

# DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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## PARISH BULLETIN

### 3 MAY 2026

#### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 10 MAY 2026

9.30AM	Mornington Church	Greg Hughson
10.00AM	Mosgiel Church	Ian Boddy +
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Helen Watson White
<b>Connections Article</b>		<b>Trish Patrick</b>

#### RADIO CHURCH

<b>8.30am</b>		<b>Greg Hughson</b>
	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>



## UPCOMING event Dates

6 May 2026 Mornington Leaders Meeting, Church Lounge, 7.30PM
10 May 2026 Mothers Day
13 May 2026 Parish Council, St Kilda Church, 7.30PM
14 May 2026 Vocation of a Deaconess, Rachel Tombs, Knox College, 5.30PM

### Notices

**Mornington Leaders' Meeting** will meet at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 May in the Church lounge.

**Parish Council** will meet at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 13 May at St Kilda Church

### Stewardship Campaign

The Parish will be undertaking a Stewardship Campaign in May in which we will all be asked to consider the free will offerings we make of our time, talents, and financial support to the Parish. More details to follow in next week's Bulletin.

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### PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A PHOTO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

On **Sunday 10th May** I will be leading worship on **Mothers' Day**, at **Mornington Methodist Church**. This will be an opportunity to remember and honour our mothers and our grandmothers. For our Mornington congregation, if your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother or wife/partner has died, I would invite you to bring a photo of her (or of more than one person) to Church and to place your photo/s on the altar table.

During the service there will be a time to come forward and light a small candle, in memory of your loved ones. This will be one special and sacred way in which we can remember and honour those who gave us life.

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## **April's Meeting of the Mornington Fellowship**

At our April meeting, Melissa Salin presented the early stages of her postgraduate Psychology research into Theory of Mind in preschool children. We extend our best wishes to Melissa as she continues her studies and look forward to hearing the findings of her Master's thesis when it is completed.

Our next Mornington Fellowship meeting will be held on May 27th, when our speaker Barbara Weaver will share stories from her life.

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## **Artificial Intelligence and Christian life**

Join us online at 7pm over four consecutive Wednesdays for online sessions exploring a range of perspectives on AI, technology and Christian life.

**May 6:** Dr. Stephen Garner - AI and the spiritual life

What are the implications of AI for personal and communal spiritual life and discipleship?

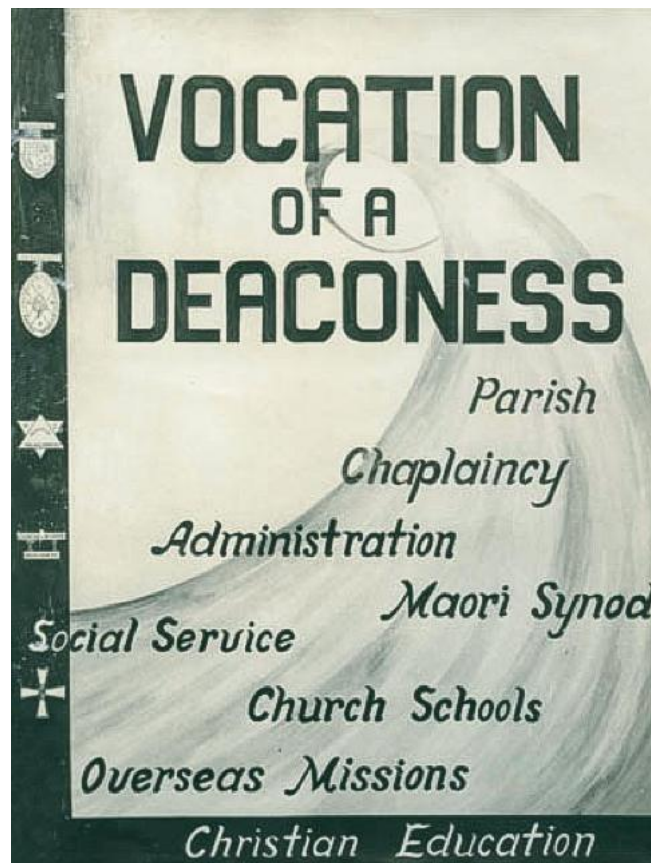
**May 13:** Dr. Stephen Garner - What's next? Robot preachers and worship leaders? Is there a place for AI in the worshipping life of the church?

**May 20:** Dr. Andrew Shepherd - A Critique of Contemporary Technologies and their Impact on Human Flourishing.

How does technology shape us?

**June 3:** Matt Ensor - Appreciative Insights on the Use of AI: Possibilities and Challenges Insights along with a no-jargon opportunity for questions.

