

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN – CYCLE OF PRAYER AND CALENDAR

(Updated October 2025)

Welcome to Prayer. Please view this cycle as series of nails on which you can hang your own prayers.

We also have a number of significant people of faith who we celebrate in the Southern region on particular days as recorded in the [Diocese of Dunedin Standing Resolutions 5.1](#) and listed at the end of this document.

Daily Bishop Anne van Gend

Vicar-General - Ven Canon Dr Michael Wallace

Our country, Parliament and Local Government, our communities and neighbourhood.

That we may be the Anglican Family of God, living out our calling to be ambassadors for Christ and ministers of reconciliation.

Day 1

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

St Paul’s Cathedral

- Very Rev’d Tony Curtis – Dean
- Priest Assistants – Rev’d Barbara Dineen, Rev’d Canon Brian Kilkelly, Rev’d Dr Katie Marcar
- Lay Minister – Mr Monty Montgomery
- Director of Music – Mr Michael Grant
- Cathedral Office Manager – Mrs Deborah Hanson
- Cathedral Chapter

Archbishops

- Most Rev’d Don Tamihere (Tikanga Māori)
- Most Rev’d Sione Ulu’ilakepa (Tikanga Polynesia)
- Most Rev’d Justin Duckworth (Tikanga Pākehā)

The Provincial Church General Secretary: Rev’d Canon Michael Hughes.

Day 2

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa (*Bishopric of Aotearoa*)

- Bishop of Aotearoa, and Te Tairāwhiti: **Most Rev'd Don Tamihere**
- Bishop of Tai Tokerau: **Rt Rev'd Kito Pikaahu**
- Bishop of Manawa o te Wheke: **In interregnum**
- Bishop of Upoko o te Ika: **Rt Rev'd Waitohiaiki Quayle**
- Bishop of te Waipounamu: **[Vacant] Archbishop's Commissary:
Ven Susan Wallace**

Te Whānau Ariki ki Otepoti

- Rev'd Te Ata Roy, Rev'd Canon Heike Pomare, Rev'd Canon Bella Morrell, Rev'd Rahab Brown, Rev'd Pita Kara, Rev'd Chris Roy

Te Whānau Ariki ki Murihiku

- Rev'd Aaron Douglas, Rev'd Haranui Karetai, Rev'd Peggy Peek, Ven Ani Wainui, Rev'd Faylene Tokana, Rev'd George Coleman.

Day 3

“Be still, and know that I am God!”

Diocese of Polynesia Bishops

- Most Rev'd Sione Ulu'ilakepa, Rt Rev'd Henry Bull, Rt Rev'd Gabriel Sharma.

University and Polytechnic Chaplaincy

- Rev'd Olivia Dawson, Mike Tonks, Steve Downey, Sheila Mark, Fr Mark Chamberlain, Amy Armstrong, Erolia Rooney, Rev'd Te Ata Roy, Shakila Rizwan, Haizal Hussani.

University of Otago Programme of Theology

- Rev'd Prof Chris Holmes, Prof Tim Cooper, Rev'd Assoc. Prof James Harding, Rev'd Dr Katie Marcar, Prof Murray Rae, Rev'd Dr Graham Redding, Dr Andrew Shepherd, Dr Lynne Taylor, Rev'd Dr Wayne Te Kaawa, Prof David Tombs, Prof Paul Trebilco, Dr Terry Pouono

Day 4

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

The Archbishop of Canterbury Designate –

The Right Rev'd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE

Balclutha – St Mark, Clinton – St Peter

- Rev'd Brett Roberts

St John's Theological College, Auckland.

- Acting Manukura: Dr Andrew Picard
- Deans: Rev'd Blythe Cody, Rev'd Frank Smith.

Day 5

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Caversham – St Peter

- Rev'd Joel Stutter Interim Priest-in-Charge.

