** that the figures shown reflect actual funds disbursed during the 2024 calendar year, which may differ from those reported in individual committee reports.



Summary of Outward Facing Ministries



****36+** Community Facing and Missional Organisations [Secondary College (1), University Hall of Residence (1), Hospital and Residential Care (4), Social Services (2), Faith Community Based Community Ministries (88) over 1117 sessions reaching over 19,115 people].

See the complete list of activities reported on following the “Faith Communities Statistics” table

Community Services

Faith communities across the Diocese continue to offer a wide variety of community-facing ministries, with a strong emphasis on hospitality, food security, education, and partnership.

- **Hospitality and Food Support:** Many parishes provided regular meals, such as Gore’s weekly soup and buns, Balclutha’s “Grab a Plate Monday”, and Oamaru–Maheno’s monthly free lunches and Christmas parcel project. Food baskets were commonly donated to Diocesan organisations such as South Centre and local foodbanks (e.g., Gladstone, Invercargill, Taieri, Upper Clutha, and Winton). Dunedin North Parish continues its well-established All Saints Fruit and Veges ministry, providing affordable produce in the wider Dunedin area.
- **Preschool and After School Programmes:** Music and movement groups such as Mainly Music and Musical Munchkins were offered widely (e.g., Balclutha, Gladstone, Otago Peninsula, Southern Coastal). After-school clubs and children’s programmes were run in several communities, including Oamaru–Maheno and Southern Coastal.
- **Creative Community Engagement:** Church halls were frequently used for a wide range of activities, offering practical connection with local communities. For example, **Waikouaiti’s church hall** hosted tai chi classes (three times weekly), spinning and weaving groups, an art group, a table tennis group, boardgame afternoons, and (until recently) a card-playing group. The hall provides a space for the wider community, with proceeds going back into the church account. Waikouaiti also plans to participate in the local spring garden fair by decorating and opening the church all day. Other events of note include the **Victorian Festival** (Oamaru–Maheno), Dawn Services (Otago Peninsula), and cruise ship welcomes (Port Chalmers).
- **Small Communities Making a Big Impact:** In places like Western Southland, Wyndham, and Waikouaiti, small congregations remain actively engaged – volunteering in Lions, Menzsheds, local museums, and community charities – showing how vital rural and small-town churches remain to local life.

Pastoral Care Initiatives

Pastoral care remained a core aspect of parish life, with most communities offering both structured and informal support.

- **Rest Home and Home-based Ministry:** Many parishes regularly provide worship services and communion in rest homes and offer home visits (e.g., Invercargill, Oamaru–Maheno, Upper Clutha, Gore, Taieri, Western Southland).
- **Ongoing Pastoral Support:** Visiting the sick, prayer trees, home communions, funeral support, and food deliveries are commonly practiced. In Waikouaiti, while there is no formal pastoral care programme, parishioners make a point of keeping a close watch on one another — particularly those who are elderly or unwell — providing care and supplies when needed.
- **Innovative Approaches:** Initiatives like “Mattering” (truancy and youth support in Oamaru–Maheno) and mental health support in urban areas add further richness to the Diocese’s pastoral landscape.

Transforming and Safeguarding Creation

Many faith communities are incorporating sustainability, advocacy, and justice into their community practice, with efforts ranging from local gardening to global justice campaigns.

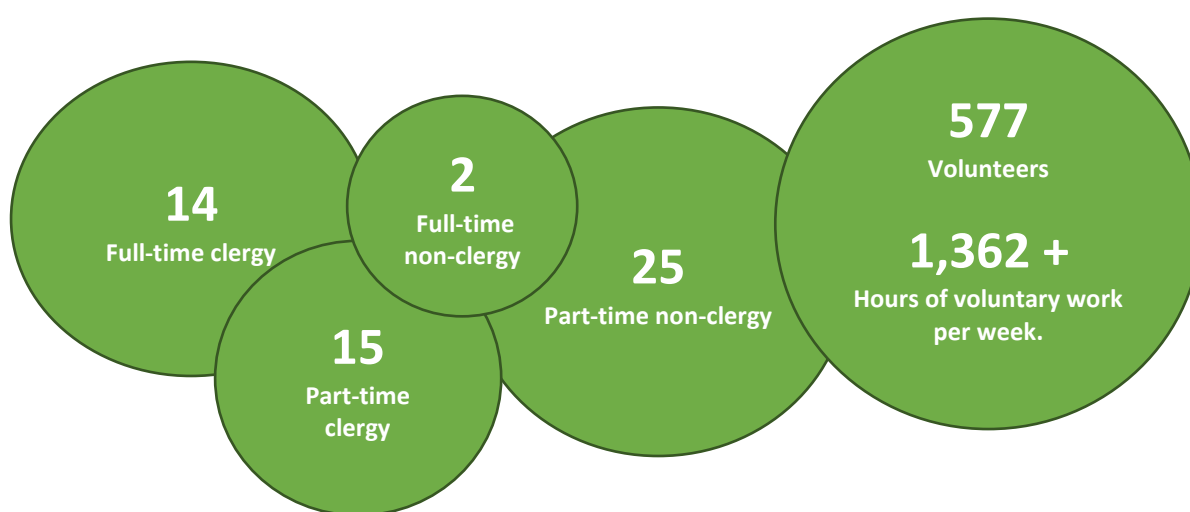
- **Care of Creation:** Environmental efforts include composting, community gardening, native planting, and sustainability education. In Waikouaiti, a dedicated team maintains the church grounds and gardens, growing trees that can be purchased as living memorials. The community takes pride in the beauty and upkeep of their church surroundings.
- **Social Justice and Advocacy:** Many parishes participated in campaigns for climate action, peace, Te Tiriti justice, and poverty reduction. For example, Waikouaiti contributes monthly to overseas outreach and participates annually in the World Day of Prayer, joining a global movement that blends storytelling, prayer, and singing — their most recent observance focusing on the Cook Islands.
- **Partnership and Education:** From hosting refugee awareness events to supporting Anglican Missions and Habitat for Humanity, many churches are embracing a wider vision of gospel witness through partnership and action.

