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PARISH BULLETIN

26 JULY 2026

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 2 AUGUST 2026

9.30AM	Mornington Church	Adam Baker
10.00AM	Mosgiel Church	Elaine Merrett
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Adam Baker
Connections Article		Trish Patrick

RADIO CHURCH

8.30am	OAR 105.4FM	Rev Adam Baker – Methodist Church
	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

3-7 August 2026 Methodist Mission Southern Offices Closed
5 August 2026, Mornington Leaders Meeting, Mornington Methodist Church, 7.30PM
10 August 2026, Methodist Mission Southern Offices will open in new location, 55 Hanover St
12 August 2026, Parish Council Meeting, Mosgiel Methodist Church, 7.30PM
12-13 September 26, Mornington Methodist Church 150 year Celebrations

Notices



Weekly Parish Bulletins

The Administration Office will be closed from 3-7 August 2026 so there will be no bulletin for Sunday 9th August 2026.

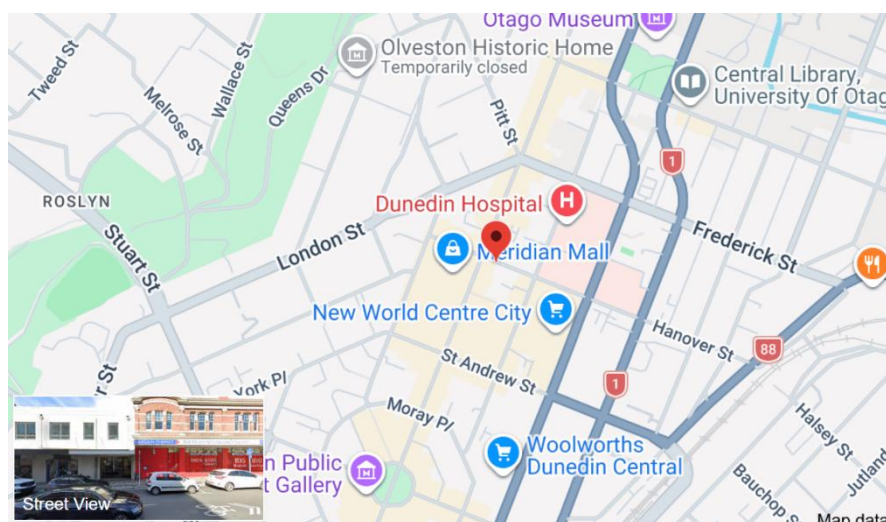
Normal administration service will resume for the Bulletin Sunday 16th August 2026.

Those that are taking services on **Sunday 9th August**, please have your service sheets into bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz by next week, Tuesday 28th July or earlier to be picked up from the Stuart Street office on Friday 31st July 2026.

Methodist Mission Southern is moving from **Monday 10th August** our new premises will be:



First Floor, 55 Hanover Street



Mornington Leaders' Meeting,

Wednesday 5 August, 7.30 pm Church Lounge

Parish Council Meeting,

Wednesday 12 August, 7.30 pm, Mosgiel Methodist Church

GIBSON TALK - The Methodist Approach to Church Structure"

Professor Peter Lineham will give the **Gibson Talk** on **Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 7pm** in **Mornington Methodist Church**.

He is a greatly respected speaker on religious history.

The Methodist Approach to Church Structure"

When the Mornington Methodist congregation began in 1876 it took a very particular shape which outsiders often did not understand. It was immediately part of a mobile structure in which lay preachers and lay workers, leaders meetings and preaching plans ensured that it could incorporate all the energies of its members: a structure at once democratic and highly directed. I want to show how this worked from its roots in English Methodism and its lively Otago offshoots.

I will trace how this affected Mornington Methodist Church but also ponder how much of this remains today.



Mornington Methodist Church 150 year celebrations

12-13th September 2026



Please keep this weekend free for our 150 year Celebrations which will include a celebration meal and a Combined Parish worship service on Sunday 13th September at which the President of the Methodist Church of NZ, Aroha Rountree will preach.

Please invite any former members of Mornington Methodist Church to join us. More details to follow.

Authorisation of Rev Susan Hamel to administer the sacraments in our Parish

Today during worship at Mornington we will be presenting a certificate to Susan Hamel authorising her to administer the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism in the Dunedin Methodist Parish. The authorisation certificate is signed by both the President (Te Aroha Routree) and General Secretary (Tara Tautari) of the Methodist Church of NZ. We are grateful to Susan for her willingness to serve God in this sacred way. Susan's availability will extend our capacity to offer Holy Communion in our Parish, at times (on Sundays) when Adam and others are not available.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion from Susan in their home, please contact Susan. Susan is the Pastoral Care co-ordinator for our Mornington congregation, so please contact her if you know of people who need pastoral support. Susan will continue to work closely with Adam, Greg and our Parish Stewards to ensure everyone who needs support, receives it.