The Five Marks of Mission

- *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*

Day 6

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

Dunedin North – All Saints, St Martin

- Ven Canon Dr Michael Wallace
- Fr John Graveston

Dunstan Parish – St Aidan, Alexandra; St James, Roxburgh

- Priest-in-Charge Rev'd Craig Smith.
- Assistant Deacons – Rev'd Eirwen Harris Mitchell; Rev'd Steve Mitchell

Archdeacons

Michael Wallace – Dunedin, **Damon Plimmer** – Central Otago

Barb Walker – Rural South, **Liz Cheyne** - Invercargill City

Sue McCafferty – Oamaru and East Otago

Day 7

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

East Otago Faith Communities

- Palmerston – St Mary's; Waikouaiti – St John's (Local Churches)

Diocesan Staff and Officers

- Vicar General – **Michael Wallace**
- Diocesan Chancellor – **Lauren Pegg**
- Diocesan Registrar – **Andrew Metcalfe**
- Diocesan Accountant – **Fiona Gray**
- Senior Accounts Clerk – **Dominique Aitcheson**
- Executive Assistant to Bishop Anne – **Nicola Wong**
- Property Support Officer – **Nikki Gordon-Smith**

Day 8

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

Fiordland – St Michael's

- Ministry Team – Olwyn Brown, Miriam Dudfield, Judi Manning, Garth Stewart
- Team Priests – Jennifer Tapsell and Adrienne Stewart.

Association of Anglican Women

- Dot Muir – Diocesan President.
- Rev'd Te Ata Roy - Chaplain

Diocese of Christchurch – Rt Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell.

Day 9

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Gladstone – All Saints

- Deacon-in-Charge - Rev'd John Murphy

Selwyn College

- Warden – Sagato (Ziggy) Lesa
- Chaplain – Fr Michael Wallace

St Hilda's Collegiate School

- Principal Jackie Barron
- Chaplain – Dr Gillian Townsley

Day 10

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Gore & Districts – Holy Trinity, Gore

- Vicar – Rev'd Canon Gary Griffith-Smith
- Local Priest – Rev'd Bruce Cavanagh

The Five Marks of Mission

- *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers*

Day 11

*“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

Southern Coastal Deanery – St Mary, Mornington; Holy Cross, St Kilda; St Mark, Green Island; St Margaret, Brighton.

- Priest Assistant – Rev'd Sandra Baird

Diocesan Council

- Keith Gover, Nikki Gordon-Smith, Theodore Rose, Gillian Townsley, Liz Cheyne, Tony Curtis, Andrea McDougall, Michael Wallace, Damon Plimmer.

Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki – Most Rev'd Philip Richardson

Day 12

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Holy Trinity, Invercargill

- Priest in Charge – Ven Liz Cheyne
- Deacon – Rev'd Susan Slaughter

St John's, Invercargill & St Luke, Otatara

- Honorary Assistant Priest: Rev'd Aaron Douglas
- Wardens: Dot Muir and Lynda Turner-Heaton.

Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunedin – Most Rev'd Michael Dooley

Day 13

“I am the bread of life.”

Chaplains for Rural Ministry – Rev’d Richard Johnson, Ven. Barbara Walker, Rev’d Stephen Gully

Homes for the Aged – Residents, Staff & Home Management Boards, Chaplains

- The Home of St Barnabas – Dunedin
- Leslie Groves Home and Hospital – Roslyn Parish
- Parata Anglican Charitable Trust – Gore
- North Otago Anglican Homes for the Aged

Day 14

“I am the light of the world.”

Maniototo Faith Community

Ranfurly – St Hilda; Naseby – St George, St Bathans – St Alban

Wardens: Sam Inder and Warwick Smith

Clergy and Lay Ministers Licenced to the Bishop

- Andrew Metcalfe, Ven Jan Clark
- Friday Light Ministry Team – Dunedin Archdeaconry

Day 15

“I am the gate for the sheep”

Milton – St John

- Local Church

Those with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese

Richard Aitken, Andrew Barlow, Lisa Barlow, Denis Bartley, Alec Clark, David Crooke, Ruth Doig, Paul Dyer, Jill Favel, John Franklin, Mary-Jo Holdaway, Joy Hamilton-Jones, Juan Kinnear, Graham Langley, Maud Milligan, Barbara Noordanus, Francis Noordanus, Douglas Pratt, Chris Rodgers, Penny Sinnamon, Maggie Smith, Peter Stapleton, Bernard Wilkinson, David Wright, Kelvin Wright.