Emerging Themes and Reflections

1. **Deep Local Roots:** Whether urban or rural, large or small, faith communities continue to serve as hubs of care, gathering, and quiet influence. Small congregations still play vital roles in pastoral care, civic life, and community memory.
2. **Hospitality and Practical Service:** From free meals to literacy tutoring, congregations express the Gospel through practical hospitality.
3. **Partnership and Collaboration:** Churches are increasingly connecting with local service providers, community organisations, and ecumenical groups to strengthen their work and presence.
4. **Justice and Creation Care as Ministry:** Advocacy, sustainability, and prophetic witness are now key features of many faith communities’ wider engagement.
5. **Adapting to Changing Needs:** Programmes like grief support, aged care ministry, and youth engagement reflect the changing demographics and challenges of our communities.

Employees and Volunteers Annual Return 2025

The Diocese of Dunedin has 15 Full time clergy, 2 full time non-clergy workers (at Peter Mann House), 15 Part time clergy and 25 part time non-clergy workers (Parish admin staff, other community workers, cleaners, organists, administrators etc.). **In total around 1023 hours a week are paid in stipends and wages each week throughout the Diocese.** People throughout our faith communities volunteer their time and efforts in many ways, for example, people involved in worship services (serving, preaching, music, counting collections etc) and other activities (leading small groups, community-based services/ministries, vestry or committee activities). It is often hard to quantify this kind of time and work, but annual returns suggest **577 volunteers give over 1,362 hours of time to their church and community every week.**



