

DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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PARISH BULLETIN

31 MAY 2026

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 7 JUNE 2026

10.00AM	Joint Service Morningson Church	Ian Boddy +
	Connections Article	Ian Boddy
RADIO CHURCH		
8.30am		Michael Godfrey – Anglican Diocese
	OAR 105.4FM	
	1575AM	
Live stream	oar.org.nz	

Please note you can now listen to RADIO CHURCH every Sunday on OAR 105.4FM, 1575AM or Livestream via oar.org.nz

Services at Morningson can be watched on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@morningsonmethodist1598>



UPCOMING event Dates

3 June 2026, Artificial Intelligence & Christian Life, Matt Ensor, Online
17 June 2026, Commissioning Service - New Minister Rev Adam Barker, Mornington Methodist Church, 4PM
24 June 2026 Mornington Fellowship AGM, Mornington Church, 2PM
24 June 2026 Gibson Talk Series 3, Professor Greg Jones, Mornington Church 7.00PM

Notices

Artificial Intelligence and Christian life

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/>

Commissioning service for Rev Adam Baker

There will be a Commissioning service for Rev Adam Baker at Mornington Church, at 4 pm on Wednesday 17 June, refreshments to follow.



Mosgiel Methodist Church

Our final lunch with Rev Ian Boddy and Richard Cannon, we have enjoyed our monthly lunches with Ian since he first arrived.

All members and friends of the Mornington Methodist Church are invited to come and join us.



A Short AGM followed by a leisurely, social afternoon tea.

Mornington Fellowship

The Fellowship blessed the blanket soon to be making its way to Ukraine.

As we gather today, we are reminded that care often takes the simplest of forms—hands that knit, hearts that hold others in mind, and time given quietly for the sake of someone we may never meet.

we hold before God this blanket, lovingly knitted and now being sent on its way to Ukraine. It is a covering of compassion. Each stitch carries a prayer for warmth in the cold, for safety in uncertainty, and for peace in places marked by conflict. In a world that can feel overwhelmed by distance and distress, this is a tangible act of nearness.

We are reminded that we are connected to one another far beyond our own streets and shores. What we create in love can travel further than we can imagine, offering dignity and comfort where it is most needed.

So as this blanket is sent, we hold in our hearts those who will receive it—unknown to us but known to God. May it be a reminder that they are not forgotten.

Let us pray;

*God of compassion and peace,
we thank you for the hands that
have knitted this blanket,
for the time, care, and love
stitched into every row.*

*As it journeys to Ukraine,
we ask that it may bring warmth
to the body
and comfort to the spirit.*

*Surround those who receive it
with safety in the midst of uncertainty,
hope in times of fear,
and the quiet assurance of your presence.*

*May this simple gift be a sign that love travels farther than conflict,
and that kindness endures even in the hardest places.*

*Bless this blanket as it goes from our hands to yours, O God,
and may it be a small but real expression of your peace in the world.*

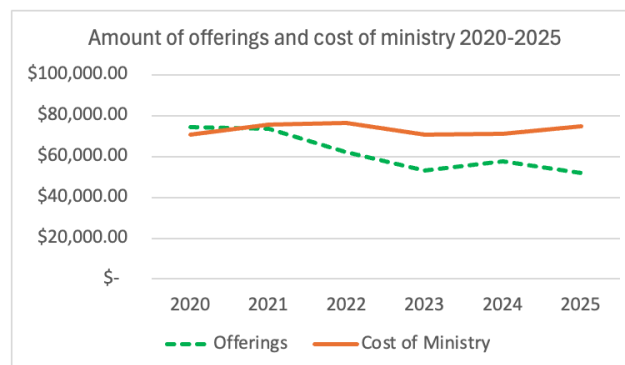
Amen.



Parish Stewardship Campaign

The Parish is very grateful for the many ways in which our members support the Parish. This includes people using their time and talents to enrich our worship, provide support for members, and enable use of the premises by the community. Another important aspect is the free will offering of financial support to the Parish. The money we give in the offertory, or through direct credit, goes to the Parish and is used to support the Synod the Connexion and importantly, our paid ministry.

We appreciate that many people are facing financial pressures from increases in the cost of living. The Parish is experiencing the same financial pressures. As you will see from the graph below, ministry costs have increased slightly over time but the total offering from Parish members has decreased significantly.



We would like to reverse this trend. This can be achieved by increasing our giving, and by inviting people to join our fellowship! We would like you to consider your free will giving to the Parish, are you able to increase your monetary giving? Are you able to help the Parish in other ways with your time and talents?

You can keep the pledge sheet as a personal reminder, alternatively we encourage you to place it in the offering in Ian's final joint service on Sunday 7 June 2026.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of the Parish, it is greatly appreciated.

Dunedin Methodist Parish Council
Connections

Gibson Talk Series 3



Professor Greg Jones will deliver a Gibson talk on improving risk assessment for vascular disease. Held on Wednesday 24 June at 7pm Mornington Methodist Church.

We expect a large crowd for this so parking will be at a premium.

All welcome, and a plate if just inside the door for koha (money gift).

Mornington Fellowship



At the Fellowship gathering this week we were enthralled by Barbara's talk and slide show; Good Things take time.

Connections

Powered by the sun (Son?)

As we are all well aware, the war in the Middle East has reduced the flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz causing sharp increases in global petrol, diesel and aviation fuel prices. As a result, people are thinking about 'decarbonising' and turning to solar power. Electric vehicles are becoming popular, and with escalating power prices there has been an increase in the installation of solar panels. As an aside, one idea I would like to float as a 150th Anniversary project for Mornington is the installation of solar panels on the Church roof with a battery to store the energy. This could be a future focused project for the Church to reduce our environmental impact and combat climate change, as well as a means to reduce our power costs. The project could be boosted by a 'Green Grant' from the Methodist Connexional Property Committee. Let me know what you think about that idea.

The shift we are seeing away from fossil fuels to solar power made me think about where our energy actually comes from, and I would like to suggest to you that in New Zealand it almost all comes from the sun. Energy from solar panels obviously comes from the sun, but the energy in fossil fuels, coal, oil and gas, also ultimately comes from the sun. Coal was made from the burial of plant material under layers of sediment, and over millions of years, the heat and pressure of deep burial caused the carbon in the plant material to be converted into coal. So where did the energy in plant material come from? The plants made hydrocarbons from carbon dioxide and water using energy harvested from the sun through photosynthesis. Oil and gas were formed in a similar fashion by the compression, underground, of aquatic organisms and algae also buried under sediment.

Again, ultimately the aquatic organisms got their energy by eating plants or other organisms that ate plants, So once more the energy came from the sun. What about hydroelectric power? This relies on water falling down through pipes and rotating turbines. How does the water get to higher altitudes? The sun causes it to evaporate, it condenses in the atmosphere and falls as rain or snow, and some of that rain and snow collects at high altitude. Finally, wind power.

Wind is simply air in motion. It is primarily caused by the sun heating the Earth unevenly which creates differences in air temperature and pressure. Air naturally moves from areas of high pressure to areas of low pressure, and that flow of air can turn the blades of wind turbines.

So, most of the energy we use in our daily lives comes from the sun. But where does our energy come from. You may say from the food we eat (ultimately plants again!), but where does our drive come from, what powers us? Is it the power of the holy spirit? Are we motivated and empowered not by the sun, but by the Son of God?

2 Peter 1:3 Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know Jesus, who called us by his glory and goodness.

Richard Cannon.