

Rural Ministry Day September 4, 2025 at Trinity, Darfield.
(as at 13-8-2025)

9am Cuppas available for travellers.

9:25 *Seated for prompt start.*

9:30 **Opening worship** - Dawn Baldwin

9:50 **Welcome** and outline of day. Indrea/Alexa/ Lyn.

Details of workshops are on pages 2 and 3.

10 Workshop Session 1 (30 mins)

<i>Oceania Rural Churches</i>	<i>(offered once)</i>
<i>Flourishing Small Parishes</i>	<i>(also at 11am)</i>
<i>Rural Chaplaincy</i>	<i>(also at 1:30pm)</i>

10:30 Morning Tea

11 Workshop Session 2 (30 mins)

<i>What About the Kids?</i>	<i>(offered once)</i>
<i>Connecting Over-65s</i>	<i>(offered once)</i>
<i>What buildings do we REALLY need?</i>	<i>(offered once)</i>

11:40 **Plenary 1 The “Why” of Rural Ministry**

Sarah and Jonathan Gardiner’s story

12:15 **Middle-of-the-day worship** – Martin

Lunch (BYO or pop into Darfield shops). Cuppas available.

1:30 Workshop Session 3 (30 mins)

<i>God So Loved</i>	<i>(also at 2:10pm)</i>
<i>Rural Imaged Worship</i>	<i>(offered once)</i>
<i>Rural chaplaincy</i>	<i>(also at 10am)</i>

2:10 Workshop Session 4 (30 mins)

<i>God So Loved</i>	<i>(also at 1:30pm)</i>
<i>Part time Ministry, Full time need</i>	<i>(offered once)</i>
<i>Rural community needs</i>	<i>(offered once)</i>

2:45 **Plenary 2 The “What Next?”**

3:15 **Closing worship** - Alexa

WORKSHOPS Rural Ministry Day September 4, 2025

When you arrive at 9am on Sept 4 you will be asked to note which workshops you will attend, so rooms can be allocated according to workshop attendance numbers.

10am Workshop Session 1

Oceania Rural Churches highlights of conference in Fiji in May 2025.
Presenters: Presbyterian Moderator Lynmaree Sopoaga (Darfield) and Martin Harrison (Kaikoura).

10am only.

Flourishing Small Parishes. Learnings from a recent Flourishing event run by the Anglican Church's Tikanga Pakeha Ministry Council.
Presenters: Tim Handley (West Coast), Dawn Baldwin (North Canty), Margaret Neate (Leeston).

10am only

Rural chaplaincy (Southland style). An introduction to this ministry, aligned with Rural Support.

Presenters: Barbara Walker (co-ordinator) and Jennie Wedge.

10am and 1:30pm

11am Workshop Session 2

What about the kids? How rural parishes can support children and their families to grow in faith.

Presenter: Azaria Brooker, Children's Ministry Developer

11am only

Connecting Over-65s. Parish-based Elder Care offers over-65s social activities, gentle exercise, a varied events programme, cuppas and practical advice.

Presenter: Margot Goodman (Marchwiell, Timaru)

11am only.

What buildings do we *really* need? And what criteria could we use to consider this in rural areas?

Facilitators: Indrea Alexander (Ashburton) and Sage Burke (Methven)

11am only.

1:30pm Workshop Session 3

Rural-Imaged Worship. Creating meaningful rural imaged worship and prayers that connect with the community.

Presenter: Martin Harrison (Kaikoura)

1:30pm only.

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God So Loved. Live out God's love for the world by rural parish connections with rural Anglican mission, projects, aid and development.

Presenter: Michael Hartfield, Anglican Missions' national director.

1:30pm and 2:10pm

2:10pm Workshop Session 4

Rural Community Needs. Anglican Advocacy (South Canterbury) responds to needs in rural communities eg loss and grief courses, 1-1 advocacy.

Presenter: Alexia Bensemann

2:10pm only.

Part time ministry, full time need.

How do part-stipended rural parishes/clergy respond to full time need?

Facilitator: Natasha Glenderran (ex Hanmer and Tapawera)

2:10pm only.

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