Faith Community Statistics 2024

Faith Community Stats 2024	Number on Roll		Baptisms		Confirmations	Marriages	Funerals	Attendance	On-line Attend	Acts of Communion		
	All	Households	Child	Adult				Total	Total	Total	Easter	Christmas
ARCHDEACONRY OF DUNEDIN CITY												
1. LOCAL CHURCHES												
1.1 Milton St John's	18	15	-	-	-	-	1	106	-	103	7	17
1.2 Dunedin St Martha's	31	17	-	-	-	-	-	456	291	163		24
3. BALCLUTHA St Mark's, St Peter's	103	60	1	4	-	1	4	4,021	-	3,047	69	90
4. CATHEDRAL St Paul's	177	119	1	-	-	5	6	9,626	16,531	4,624	163	303
5. CAVERSHAM St Peter's	59	47	2	2	2	1	2	3,350	-	2,474	95	85
6. DUNEDIN NORTH All Saints, St Martins	170	119	2	1	3	1	4	7,204	608	3,638	106	97
7. OTAGO PENINSULA (St Michael's)	79	62	1	-	-	-	4	2,225	-	2,095	65	53
8. PORT CHALMERS Holy Trinity	59	23	2	-	-	-	2	911	90	452	17	15
9. ROSLYN St Johns	150	114	-	-	-	-	7	3,954	-	3,629	53	90
10. SOUTHERN COASTAL DEANERY St Kilda, Mornington, Green Island-Brighton	95	65	-	-	-	-	6	2,016	-	1,611	43	30
11. ST MATTHEWS (Estimated communions)	26	19	1	-	-	-	-	1,032	125	495	23	-
12. TAIERI St Luke's	65	51	1	-	-	-	2	1,531	36	1,412	26	30
13. PETER MANN HOUSE (Diocesan Office)								28	3,312	28		
14. LESLEY GROVES SOCIETY HOME & HOSPITAL (Estimated)								350		350		
15. HOME OF ST BARNABAS TRUST								88		88		
16. ST HILDA'S COLLEGIATE								1,000		1,000		
17. SELWYN COLLEGE												
sub-total	1,032	711	11	7	5	8	38	37,810	20,993	25,209	667	834
ARCHDEACONRY OF EAST OTAGO												
1. LOCAL CHURCHES												
1.2 Waikouaiti St John's, Karitane-Hui te Rangiora	3	3	1	1	-	-	1	295	-	268	22	41
1.3. St Mary's Palmerston	11	9	-	-	-	-	1	120		118	-	9
3. WARRINGTON-WAITATI St Barnabas	29	20	-	-	-	1	2	991	-	777	22	21
4. OAMARU-MAHENO St Luke's, St Andrew's	110	88	1	2	-	2	6	4,875	-	2,197	45	86
5. WAITAKI/NTH OAMARU St Mary's, St Martin's, St Alban's	79	60				1	2	1,136	6	911	28	45
6. (Karitane-Hui te Rangiora - no returns, Moeraki - Kohitanga Church, no returns)												
sub-total	232	180	2	3	-	4	12	7,417	6	4,271	117	202
ARCHDEACONRY OF CENTRAL OTAGO												
1. DUNSTAN St Aiden's, St James	143	98	-	-	-	-	1	1,253	190	1,121	46	42
2. MANIOTOTO St Hilda's, St George's, St Albans	12	10	-	-	-	-	-	209	-	200	49	56
3. UPPER CLUTHA Tarras, St Columbas, St Andrews	439	277	5	-	-	-	7	8,679	-	5,048	216	416
4. WHAKATIPU St Peter's, St Paul's (285 contacts)	75	46	6	-	-	8	2	4,237		2,996	121	438
sub-total	669	431	11	-	-	8	10	14,378	190	9,365	432	952
ARCHDEACONRY OF SOUTHLAND												
1. LOCAL CHURCHES												
1.1 Lumsden All Saints	3	2										
1.2 Waikaia (St Mary's)	29	22	-	-	-	-	-	49	- 42		-	15
3. FIORDLAND St Michaels	56	39	-	-	-	-	-	685	- 671	13		80
4. GLADSTONE All Saints, St Andrews Stewart Island	100	58	-	-	-	-	3	1,813	- 1,413	55		37
5. GORE & DISTRICTS Holy Trinity	185	154	-	-	-	-	6	2,335	864	2,076	88	36
6. INVERCARGILL (St John's), St Luke's	29	15	-	-	-	-	2	896	896	19	-	24
7. NORTH INVERCARGILL Holy Trinity	74	65	2	-	-	-	3	2,888	- 2,412	39		71
8. WESTERN SOUTHLAND St Mary's, St George's	16	11	-	-	-	-	2	1,144	- 1,008	36		63
9. WINTON Holy Trinity	110	61	-	-	-	-	3	835	- 801	19		22
10. WYNDHAM St Marks Otara	12	9	-	-	-	-	-	120	- 112		-	-
11. RURAL SOUTH - Ven Bar Walker												
sub-total	614	436	2	-	-	-	19	10,765	1,760	8,554	230	348
2024 TOTALS	2,547	1,758	26	10	5	20	79	70,458	22,949	47,399	1,446	2,336
% CHANGE TO PRIOR YEAR	(7.2%)	(6.0%)	(7.1%)	0.0%	(68.8%)	(37.5%)	11.3%	4.3%	31.0%	(1.4%)	(4.4%)	2.9%
2023 Totals	2,744	1,870	28	10	16	32	71	67,541	17,515	48,055	1,512	2,270