Register at: <https://knoxcentre.ac.nz/training-events/>



Presbyterian Research Network presents:

## ***Dunedin Deaconesses***

***A talk by Rachel Tombs***

**Thursday 14 May, 5:30 pm**

**Seminar Room, KCML, Knox College, Dunedin**

This presentation focuses on the Presbyterian Deaconess Movement in Dunedin between 1940 and 1974. It will explore the expectations, freedoms, and challenges of the deaconess role, and argue that the deaconesses were both a part of the established gender order and a challenge to it. This lecture is co-sponsored by the Presbyterian Research Centre (PRC), in support of their Presbyterian Church Deaconess Collection, a UNESCO Memory of the World Collection. The talk is free and open to the public.

***Preceded by refreshments from 5 pm.***

***Any questions: Presbyterian Research Centre, 473 0775.***

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## Connections

Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup> will be Mothers' Day. It will provide an opportunity for us all to reflect on the significance of our mothers, and our grandmothers. For me, both my grandmother and my mother played important roles in my early Christian faith development. Both my grandmother and my mother were involved in regular Christian worship, and I tagged along as a member of the extended whanau. My grandmother played the organ in the Opunake Methodist Church for sixty years or so. She believed that heaven will be a very musical place. Both my mother and my grandmother prayed with me when I was a child. This meant that I have always felt a sense of God's presence in my life. My mother is now 91 and is living in a rest home in Pakuranga. I will be visiting her again later in May.

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"Susanna Wesley, John Wesley's mother, had a profound influence on John's faith. Susanna was not only a devout Christian but also an astute manager of her household and an educator to her children. Her strong faith, theological insight, and commitment to nurturing the spiritual lives of her children laid the groundwork for the Methodist movement. Susanna's influence extends beyond her immediate family; she was a tireless advocate for the role of women in the church and education. Her writings, notably her "Letters," offer profound reflections on faith, parenting, and practical theology, showcasing the intellect and leadership that women can bring to the faith community. Throughout history, women in Methodism have continued to embrace leadership roles, often stepping into positions of service, teaching, and

pastoral care when opportunities were otherwise limited. Their contributions have enriched the tradition, promoting social justice, education, and community service. Celebrating the contributions of women like Susanna Wesley highlights the essential role women have played and continue to play in shaping Methodism and advancing its mission of love, service, and social responsibility. It underscores the importance of recognising and empowering women within the church, ensuring that their voices and stories are integral to the faith community's narrative." (from Rod Mitchell's resource, helping us prepare for our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary) See you next Sunday !

Arohanui,

Rev Greg Hughson

### **The Grandchild's Inheritance**

Now the branches reach out further, stretching toward a wider sky, As the children's children listen to her "Great is Faithfulness" sigh. She's the keeper of the promise, the witness through the years, who has watered every legacy with a thousand whispered tears.

They see the way she trusts the Lord when the shadows start to grow, A beacon for the little ones who have so very far to go. The torch she carries isn't dim; it burns with steady flame, teaching every generation to revere the Holy Name.

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### **A Prayer of Gratitude**

We thank You, Lord, for mothers who have anchored us in truth, Who guarded our inheritance since the days of early youth. For the grandmothers whose bended knees have paved a steady way, And for the love that points us home, a little more each day.

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." — **2 Timothy 1:5**

<b>2026</b>	<b>MOSGIEL 10.00 am</b>	<b>MORNINGTON 9.30 am</b>	<b>GLENAVEN 11.00 am</b>
<b>MAY</b>			
<b>3</b>	<b>Susan Hamel</b>	<b>Rod Mitchell +</b>	<b>Ian Boddy +</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Ian Boddy +</b>	<b>Greg Hughson</b>	<b>Helen Watson White</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Elaine Merrett</b>	<b>Ian Boddy</b>	<b>Ian Boddy</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Ian Boddy</b>	<b>Susan Hamel</b>	<b>Susan Hamel</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Ian Boddy /with Elaine</b>	<b>Joint service at Mosgiel 10am</b>	<b>Joint service at Mosgiel 10am</b>
<b>JUNE</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Joint Service Mornington at 10am</b>	<b>Ian Boddy (Final Service) 10am +</b>	<b>Joint Service Mornington 10am</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Greg Hughson +</b>	<b>George Davis</b>	<b>Helen Watson White</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Elaine Merrett</b>	<b>Marcia Hardy</b>	<b>Susan Hamel</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Joint service Mornington</b>	<b>Adam Baker (1<sup>st</sup> service)</b>	<b>Joint service Mornington</b>