

# DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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## PARISH BULLETIN 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

09:30am	Mornington	S Hamel
10:00 am	Mosgiel	D Poultney
11:00am	Glenaven	S Hamel
<b>RADIO CHURCH</b>		
8.30 am	OAR 105.4FM	Olivia Dawson University Chaplaincy Coordinator
	1575AM	
Live stream	<a href="http://oar.org.nz">oar.org.nz</a>	

Please note you can now listen to RADIO CHURCH every Sunday on OAR 105.4FM, 1575AM or Livestream via [oar.org.nz](http://oar.org.nz)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SOME TAKE HOME POINTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council met on Wednesday; these are some take home points we would like to share with you.

1. The Synod has an ongoing process of Parish reviews and will be engaging in a review of this Parish, there will be some correspondence about this in the next couple of months and a likely meeting with the Review team in early December. A Review sounds scary, but it isn't, I have been involved in this process before, it is very low key and unthreatening.
  2. There will be a joint service at Mornington on 29th September which highlights and celebrates our relationship with MMS and our support for its work.
  3. The Parish is a reflection of our wider society, we like many households are struggling financially. We encourage a careful use of resources from paper to electricity and a culture of responsible giving
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# GIBSON TALKS on Contemporary Issues: September 18, 2024

Invitation to the 4th in this series of 5 talks.

**Topic:** Everyday non-violence: powering the small things we do. This talk will explore the power of non-violence in civil resistance as well as in our day-to-day interactions. The polarised state of the world today highlights the need for non-violent solutions.

**Speaker:** Dr Liesel Mitchell

**When:** Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 7pm

**Where:** Mornington Methodist Church, cnr Whitby and Galloway Streets.

**Entry:** \$5 or other koha.

Please leave the car spaces adjacent to the Church for disabled people.



**Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group and Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Peace Lecture**

**Everything I Always Wanted to Know About Peace, but was  
afraid to ask learnings from my first ten years in Aotearoa-  
NZ**



Dr Daniel Fridberg

**Date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Pre-lecture Powhiri and mealtime:** 5pm (All welcome, optional, koha/donation)

**Lecture and discussion:** 7pm-9pm (no cost)

**Venue:** Araiteuru Marae, 24 Shetland St, Dunedin

Over the past 25 years, Danny has practiced conflict resolution internationally and locally, including dialogue group facilitation; peacebuilding project management and evaluation; mediation; public participation processes and consensus building; research; training and teaching. In his conflict resolution practice, he emphasises the importance of relationship building and restoration. Danny strongly believes that resolving conflicts requires long-term thinking, where mutual gains and healthy relationship are key to wellbeing and success. He holds a PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Otago, an MA in Conflict Research, Management and Resolution and a BA in Psychology, both from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS INVITATION

<https://www.facebook.com/events/978678693626058/>  
<https://www.otago.ac.nz/news/events/dr-daniel-fridberg>  
[www.dunedininterfaith.nz](http://www.dunedininterfaith.nz)



On Sunday 25, August we held a memorial service for Bob Dadae's Mum who passed away in Papua New Guinea. Bob is a treasured member of our Mosgiel Church he is a trainee pilot and was unable to return home.



Thanks Kiwi family for the support and prayers.





Photo taken of Siosifa and Naomi in February 2022

### **Rev Siosifa Pole B.Th., M.Th. (1962-2024)**

Sadly, our dear friend and former Dunedin Parish Minister, Siosifa Pole, has died. Attempts were made by Auckland hospital doctors and nurses to treat a serious liver infection, before Siosifa passed away in the early hours of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Siosifa's funeral will be held in Auckland on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We will hold a memorial service for him here in Dunedin in the near future. At this special service we will remember and honour Siosifa for the wonderful person he was, and reflect together on the vital contribution he made to our lives during his seven years with us. (2011-2017) .

Here are some words from Siosifa's LinkedIn profile, written by Siosifa himself in 2015:

*"I have been in Parish ministry with the Methodist Church of New Zealand since 2002. Prior to that I was involved in the Tongan Methodist ministry for many years before moving to New Zealand in 1986. I served in the Mt. Roskill Methodist Parish for 9 years. I am now serving in the Dunedin Methodist Parish. I enjoy working with people both in leadership and at the grassroots level of the church. My primary role is to enable and equip the lay people of the church to be ready for the ministry that they are called to participate in. I have offered preaching classes, led worship classes, Biblical study classes, and pastoral care sessions with lay people. I am impressed with the commitment and determination of these lay people to be involved in the ministry of our church. I*

*have been pleased to see their growth in confidence, performance, and understanding of ministry.”*

Our General Secretary Rev Tara Tautari has provided these words:

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of Rev. Siosifa Pole, who died peacefully on Sunday, 25 August 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with his whānau, friends, and all who knew him during this time of great loss.

Rev. Siosifa was a remarkable leader throughout the Connexion, serving with dedication and compassion in various roles. As a former Director of Mission Resourcing, he played an important role in guiding our mission efforts, ensuring that our resources were aligned with the Church's vision and values. His leadership extended beyond administration; he was a gentle visionary who inspired many to live out their faith in practical and transformative ways.

In addition to his work in Mission Resourcing, Rev. Siosifa also chaired the Climate Justice Working Group. Under his guidance, the group made significant strides in raising awareness and advocating for the Climate Justice Decade 'Rekindle the Vā of Papatūānuku', reminding us all of our responsibility to care for God's creation. His passion for justice and sustainability will leave a lasting legacy within our Church and beyond.

At the time of his passing, Rev. Pole was ministering faithfully at Lotofale'ia Mangere Tongan Methodist Parish. His presence will be deeply missed by his congregation and all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

The family has kindly shared the following details regarding the services for Rev. Siosifa

- Wake Service: Sunday Evening, 1st September 2024, at Lotofale'ia Parish (32 Orly St, Mangere).

-Funeral Service: Monday Morning, 2nd September 2024, at 10:00 AM, at Lotofale'ia Parish.

For those who wish to offer messages of support or condolences, please send them to Mrs. Naomi Pole at [nmpole@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:nmpole@hotmail.co.nz)

Let us continue to hold the Pole whānau in our prayers, asking for God's comfort and peace to be with them during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,

**Rev Tara Tautari** | General Secretary