Faith Community Stats 2024	Education Groups			Giving	Clergy		ALM's	Youth	Community Services		
	Under 11yrs	Youth	Adult	No of givers	Stipend	Non-stipend		Leaders	Number	Sessions	Contacts
ARCHDEACONRY OF DUNEDIN CITY											
1. LOCAL CHURCHES											
1.1 Milton St John's	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.2 Dunedin St Martha's	4	5	85	17		3	-	2	2	11	40
3. BALCLUTHA St Mark's, St Peter's	14	-	54	34	1	-	9	-	2	58	105
4. CATHEDRAL St Paul's	12	12	22	45	1	3	1	7			
5. CAVERSHAM St Peter's	-	-	-	19	1	1	2				
6. DUNEDIN NORTH All Saints, St Martins	8	12	40	45	1		3	5	3	45	11,000
7. OTAGO PENINSULA (St Michael's)	-	-	-	27	1	2	5	-	5	30	400
8. PORT CHALMERS Holy Trinity	-	-	-	12	-	1	2				
9. ROSLYN St Johns	-	-	12	54	1	-	4	-	-	-	-
10. SOUTHERN COASTAL DEANERY St ^{Kilda, Mornington, Green Island-Brighton}	28	5	8	29	1	2	9	3	5	44	1,860
11. ST MATTHEWS (Estimated communions)	2	-	14	11	2	-	1	-			
12. TAIERI St Luke's	5	-	7	28	-	3	3	-	2	40	76
13. PETER MANN HOUSE (Diocesan Office)											
14. LESLEY GROVES SOCIETY HOME & HOSPITAL (Estimated)											
15: HOME OF ST BARNABAS TRUST											
16. ST HILDA'S COLLEGIATE											
17. SELWYN COLLEGE											
sub-total	73	34	242	326	9	15	39	17	19	228	13,481
ARCHDEACONRY OF EAST OTAGO											
1. LOCAL CHURCHES											
1.2 Waikouaiti St John's, Karitane-Hui te Rangiora	-	-		1	-	-	2	1	6		50
1.3. St Mary's Palmerston	-	-	-	8	-	1	-	-			
3. WARRINGTON-WAITATI St Barnabas	-	-	-	10	-	1	1				
4. OAMARU-MAHENO St Luke's, St Andrew's	23	9	16	-	1	-	2	5	16	465	3,929
5. WAITAKI/NTH OAMARU St Mary's, St Martin's, St Alban's	-	-	-	26	-	1	2				
sub-total	23	9	16	45	1	3	7	6	22	465	3,979
ARCHDEACONRY OF CENTRAL OTAGO											
1. DUNSTAN St Aiden's, St James	-	-	6	28	1	-	3	-			
2. MANIOTOTO St Hilda's, St George's, St Albans	-	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
3. UPPER CLUTHA Tarras, St Columbas, St Andrews	11	-	27	81	1	2	9	-	3	8	240
4. WHAKATIPU St Peter's, St Paul's (285 contacts)	-	-	5	44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
sub-total	11	-	38	163	3	3	12	-	3	8	240
ARCHDEACONRY OF SOUTHLAND											
1. LOCAL CHURCHES											
1.1 Lumsden All Saints								-			
1.2 Waikaia (St Mary's)	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. FIORDLAND St Michaels	-	1	8		-	2	3	1	6	31	200
4. GLADSTONE All Saints, St Andrews Stewart Island	96	-	14	34	-	-	4	-	3		
5. GORE & DISTRICTS Holy Trinity	-	1	25	40	1	1	7	-	2	30	15
6. INVERCARGILL (St John's), St Luke's	-	-	3	13	-	1	3	-	24	24	100
7. NORTH INVERCARGILL Holy Trinity	8	-	9	32	-	2	4	1	8	301	1,000
8. WESTERN SOUTHLAND St Mary's, St George's	2	-	12	9	-	3	2	-	1	30	100
9. WINTON Holy Trinity	-	-	-	25	1	-	1	-			
10. WYNDHAM St Marks Otara	-	-	-	9							
11. RURAL SOUTH - Ven Bar Walker											
sub-total	106	2	71	166	2	9	24	614	44	416	1,415
2024 TOTALS	213	45	367	700	15	30	82	25	88	1,117	19,115
% CHANGE TO PRIOR YEAR	73.2%	0.0%	(2.1%)	(16.0%)	0.0%	3.4%	1.2%	13.6%	120.0%	36.4%	8.0%
2023 Totals	123	45	375	833	15	29	81	22	40	819	17,704