Day 16

“I am the good shepherd.”

Diocesan Ministry Educator – Ven. Damon Plimmer

Diocese of Dunedin Trust Board

- Stephen Grant, Susie Johnstone, Janice Burton, Richard Johnson, William Paterson, Eric Kyte, Brian Tegg.

Day 17

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Anglican Family Care

- Lynette Finnie – General Manager

South Centre

- MaryAnn Kuiti – Manager

The Five Marks of Mission

- *To respond to human need by loving service.*

Day 18

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

Parish of Oamaru and Maheno.

St Luke's, Oamaru with St Andrew's, Maheno

- Vicar – Rev'd Dr Andrea McDougall

Anglican Youth Network (*Tikanga Pakeha*) - Rev'd Lorna Grey

STRANDZ – Diana Langdon

Diocesan Children, Youth & Families Educator – Rev'd John Graveston

Day 19

“I am the vine...”

Otago Peninsula – St Michael and All Angels, Andersons Bay

- Priest-in-Charge Rev'd Michael Holdaway
- Local Priest – Rev'd Alison Latton
- Honorary Assistant Priest – Rev'd Canon Claire Brown.

Day 20

“The Lord is my shepherd”

Port Chalmers – Holy Trinity

- Priest-in-Charge – Rev'd Canon Rose Scott

Clergy Widows and Widowers

- Shirley Erwin, Carol Hurd, Maya Loveridge, Nora Dowse, Jim Mann, Brenda Beaumont, Francis White, Neil Johnston

Day 21

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

Roslyn – St John

- Vicar – Rev'd Eric Kyte

Bishop's Chaplains for Ordained Ministry and those exploring a vocation.

Day 22

“God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.”

Stewart Island – St Andrew. (*Part of Gladstone Parish, Invercargill.*)

Diocesan Nominators – Anne Gover, Ven Barb Walker,
Rev'd Brett Roberts, Theodore Rose.

Diocese of Wellington – Most Rev'd Justin Duckworth.

Day 23

“God is love...”

St Martha's. (Local Church)

- Priest-in-Charge – Rev'd Esther Clarke-Prebble
- Priests Assistant – Ven. Sue McCafferty, Rev'd Dr Edward Prebble

St Matthew's, Dunedin

- In interregnum. Wardens – Pete Masters and Chris Morris

The Five Marks of Mission

- *To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.*

Day 24

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Taieri – St Luke.

- In interregnum. Wardens: Chris Cresswell and Marie Folland

Stewardship within the Diocese

The Bible Society of New Zealand.

Day 25

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”

Upper Clutha - St Columba, Wanaka; St Andrew, Cromwell; Tarras Church

- Vicar – Ven Damon Plimmer
- Priest Assistants – Rev’d Doreen McKinlay and Rev’d Barry Entwisle
- Deacon Assistant – Rev’d Jeanette Chamberlain

The Cursillo Movement

Day 26

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner.”

Waikaia – St Mary

- Local Church. Helen Christie – Ministry Leader
- Former Waimea Plains and Strath Taieri Parishes

Bishop’s Companion Programme

Diocese of Waiapu – Rt Rev’d Andrew Hedge

Day 27

*The Lord bless you and keep you
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Waitaki – North Oamaru – St Mary, North Oamaru; St Martin, Duntroon; St Alban, Kurow.

Altar Servers and Sacristans

Diocese of Nelson – Rt Rev’d Steve Maina Mwangi

The Five Marks of Mission

- *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation,
and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

Day 28

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.”

Whakatipu – St Peter, Queenstown; St Paul, Arrowtown.

- Vicar – Rev’d Chris Dodds

Warrington – St Barnabas

- Priest-in Charge - Rev’d Dr Jeremy Nicoll

Anglican Missions Board

- National Director – Rev’d Michael Hartfield

Authorised Lay Ministers in the Diocese.

