

DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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PARISH BULLETIN

28 JUNE 2026

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 5 JULY 2026

9.30AM	Mornington Church	Adam Baker +
10.00AM	Mosgiel Church	Susan Hamel
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Adam Baker +
Connections Article		Rod Mitchell

RADIO CHURCH

8.30am	OAR 105.4FM	Michael Godfrey Anglican Diocese
	1575AM	
	oar.org.nz	
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 Mornington can be watched on YouTube:

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



UPCOMING event Dates

28 June 2026 Rare Byrds Concert today Mornington Church 2.00PM

Notices

Rare Byrds Concert June 28th – TODAY

Starting at 2pm this time at
Mornington Methodist Church



Rare Byrds bring their wonderful Baroque ensemble, then two secondary school chamber groups, both highly commended at the recent competition, and lastly the tallest pianist in Dunedin, Conor Kresin, playing two Rachmaninoff preludes.

Mark Bevin
Dunedin Musical Society



Weekly Parish Bulletins

If you have any items/events you would like advertised in the weekly Parish Bulletin please send these to bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz by close of business on Wednesdays.

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Connections

Pilgrims on the journey of life : the inner and the outer journey -

At our Mornington Fellowship AGM last Wednesday I shared a reflection on Pilgrimage, based on an article by Valerie Roberts in the latest edition of Refresh – Journal of Contemplative Spirituality (Summer 2025) . Valerie writes that “Pilgrimage can be many things. A geographical journey by foot or other mode of transport with a spiritual or other focus. Or an inner journey.....”

A Christian pilgrimage is characterised by the life-long transformation and learning that take place in us, both inwardly as well as outwardly. John O'Donohue suggests that a human life should be a constant journey, a pilgrimage of discovery. I agree. Life is an ongoing discovery of who we are and who God is, and what being on this planet is about. We never stop learning !

Our inner unseen human landscape intertwines with the outer journey we know and see. In my life, I have moved many times. I was born in Opunake, Taranaki, and then we moved to Napier for four years before moving back to Hawera. After seven years there, I went to University for three years at Massey University (Palmerston North) followed by seven years in Hamilton, then three years in Auckland at Theological College, followed by six years in Feilding, six years in Gisborne, and now 26 years here in Dunedin. All these moves around Aotearoa are a part of my geographical pilgrimage, part of my outer journey.

Throughout these years, I have also been on an inner pilgrimage/journey – my inner spiritual relationship with God has grown and matured whilst transitioning from childhood to youth, to young adulthood, to marriage, to parenthood, to ministry, to University Chaplaincy, to grandparenthood, and now (unexpectedly !) to Parish superintendency. (until November 2027). My inner spiritual, psychological and emotional journeys have been defined and guided by my relationship with God. As I look back, I interpret both my outer and inner journeys through the lens of my Christian faith. I see that God has always been there and will never abandon me.

For the Baker family who have recently joined us, their geographical pilgrimage to Aotearoa-NZ has been huge for them. Also, the Baker family's inner spiritual pilgrimages (and their faith in God) have been stimulated and enriched by the beauty of our land, and the warmth of the welcome they have received.

Being on a pilgrimage as a Christian involves a lifetime of deep learning, a change (eventually) from doing to being, coming home to our authentic selves and to a more holistic understanding and experience of God. In particular, in the second half of life, we can give ourselves permission to explore the world, and God in new and creative ways, entering the "many tributaries of the river estuary" (Valerie Roberts) where we can live more slowly and simply, connect more deeply to creation, to each other - and find Christ everywhere.

Rev Greg Hughson
Parish Superintendent

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