Faith Community Stats 2024	Pastoral Care		Transformation		Safeguarding Creation		Employees FT		Employees PT		Paid Hours	Volunteers	
	Number	Contacts	Number	Contacts	Number	Contacts	Clergy	Non-Clergy	Clergy	Non Clergy	per week	No	Hours pw
ARCHDEACONRY OF DUNEDIN CITY													
1. LOCAL CHURCHES													
1.1 Milton St John's	1	8	-	-			-	-	1	-	4	5	3
1.2 Dunedin St Martha's	2	20	6	15	10	20	-	-	1	-	4	12	20
3. BALCLUTHA St Mark's, St Peter's	1	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	50	50	49
4. CATHEDRAL St Paul's							1	-	-	4	113	78	164
5. CAVERSHAM St Peter's	3	89					1	-	1	-	60	6	12
6. DUNEDIN NORTH All Saints, St Martins	2	417			1	65	1	-	-	4	83	38	290
7. OTAGO PENINSULA (St Michael's)	2	12	5	4	4	20	1	-	-	1	50	22	10
8. PORT CHALMERS Holy Trinity							-	-	-	-	-	9	18
9. ROSLYN St Johns	4	200	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	79	24	40
10. SOUTHERN COASTAL DEANERY St Kilda, Mornington, Green Island-Brighton	3	253	-	-	4	30	1	-	-	-	50	20	40
11. ST MATTHEWS (Estimated communions)													
12. TAIERI St Luke's	4	25	1	10	-	-	-	-	3	2	12	28	90
13. PETER MANN HOUSE (Diocesan Office)							3	2		2	252		
14. LESLEY GROVES SOCIETY HOME & HOSPITAL (Estimated)													
15: HOME OF ST BARNABAS TRUST													
16. ST HILDA'S COLLEGIATE													
17. SELWYN COLLEGE													
sub-total	22	1,034	12	29	19	135	10	2	6	16	756	292	736
ARCHDEACONRY OF EAST OTAGO													
1. LOCAL CHURCHES													
1.2 Waikouaiti St John's, Karitane-Hui te Rangiora	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	7	12
1.3. St Mary's Palmerston							-	-	1	-	-	5	9
3. WARRINGTON-WAITATI St Barnabas							-	-	1	3	4	11	18
4. OAMARU-MAHENO St Luke's, St Andrew's	8	190	-	-	2	38	1	-	2	2	54	34	79
5. WAITAKI/NTH OAMARU St Mary's, St Martin's, St Alban's											11	15	
sub-total	8	190	1	1	3	39	1	-	5	5	58	68	133
ARCHDEACONRY OF CENTRAL OTAGO													
1. DUNSTAN St Aiden's, St James							-	-	1	-	30	15	75
2. MANIOTOTO St Hilda's, St George's, St Albans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	12
3. UPPER CLUTHA Tarras, St Columbas, St Andrews	4	100	2	15		75	1	-	-	1	60	20	30
4. WHAKATIPU St Peter's, St Paul's (285 contacts)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	71	16	62
sub-total	4	100	2	15	-	75	2	-	2	2	161	57	179
ARCHDEACONRY OF SOUTHLAND													
1. LOCAL CHURCHES													
1.1 Lumsden All Saints													
1.2 Waikaia (St Mary's)	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	6	1
3. FIORDLAND St Michaels							-	-	-	-	-	15	15
4. GLADSTONE All Saints, St Andrews Stewart Island	3		-				-	-	-	-	-	24	105
5. GORE & DISTRICTS Holy Trinity	4	50	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	46	40	50
6. INVERCARGILL (St John's), St Luke's	80	4	10	15	4	6	-	-	1	1	2	7	25
7. NORTH INVERCARGILL Holy Trinity	10	156	5		2		-	-	-	-	-	35	97
8. WESTERN SOUTHLAND St Mary's, St George's	6	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
9. WINTON Holy Trinity							-	-	-	-	-	25	7
10. WYNDHAM St Marks Otara					1	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	10
11. RURAL SOUTH - Ven Bar Walker													
sub-total	103	270	15	15	7	7	1	-	2	2	48	160	314
2024 TOTALS	137	1,594	30	60	29	256	14	2	15	25	1,023	577	1,362
% CHANGE TO PRIOR YEAR	(94.4%)	(62.7%)	328.6%	(62.3%)	141.7%	300.0%	(6.7%)		114.3%	(3.8%)	(4.1%)	17.3%	7.4%
2023 Totals	2,463	4,273	7	159	12	64	15	2	7	26	1,067	492	1,269

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Community Services

Balclutha:

Mainly Music is a music and movement group for preschoolers and their parents/caregivers. We dance, sing, eat and play together. We seek to create a joy filled community of belonging where Christ can be revealed. 'Grab a Plate Monday' is a free hot meal for community members on the first Monday of each month, provided at St Marks church Balclutha.

Caversham:

World Day of Prayer; Remembrance Day; C.A.W.S; Lady Walshingham Day; Caversham Lectures: all events open to wider community.

Dunedin North:

All Saints Fruit and Veges

Fiordland Parish:

Parishioners are involved in the community as Hospice Shople works, Art Centre, Community House, Walk Group, Flower Show (x2 organisers), evening Taizé services, hosting overseas tourists at services (they like our service as it is earlier in the morning – 9.30 am – and they have time to do other activities. Taizé service is in the afternoon.

Gladstone Parish:

Provide weekly food basket to South Centre; provide use of hall to Music and Movement weekly; provide use of hall to Whanake House when required.

Gore Parish:

Tuesday on Trafford – 2nd Tuesday of the month, 3-4 pm, coffee cake and conversation in the Narthex. **Soup and Buns** – every Thursday 12-1 pm May to December. Variety of soup and buns served in the Narthex.

Invercargill St Johns:

- Study groups: 6 people each week.
- Food basket each week to South Centre
- Monetary donations to South Centre.

