

# DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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## PARISH BULLETIN 10 AUGUST 2025

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 17 AUGUST 2025

9:30am	Mornington	D Poultney
10:30am	Mosgiel	G Davis
11:00am	Glenaven	D Poultney

### RADIO CHURCH

8.30 am		Fr Vaughan Leslie
	OAR 105.4FM	
	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)**

**Services at Mornington can be watched on YouTube:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/@morningtonmethodist1598>**

## **PARISH EVENTS COMING UP**

**From 7 September – Mosgiel Sunday Services will return to the normal start time of 10AM**

**11 August Annual Peace Lecture, St David's Complex Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, 6.15-7.45 followed by Supper Social Room, Selwyn College, 560 Castle Street.**

**13 August PF&R Meeting, St Kilda Methodist Church, 7.00PM**

**13 August Parish Meeting, St Kilda Methodist Church 7.30PM**

**27 August GIBSON TALK: Dr Murray Rae, Mornington Methodist Church, 7PM**

**25 September Reimagining Methodist Theology Workshop, Aldersgate Centre, CHCH 9.30AM-4.00PM,**

**Mosgiel Sunday Church Services will return to the start time of 10AM on September 7 2025.**

## **NEWS**

### **Judy Russell at Rowena Jackson Care, Invercargill last Tuesday**



In late June, George and Judy visited Judy Russell at her rest home in the Rowena Jackson Retirement Village, in Invercargill.

Judy was in good fettle and we had lively conversations with her for about an hour.

She has good memories of Mornington with her late husband Ken. She appreciated being kept up to date on what was happening in the church.

She remembers the great times in the Church and cooking for the Education Evenings run by Colin Gibson.

She was chuffed when receiving the pages of Mornington Methodist Fellowship notes from Andrea.

She was also interested in hearing that the Fellowship now included men.

Photo of Judy Russell in her room at the Rowena Jackson care home in Invercargill.



## VACANCY Parish Secretary

At our AGM last year Far Richardson, who has ably served as our Parish Secretary for some years, indicated this would be her last year in the role. We need to appoint a new Secretary. Is this a role you would be willing to undertake? Is there someone you think would be good at it?

Please let David know.

## EVENTS

ALL WELCOME

The 22nd Annual Peace Lecture

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Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group with  
the Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy present  
the 22nd Annual Peace Lecture



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of Otago  
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Professor Halim Rane is a leading Australian scholar of Islam, internationally recognised for his work on Islam-West relations, interfaith coexistence, and the lived experiences of Muslims in the modern world. Through his research, teaching, and community engagement, Professor Rane has significantly influenced academic and public discourse on Islam, particularly in relation to security, human rights, and global justice.

His interdisciplinary scholarship examines the intersection of religion, politics, and international affairs, with a focus on Islam and Muslim societies in both historical and contemporary contexts. Employing qualitative and mixed-methods research – including discourse analysis, interviews, surveys, and ethnography – Professor Rane has authored more than 80 scholarly publications, including eight books. He is also co-author of the forthcoming *Covenants with Allah: Keystone of Islam*.

We warmly invite you to the 22nd Annual Peace Lecture, featuring Professor Rane in conversation with a panel of representatives from Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths. The event will conclude with a Q&A session, followed by light refreshments at Selwyn College.

Monday 11th August 2025

6:15–7:45pm

St David Complex Lecture Theatre

Followed by refreshments in the Social  
Room, Selwyn College, 560 Castle Street



DUNEDIN ABRAHAMIC  
INTERFAITH GROUP

**PF&R and PARISH MEETING** to be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August** at **St Kilda Methodist Church**.

**PF&R Meeting at 7pm.**

**Parish Meeting at 7:30pm.**

**REIMAGINING METHODIST THEOLOGY - THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER!**

Prof. Joerg Rieger is going to lead a public workshop/seminar on the topic of "Reimagining Methodist Theology." This will take place at the Aldersgate Centre, Christchurch Central Methodist Parish, 309 Durham Street, from about 9.30am until about 4pm – timing is yet to be confirmed, but it will be a daytime gathering. Trinity Methodist College are hosting this visit and so there is no cost to participants, except the cost of lunch.

Joerg Rieger is a German-American Methodist minister and theologian. Currently, he serves Vanderbilt University as the Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair in Wesleyan Studies and Distinguished Professor of Theology at the Divinity School and the Graduate Programme of Religion. A quick google will tell you more about the accomplishments of this remarkable theologian.

It is expected all Methodist Presbyters in the Synod will attend this event, and we urge all parishes to make sure their Lay Preachers and others interested in theology, especially Methodist theology, are encouraged to attend. The Synod has made available grants of \$100 per person to assist with travel costs for all Lay and retired presbyters from outside Canterbury.

***NB, If you would like to attend please speak to David***

## GIBSON TALK

Dr Murray Rae, Professor of Systematic Theology, University of Otago, will speak on the topic 'Diversity in the City: A Theological and Architectural Perspective'. Professor Rae trained first as an architect, then studied theology and philosophy and has a special interest in architecture as a medium of theological exploration. This should be a fascinating evening. Spread the word and bring a friend along.

**When:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025, 7.00pm

**Where:** Mornington Methodist Church





# PEACE WITH CREATION

## SEASON OF CREATION 2025

*Garden of Peace*  
Isaiah 32:14-18

When I lived in Broad Bay I discovered the cemetery there. Of course the dead don't see but it is a beautiful spot for one's remains to spend eternity, looking out over the harbour and the hills beyond.

I remember sitting there on a bench under the shade of an ancient tree and thinking one day I won't be here, one day my life will come to an end and that is ok. In the scheme of things a human life is a blink of an eye, but we believe that each life is eternally significant. We place ourselves at the centre of things but the truth is we are one species in creation.

In September we observe the Season of Creation, we reflect upon Creation, the fabric of the World, the Universe itself as the gift and revelation of God.

It is becoming more and more clear that the Planet is in the grip of climate change and environmental degradation. It behoves us to reflect on our place in Creation and the challenge of stewardship.

*The Season of Creation* challenges us to re-orient our relationship with creation. While the challenge may have been provoked by the current ecological crisis and a growing awareness of our place in the web of creation, the origins of our re-orientation lie deep in our Christian tradition, especially our biblical heritage. We are challenged to return to our biblical roots to rediscover our intimate connections with creation. We return to see ourselves again as part of the very Earth from which we are made.

The symbol for the Season of Creation this year is at the head of this article. A tree divided into two parts, half of it lifeless and barren, half of it flourishing and nurturing life. In an echo of the flood story a dove with a sprig of Olive is flying from death towards life.

The Season of Creation is an invitation to make that journey from a dying to a thriving World and to rediscover our place in Creation.

David Poultney