Day 29

“Jesus is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.”

Western Southland - St Mary, Riverton; St George, Tuatapere

- Local Priests – Rev’d Leah Boniface, Rev’d Jean Soper, Rev’d Wayne Soper.

Hospital Chaplains.

- Dunedin – Rev’d Vivienne Galletly, Rev’d Alicia Sibaen, Fr Mark Chamberlain, Paul Johnston, Cam Boyd, Fr Jaewoo Lee,
- Invercargill – Abby Tily, Rev’d George Coleman
- Queenstown Lakes Hospital – Janet Barroclough-Young

Order of St Luke

Day 30

“Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.”

Winton, Holy Trinity; Wyndham – Otara, St Mark.

- Rev’d Richard Johnson.

Companion Dioceses

- Edinburgh – Acting Bishop - The Most Rev’d Mark Strange
- Eastern Zambia – Rt Rev’d Dennis Milanzi

Day 31

Praise and Thanksgiving.

*Korōria ki te Matua, ki te Tama,
ki te Wairua Tapu;
mai i te tīmatanga, ki tēnei wā,
ā, haere ake nei. Āmine.*

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN CALENDAR

Diocese of Dunedin Commemorations

9 March

Arnold Spencer-Smith, priest. Antarctic explorer and padre, 1916

Arnold Spencer-Smith (1881-1916) was ordained priest at All Saints' Episcopal Church Edinburgh before joining Shackleton's Imperial Trans Antarctic Expedition. Spencer-Smith was the first priest to set foot on Antarctica, the first to celebrate the Eucharist there, and the first priest to die and be buried there. His chalice and paten were inherited by his cousin Philip Gaze, Vicar of All Saints' Dunedin. His chalice and paten are in use at All Saints and he will be commemorated by a memorial window there.

17 May

James Watkin, first missionary resident in the South Island, Waikouaiti, 1840

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Johann Wohlers, first missionary resident in Southland, Ruapuke, 1844

James Watkin (1805-1886) Methodist missionary, first resident missionary in the South Island. Born in Manchester he served in Tonga and Australia before arriving at Waikouaiti in May 1840. He published the first book in Kāi Tahu dialect in 1842.

Johann Wohlers (1811– 1885) Lutheran missionary, first missionary resident in Southland. He left Germany for Nelson in 1842. In 1844 he was invited by Kāi Tahu chief Tūhawaiki to make his headquarters on Ruapuke Island, Foveaux Strait. He built a church there in 1846 and had a bell with "Ruapuki" cast on it sent out from Bremen by the North German Missionary Society. He lived for 41 years on the island. In 1900 the "Ruapuki" bell was installed at the bell tower of St Andrew's Anglican Church in Oban.

18 May

Tāmihana Te Rauparaha and Mātene Te Whiwhi, missionaries to Te Wai Pounamu, 1843.

Tāmihana Te Rauparaha and Mātene Te Whiwhi Their mission work in Te Wai Pounamu (including Otago and Southland) took place in 1843. Te Rauparaha died in 1876, Te Whiwhi in 1881. This motion corrects the omission of Te Whiwhi and amends the date of their missionary work.

27 May

Colin McCahon, artist, 1987

Colin McCahon (1919-1987) born in Timaru, he spent most of his childhood in Dunedin. He attended the Dunedin School of Art from 1937 to 1939. In 1942 he married fellow artist Anne Hamblett, daughter of William Hamblett, vicar of St. Matthew's Dunedin. Christian faith is a constant theme throughout McCahon's art, his landscapes are imbued with a sense of the spiritual. McCahon often sets Biblical scenes in the Aotearoa New Zealand landscape.

29 June

Episcopal ordination and installation of Penny Jamieson, seventh Bishop of Dunedin, world's first female diocesan bishop, 1990

2 July

Novicing of Bessie Te Wenerau Grace, Sister Eudora, first Māori female university graduate, religious, teacher, 1924.