North Invercargill:

Extensive involvement in the following:

Social Housing - A five-year contract with Habitat for Humanity using our Vicarage for Community Housing. This contract will see its term end near the end of 2025;

South Centre - Weekly food baskets from Parishioner donations February-December, \$100/month spent to top up parishioner giving of food/cleaning product giving, Monthly donation of knitted children's clothing, blankets, bed linen etc, Harvest Festival goods

from service plus extra \$100 goods in February, Extra \$500 of food donated at Christmas time;

Hospital Knitting/Maternity Ward - Knitted hats and booties each month February - December

Local Missions – 11 causes supported to total of \$4895 (Kids Day Out Variety Show, Anglican Youth Aotearoa – Abby Conference, Autism NZ, Campaign Special Needs, Tertiary Chaplaincy, Mission without Borders, Hospital Chaplaincy, Women’s Refuge, Christian World Service (Bees), Invercargill Community Patrol Trust, South Centre (extra groceries for Christmas period), \$2,000 Rural Chaplaincy; **Others - Advent Angels** around the local area in December, Bazaar in October, Garage Sale in May, Operation Christmas Child/Shoe Box Samaritan’s Purse, Hospice Appeal – 16 Parishioners collecting for Hospice at Warehouse in February, Ecumenical Services during Holy Week. For half the year, our organ in the church being used every Monday night during term time for teaching a school student organ with no charge from us for the use of the organ. One of our organists is the tutor.

Use of Church Hall/Meeting Room/Kitchen – Hourly Charge - Narcotics Anonymous, Dance Group, Age Concern Exercise Group, Forrest and Bird Meeting.

Use of Church Hall/Meeting Room/Kitchen – No Charge :

- **Rural Chaplaincy Meetings.**
- **Mission without Borders** – day displaying knitted goods to the public before shipment.
- **Victim Support Meetings**, White Ribbon Riders – gathering place over a couple of days along with food served, Archdeaconry Meetings, Invercargill Future Group Meeting.
- **Boundary Training Day.**
- **Trinity Treats** - The ongoing selling of jams, pickles, sauces etc from donated fruits and veges to add to our mission money

Oamaru – Maheno:

- Part of local combined churches foodbank, donate food once a month, weekly collect spare veges from farmers’ market, store them in our fridge and then deliver to the foodbank
- Provide venue and support for Oceans grief program run by Anglican Family Care
- Regularly provide support for Anglican Family Care “family first” by donating clothing/ bedding/ kitchenware/ emergency packs to be given to those in need
- Run 2 literacy groups (1 for primary age, 1 for intermediate/ high school age)
- Provide venue and volunteers and set-up for combined churches Christmas parcel project, giving a hamper and presents to 140 households
- Fortnightly afterschool kidsclub
- Annual seniors’ lunch for seniors known to the church
- Monthly free lunch on a Thursday for anyone in the wider community
- Annual fair/ garage sale in hall
- “Steeple People” at St Luke’s keep the church open from 10:30-3:30 from Labour Day to Anzac Day to provide a place for people to pray/ sit quietly/ visit our building/ chat to a local.

- “Mattering” – a program to address truancy
- Advocacy & language support for people at hospital appointments, WINZ, Immigration, schools
- Transport to hospitals
- NOAH affordable rental cottages for older people.
- Provide funding for a range of other services to the community – e.g. hospital chaplains, Church Army work with families in low-decile areas of Christchurch, Oamaru Youth Centre, etc.
- Participation in the Victorian festival with: floral art & Tongan treasures displayed in St Luke’s; organ recital, heritage service, choral evensong; Victorian morning tea & grandma’s treasures sale

Otago Peninsula Parish:

Music and Movement (weekly), Matariki Dawn Service Macandrew Bay BBQ (annual), Easter Dawn Service Swim (annual), Advent Pilgrimage – 3 Saturdays circumnavigation of Otago Harbour (annual), Christmas nativity play and carols at Macandrew Bay Hall (annual).

Port Chalmers:

- We support the local primary school with Milo for their breakfast club.
- We provide funding for other initiatives/needs for the local school i.e. school camps, school swimming.
- We help with the organising and running of Anzac Day in Port Chalmers
- We open the church whenever a cruise boat is in Port.
- We provide funding towards the local Table Tennis Club.
- We are a local collection point for All Saints Fruit and Veges.
- We have a Family Service once a month where families who are not part of our regular congregation bring their kids.

St Martha’s Local Church:

Connecting with the homelessness charities in Dunedin and providing 2 community meals to a transitional housing hostel; Providing meals/care parcels for sick, isolating or bereaved households provided by our pastoral team – mostly for members of the congregation and neighbours and friends of church members.

Southern Coastal Deanery:

Musical Munchkins – music and movement for under 5’s and their carers; Fruit & veg distribution; After school group

Taieri Parish:

Mainly Music run every Thursday at 10 am. Food bank donations collection.

Upper Clutha:

Cromwell Food bank is on church grounds. Power is provided by the church. A community garden,



supporting the Food Bank, is also located on these grounds. Members of St Andrew's Church are on the Cromwell Community Welfare Trust. Wanaka Community Hub is on church grounds. Members of St Columba's Church have supported initiatives at the Hub, including a winter soup project.

