

DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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PARISH BULLETIN 2 AUGUST 2026

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 9 AUGUST 2026

9.30AM	Mornington Church	Susan Hamel
10.00AM	Mosgiel Church	Adam Baker
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Helen Watson White
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

2 August 2026 Peace Sunday Service at Knox Presbyterian Church 7pm (Led by Greg & Adam)
3-7 August 2026 Methodist Mission Southern Offices Closed (Moving to new site)
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

Combined Peace Sunday Ecumenical Service At Knox Church

Tonight, at 7pm on August 2nd a special ecumenical Peace Sunday evening service will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church, 449 George Street. Greg Hughson will be leading the service, Adam Baker will be preaching.

The RSA Choir will sing.

Please join us if you can, to celebrate the peace of Christ together - and to be inspired to keep working for peace and justice in our world. Please pray for Greg and Adam and everyone working together this coming week in preparation for this special gathering, and come along to support them. Please also help us with publicity for this service. Please invite friends from other

Churches, and/or people with no Church involvement. We are particularly keen to invite University and Polytechnic students along, so please help us with this ! For more information please contact Greg on 027 212 1048 or greghughson@hotmail.com



Peace Sunday

Sunday 9th August 2026, 7pm
Knox Church Dunedin

Service led by
Rev. Greg Hughson

Preacher :
Rev Adam Baker
 Dunedin Methodist Parish

All welcome!

Please join us and bring friends

Dunedin RSA Choir
 Musical Director Karen Knudson QSM
 Pianist Dr. Sandra Crawshaw

Weekly Parish Bulletins

The Methodist Mission Southern Administration Office will be closed (due to relocating) from 3-7 August 2026.

There will be no bulletin for Sunday 9th August 2026.

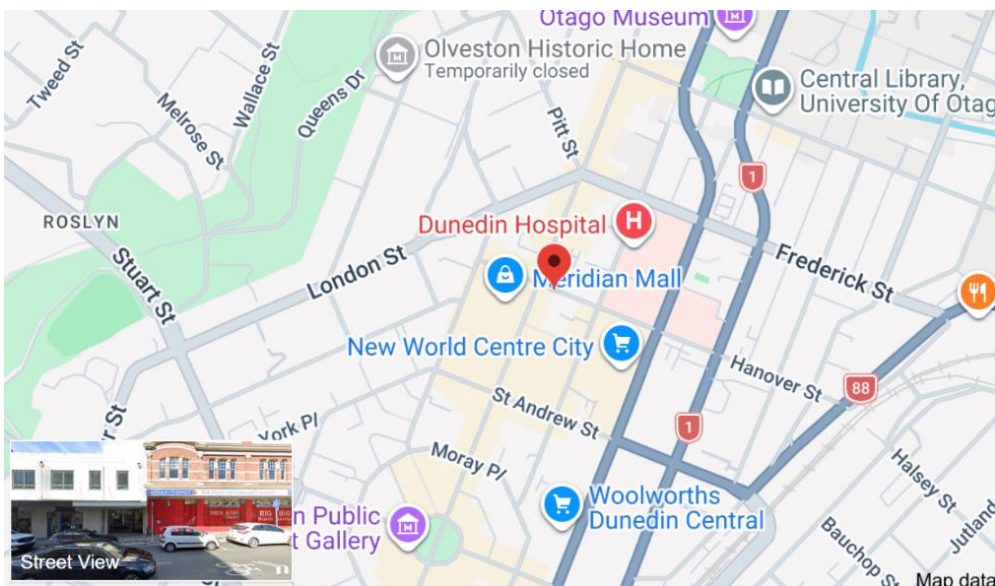
Normal administration service will resume for the Bulletin Sunday 16th August 2026.

Mornington Leaders' Meeting,
Wednesday 5 August, 7.30 pm Church Lounge

Methodist Mission Southern Administration Office is relocating.
From **Monday 10th August** our new premises will be:



First Floor, 55 Hanover Street



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.

Connections Article

Freedom Faith and Community

Freedom is imperiled in these days of geopolitical unrest. Currently a number of countries are effectively a minefield where freedom is threatened by a pathological need for 'power over'. Inequality, ethnicity, and poverty disempower their peoples, and personal freedom is a concept only dreamed of.

At a national level, NZ responded vehemently when the nuclear issue was in hot debate. The sinking of the Rainbow Warrior called for outraged response from the Government and the people. There was swift and ongoing support for Ukraine after Russia's 2022 invasion.

On a more personal level, we have the right to free association, for free assembly, to peacefully protest, although that right has been challenged more recently. Te Tiriti, Te reo, Maori affairs and rights are vigorously debated, and equality in many areas requires ongoing vigilance and protection.

When it comes to personal rights, a sense of erosion is being felt by many, and rightly so in many cases. Court cases challenging the actions of some citizens deemed to be restricting the personal rights of other citizens happen regularly. These can be lengthy costly disputes but invariably there is some sort of resolution, leaving some rightly or wrongly with a sense of grievance. While there is much to celebrate there remains much to be sorted. Religious freedom, the right to worship whenever and however is enshrined in law but plenty could still be discussed around that topic.

However the 'common good' is a concept we must cherish. What is going to contribute to a community at large is the heart of democracy. Social justice is at the heart of the gospel and very much at the cutting edge of our communities. The elevation of the rights of the individual, when not set alongside the common good, becomes a threat to society. We are witnessing this happening in the USA where the right of an individual to bear arms has over-ridden the common sense need for the common good. Mass shootings are becoming very much a part of society. Sadly, the rights of the Individual have drowned out the

voices pleading for change. Sadly, influential billionaire tech giants and the gun rights lobby have the ear of the powerful. Elon Musk has said quite openly that 'empathy will be the down fall of civilization.'

Elon Musk aside...

...It does ones heart good to watch a 'good sorts' clip on Tv. Its an excellent reminder that many communities in many countries are doing an admirable job of inclusion in drawing disparate groups of people into the heart of community. Eat your heart out Elon Musk! Personal freedom has obligations. Philosopher Simone de Beauvoir said that 'personal freedom means the freedom to break free from unfair rules'. Freedom comes with personal responsibility, not just for ourselves, but for others.

Many moons ago, in another life I was taught in Sunday school and bibleclass that unless you do something 'in God's name, you do it in vain'. In other words, at a personal or social level unless community work is done from a conciously Christian perspective, it wouldn't be blessed by God. At the time I was perplexed by this idea, but decided quite quickly it was ridiculous. Helping people no matter who they were, was valid. Compassion was compassion wherever it happened, within the church or outside of it. I wonder if that idea had more to do with keeping congregants free to do 'God's work' within in the church! Invariably, community facing projects undertaken by the church had the underlying purpose of evangelism'. It was never done without a hook in the tail, and that felt dishonest.

For this reason I deeply appreciate John Wesley's rule of 'Doing good'....

Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can'.

No strings attached,,,,no conditions....Just because we can and we want to...to create a sense of community and belonging whatever ethnicity, religion or lack of, social status or gender. We are in this together.

Social justice and personal agency are for all.. Not just the privileged few. Compassion and justice are inseparable. Jesus demonstrated that. Martin Luther King put it so succinctly 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere'

Amen to that !!

Trish Patrick.