Bessie Te Wenerau Grace, Sister Eudora CSC (1889-1944) was the first Māori female university graduate. Grace's mother was the eldest daughter of the paramount chief of Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

Wene and her siblings lived in Blenheim with their Aunt and Uncle, Archdeacon and Mrs Grace. She enrolled at Canterbury University College in 1905. After teaching at St. Margaret's College and St. Hilda's Collegiate (1915-1922), she moved to London to join the Community of the Sisters of the Church. In London she completed her bachelor's degree in 1926 and went on to graduate with a Master of Arts from the University of London. As Sister Eudora she became a teacher and school administrator, finishing her career as headmistress of St Michael's Grammar School in Melbourne.

8 August

Mary MacKillop (Mary of the Cross), religious, teacher, arrived at Bluff 1897 with Josephite Sisters to teach in schools in Arrowtown and Port Chalmers.

Mary MacKillop (St. Mary of the Cross) (1842-1909)

In the Calendar MacKillop founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, is treated as someone without Aotearoa New Zealand connection, whereas she spent four periods in Aotearoa New Zealand between 1894 and 1902. She spent several months in Port Chalmers in 1898 establishing St Joseph's School. Mentioning Arrowtown and Port Chalmers connects her strongly with this place.

11 August

Eviction of Hipa Te Maihāroa, prophet, and his community, Te Ao Mārama/Omarama, 1879

Eviction of Hipa Te Maihāroa, Te Maihāroa, was born at Te Waiaateruati near Temuka, c.1800. In the 1857 census of Māori communities he is listed as an Anglican. Frustrated by injustice about land ownership, in June 1877 he led over 100 people on a heke/migration up the Waitaki valley to establish a new settlement called Te Ao Mārama (near Ōmārama). The land was cultivated, dwellings erected, and a large building constructed where Te Maihāroa held daily church services and established a school of learning. Local runholders viewed the occupation with suspicion and increasing alarm. An eviction order was issued, and a party of 12 armed constables was dispatched from Ōamaru. Together with local reinforcements they arrived at Te Ao Mārama on 11 August 1879 and gave the inhabitants 48 hours to leave. Due to Te Maihāroa's words: 'I do not want action which sheds blood', a violent confrontation was narrowly averted. Consequently Te Maihāroa and his people began to make their way back down the river to the coast. Te Maihāroa established a new settlement at Korotuaheka, on the south bank of the Waitaki River near its mouth. Te Maihāroa died at Korotuaheka in 1885, and is buried there.

22 Sept

Diaconal ordination of Hoani Parata, 1907, first Kāi Tahu deacon and priest, first Māori member of General Synod

Hoani Parata (1881-1928) Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Te Aute College 1893-99, first Māori resident Selwyn College 1904-07. Deacon 1907, Priest 1908, Curate at: St. Paul's Dunedin, Naples, Cartagena and Kennington. Vicar of Riverton, Chaplain to Māori Contingent 1917-19, Vicar of Gore, Canon of St Paul's Dunedin, Vicar of Wakatipu, first Māori member of General Synod 1922-25
Parata Home in Gore, Parata scholars at Selwyn and an annual lecture are named in his honour.

11 October

Rutherford Waddell, social reformer, Dunedin, 1888

Rutherford Waddell (1850?-1932) Irish-born Waddell was minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dunedin for forty years. His 1888 sermon 'The Sin of Cheapness', launched the trade union movement in Aotearoa New Zealand. He was a founder of the Free Kindergarten Movement.

I December

The Sisters of the Church (founders of St. Hilda's Collegiate and St. Margaret's College) arrive in Dunedin, 1895

Sisters of the Church

Sisters Etheleen (1864-1942) and Geraldine (1861-1908) were the first of the Community of the Sisters of the Church to arrive in Aotearoa New Zealand in December 1895, other sisters followed. In 1896 the sisters opened St. Hilda's Collegiate (first Anglican girls' school in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia) and in 1910 St. Margaret's College in Christchurch. The sisters were recalled from Aotearoa New Zealand for other ministries in 1931.