Waikouaiti:

Our community church hall has many community-based initiatives that is enjoyed. Groups pay a small hourly fee to hire the hall and that money goes into the church account. Tai chi is held three times weekly, we have a spinners and weavers group and a separate Art group twice monthly. Up until very recently there was cards played every Tuesday afternoon. There is also a fortnightly table tennis group and a monthly boardgame group. There wasn't a church service with these activities though. This spring there is a garden fair, and the church will be decorated up for that and opened all day.

Winton:

Members of the church are involved with the combined churches foodbank and pastoral care service, Let's Link.

Western Southland:

A small congregation in a small community means that most of us are involved in local groups. Three are involved in the Menz shed, four in Lions, three volunteer at the local museum, two at the local OP Shop. Three are part of a choir who regularly sing in care homes,/retirement villages (Riverton and Invercargill). Church members also assist with meals on wheels. We help with collections for Hospice, Cancer and Parkinsons plus we provide a Chaplain for St Johns. We share services for World Day of Prayer, Good Friday with Union and Catholic Churches.

Wyndham Parish:

We are a small, mostly elderly group. We have monthly communion services. We give donations to the Diocese, Mission, Hospital Chaplaincy, Christian Education in Schools, South Centre, Local Retirement Home Trust, Rural Chaplaincy.

Pastoral Care Initiatives

Caversham:

Provide church services to three nursing homes- St. Barnabas twice per month, Radius Fulton twice per month, and Francis Hodgkins once per month

Dunedin North:

Chaplaincy at PSO rest homes, Chaplaincy at Selwyn College

Fiordland Parish:

We continue to reach out to various community people/individuals. We have fruit trees that people can share from, growing in our church grounds.

Gladstone Parish:

Pastoral care team; phone tree; Home Communion to Elderly Care Homes.

Gore Parish:

Parish Dinners – Third Tuesday each month, 6 pm (Croyden Lodge give us 25% off the a la carte menu).

Bible Study – every Thursday 10.30 am in the Narthex. **Home Group** – every Friday at 10.15 at 4 Lennox Street.

3-2-1 Basic Christianity Course, 4 weeks in the Narthex.

Invercargill St Johns:

- Provide worship services in two rest homes each month: 30 people attending each service
- Provide home communion to 3-4 people each month (home bound or retirement villages)
- Pastoral Care – home visits: 3 per week.

North Invercargill:

Prayer Breakfast, Food & Fellowship Evenings, Funeral Visiting/Anointing/ Rest Home Visit, Church Pastoral Visiting, Baptism Visiting, Parish Luncheons, Soup and Toast Lunch, Home Communion, Monthly Green Scene, Blessing of a Home after a Suicide.

Maniototo:

Regular visits to Maniototo Health Services and private homes by clergy, Bishop's Warden and Vestry members.

Milton Local Church:

We deliver soup for people in need.

Port Chalmers:

The Parish helped a parishioner put on her 70th birthday which was held at Carey's Bay Hotel – it was a great success and she was very grateful. We also support our families by providing the venue for their birthday parties.

Oamaru-Maheno:

- Vicar visits a local school at lunchtime to talk with teachers & pupils every fortnight approx.
- Parishioners are visited
- Take funerals and provide support for bereaved
- Take weddings and provide support for couple
- Rest home services at 3 rest homes
- Home communions taken to people who cannot come to church
- Monthly community lunch is pastoral care for the wider community
- "Mattering" provided pastoral care and guidance for truants in the wider community

Roslyn:

Support of Pastoral Ministry at Leslie Groves Home and Hospital-Daycare. Support of Brockville Kindergarten, support of Salvation Army Foodbank, support of Servants Healthcare Patient.

Otago Peninsula Parish: weekly men's coffee, newly started walking group.

St Martha's Local Church:

Examples of Pastoral Care initiatives in 2024: Sick/home communions, or anointing/prayers with the sick; Pastoral visiting with individuals or households, mainly by Priest in charge (and some by our other clergy) including crisis support (e.g. in times of sickness/mental health), bereavement visits, discipling visits e.g. post-baptism or to non-church people who want to learn more about God and deepen their prayer life, outreach to new people and sustained spiritual companionship in various forms.

Examples of outreach in 2024: Delivering pamphlets in the neighbourhood inviting people to church, extensive publicity on email, Facebook and personal invitations for our events including social events.

Examples of Education groups in 2024: Children's/teens worship band. Church visit and seminar for home-school kids "What does an Anglican priest do?" Adult groups = social justice skills sessions (e.g. policy-letter writing, cooking for transitional hostel, NVC), and weekly interactive Facebook prayer/spirituality education content, online teaching via zoom, YouTube, and podcasts.