Stewardship review report and an invitation to set up regular giving to the Dunedin Methodist Parish

Sincere thanks to everyone who responded to our recent Stewardship review, which has led to a significant (around 12 %) increase in planned giving. We anticipate that our annual regular giving from Parish members and attenders will be \$76,760 to the end of June 2027. Thank you everyone for your pledges to ensure we receive this amount. Details of our annual Methodist Parish budget (the money we need, to meet our current goals) from July 1st 2026 till 30 June 2027 = \$164,234) can be provided on request. (from Richard or Lynley)

One way of ensuring that our personal offerings to our Church are intentional and regular is to arrange an automatic payment each week, fortnight, or month from your bank account into the Parish account. Most of our members contribute their regular offering in this way, out of gratitude to God for the ministry, life and work of our local, national and international Church. If you are new to our Dunedin Methodist Parish, or have been here a while and would like to start an automatic payment, you can arrange this via on-line banking - or visit your bank and ask them to set up a regular payment to our Parish account.

Here are the details of our Parish account : BNZ 02 0800 0008641 000 Methodist Church of NZ Dunedin Methodist Circuit

When you set up your automatic payment please include your name and the Church you attend (i.e. Mornington, Mosgiel or Glenaven) so that our Stewardship recorder can provide you with an annual certificate of your giving each year, during April/May. One third of what we give each year to our Parish can be claimed back from the IRD as a tax refund.

If you would prefer to give cash regularly via envelopes in the Church service and receive an annual receipt, please contact your Stewardship recorder (Elaine Merrett at Mosgiel, Rebecca Neaves at Mornington, or Jan Stewart at Glenaven).

If you require further information before deciding how much to give to our Church, or any questions about the process, and what your donations will be used for, please contact Richard Cannon.(via e mail : rich.ginny1991@gmail.com)

We are grateful for any level of individual or family regular giving, as such giving is needed if we are to sustain our ministry, mission and outreach here in Dunedin and far beyond.

Dunedin Methodist Parish Council

Connections Article -The woman from Nazareth - Dr Lamma Mansour's talk at Mornington

You have heard of, and will be familiar with “the man from Nazareth” (Jesus). Last Tuesday afternoon we were privileged to have a visit from a scholarly modern-day Christian **woman** from Nazareth, Dr Lamma Mansour.

Dr Lamma Mansour and Dr. Yousef Khoury are respected Palestinian Christian theologians who are currently touring NZ bringing firsthand perspectives on faith, justice, and costly peace-making in response to the ongoing violence and oppression they are experiencing in the Holy Land.

Presented by Aotearoa Christians for Peace in Palestine (AC4PP), *Bearing Witness: Palestinian Christian Perspectives* visited Christchurch, Dunedin, Nelson, Wellington, Auckland and Hamilton from 19 to 26 July.

Lamma is a Palestinian citizen of Israel, writer and social policy scholar, from Nazareth. Through her teaching, research, and lived experience she offered us a thoughtful and deeply personal insight into the realities faced by both Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land today.

Around 35 people turned up to hear Dr Mansour at Mornington. Her address to us was profound. There were also several insightful questions from the audience. The entire event was recorded and will be made available via our Youtube Channel in a few weeks time, after Lamma has returned to Palestine.

Quotes

“I was raised in Gaza, where my family remains. We are not asking you to take sides; we are asking you to come, to listen to our story, and to stand with us in the slow and costly work of peace.” *Dr Yousef Khoury, Bethlehem Bible College*

“Hope, for us, is not naïve. It is an act of faith. To speak honestly about our people’s suffering, and about the beauty and resilience that endures alongside it, is part of what it means to follow Christ here.” *Dr Lamma Mansour*

“Too often, we fail to acknowledge Palestinian Christians. They may be spoken about rather than listened to despite their extraordinary insight and experience. This tour is an opportunity for Kiwis to hear directly from followers of Christ among the Palestinian community, to wrestle honestly with the realities of the Holy Land, and to discern together what faithful peacemaking looks like.” *Ian McInnes, CEO Tearfund NZ*

See the website of Aotearoa Christians for Peace in Palestine <https://ac4pp.com/>

Rev Greg Hughson