Southern Coastal Deanery:

Rest Home ministry services, room blessings; Rest Home support – e.g. Boards

Taieri Parish:

Home communions, pastoral phone calls, visiting, ride sharing.

Upper Clutha:

Parish employs an Aged Care Worker based in Cromwell. They lead a team of volunteers providing worship and pastoral support to two residential Aged Care facilities. The Aged Care Worker also offers programmes in the community, including a support group for those with dementia. Worship services and pastoral support are also offered to those in residential care in Wanaka.

Waikouaiti:

No formal pastoral care initiatives, other than to say we keep a good eye on one another. Lots of elderly people associated with the church. If anyone is unwell, we care. We visit and bring supplies to help.

Winton:

The church's licensed pastoral care provider keeps in contact with parishioners and others who need less or more pastoral care, including visiting parishioners in the care homes in Invercargill.

Western Southland:

Involved in rural chaplaincy, regular visiting to local care home (including weekly service and monthly singing) and have bible study once a week at a retirement village. Provide a Garden Pantry for Care home residents. Twelve times a year we combine with the Union Church for a reflective-meditative service.

Wyndham Parish:

We visit and phone people when we know there is a need. Our members belong to local groups – Rural Women, Lions, Curio Bay Trust, Waikawa Museum Trust. Three members are part of our Prayer Phone Tree.

Transforming and Safeguarding Creation

Dunedin North:

Fair Trade event.

Invercargill St Johns:

Looking after the bush around our church (St Lukes). Registered as an Arocha eco church, participate in networking opportunities around this. Members are part of Social Justice Committee. Participating in lay ministers and boundary training, attending archdeaconry meetings.

North Invercargill:

Impact investment: Partnering with Habitat for Humanity Invercargill in enabling supported accommodation and independence building for young adults – several have transitioned to independent living in other flats. **Working to minimise violence in all its forms:** Annual gifting from our local mission budget to Women's Refuge in Invercargill towards year end as family violence often increases during this time; offering our facilities without charge to White Ribbon Riders and to Victim Support; Local Mission donation to Invercargill Community Patrol. **Overseas support: Mission Without Borders:** Donation to transport costs of goods and use of our hall without charge to showcase goods made and donated by the wider Invercargill community. **Encouraging and supporting gardening** in our community by growing and selling vegetables, flowers and other plants for sale at reasonable prices at our annual Bazaar. We have a significant community following who regularly purchase their garden plants from us each year. **Parishioners' surpluses of fruit and vegetables** are either gifted to South Centre or form the basis of many Trinity Treats. These activities contribute to developing food resilience within the community.

Oamaru – Maheno:

Care for church grounds at Maheno & Oamaru through working bees and individual work, have done some replanting with native plants to support native birdlife; teaching kidsclub kids to compost; seeking to reduce the use of harmful chemicals on site.

Otago Peninsula Parish:

Spud in the bucket – growing potatoes/vege sharing (processed to Anglican Missions); Te Tiriti Workshop – submissions by parishioners sent to the select committee; submission to the Minister of Immigration re refugees from Palestine; submissions to Government regarding lowering climate change targets; partnered with Knox Presbyterian Church for the Community of The Cross (of nails); working with community and international partners for peace and reconciliation.

St Martha's Local Church: Examples of Social Transformation in 2024:

Te Tiriti marches, Government submission campaigns e.g. for Te Tiriti and poverty issues, Gaza Peace protests (and changing the time of our main service so people could attend these), social justice working bee, a lay leader teaching Non-violent-Communication workshops in church contexts. **Examples of Social Transformation/Care of Creation initiatives in 2024:** Climate-change protests and non-violent civil resistance, Fiji climate conference and 5 seminars giving feedback around the Diocese on this, Care-of-creation service at St Hilda's, government and local government submissions campaigns.

Southern Coastal Deanery:

Composting; Recycling – eyeglasses, milk bottle tops, batteries; Food security – garden produce to the Kai box

Taieri Parish:

Used battery collection – taken to town for recycling.

Waikouaiti:

Every year we have Day of Prayer. This is held all over the world at the same time. It includes role-playing stories and singing. It is very informative and moving. The last one was in March and was based in the Cook Islands. We at St John's give a monthly contribution to overseas outreach. However, we can do more there. We maintain the environment and beauty of the church. We have a small team of dedicated skilled volunteers who garden and regularly maintain and plant out. We grow our own trees for people to buy as living memorials to passed loved ones.

Western Southland:

Community Gardening (Palmerston Street), creating no-spray zones, Menz-shed composting bins. Once a month we share a service with the Union Church (alternating the church). We take part in their initiatives: Water Aid, Sharing Shed, Sacred Space-Meditation, knitting for Plunket, Harvest Food Drive.

Winton:

Farmers in the congregation are actively involved with care of creation, both in sustainable farming methods and with their local catchment groups.