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PARISH BULLETIN

16 AUGUST 2026

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 23 AUGUST 2026

9.30AM	Mornington Church	Rod Mitchell
10.00AM	Mosguel Church	Adam Baker
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Helen Watson White
Connections Article		Helen Watson White

RADIO CHURCH

8.30am	OAR 105.4FM	Olivia Dawson Coordinator University Chaplaincy
	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

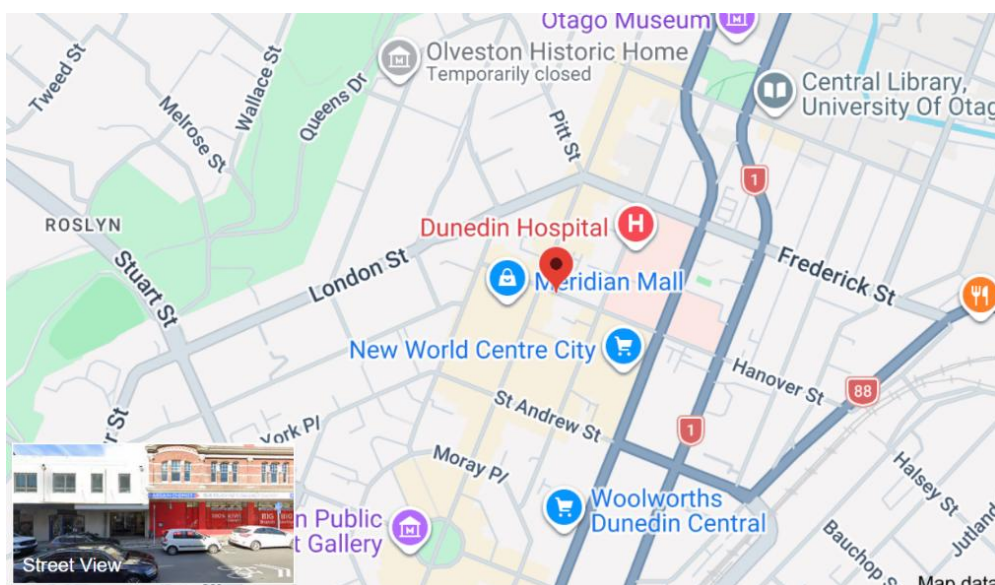
26 August 26, Gibson Talk 'The Methodist Approach to Church Structure', Mornington 7PM
29 August 26, Contentious Presbyterianism Forum, Frank Nichol Rm, Knox College, 10-3PM
12-13 September 26, Mornington Methodist Church 150 year Celebrations
14 September 26, 23 RD Annual Otago Peace Lecture, St Davids Lecture Theatre 6:45PM

Notices

Methodist Mission Southern Administration Office has relocated.



First Floor, 55 Hanover Street



Tickets for the 150th Anniversary of Methodism in Mornington celebration concert and dinner

Tickets for the concert (\$12) at 7 pm Friday 11 September, and for the dinner (\$38) at 6 pm on Saturday 12 September can be purchased after the service at Mornington on Sunday 16 August and after the service on Sunday 23 August. Tickets can be purchased with cash, or we can provide details for making an electronic bank transfer. There is also the option to make a donation towards the 150th Anniversary fundraising project: solar panels for the church roof.

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.

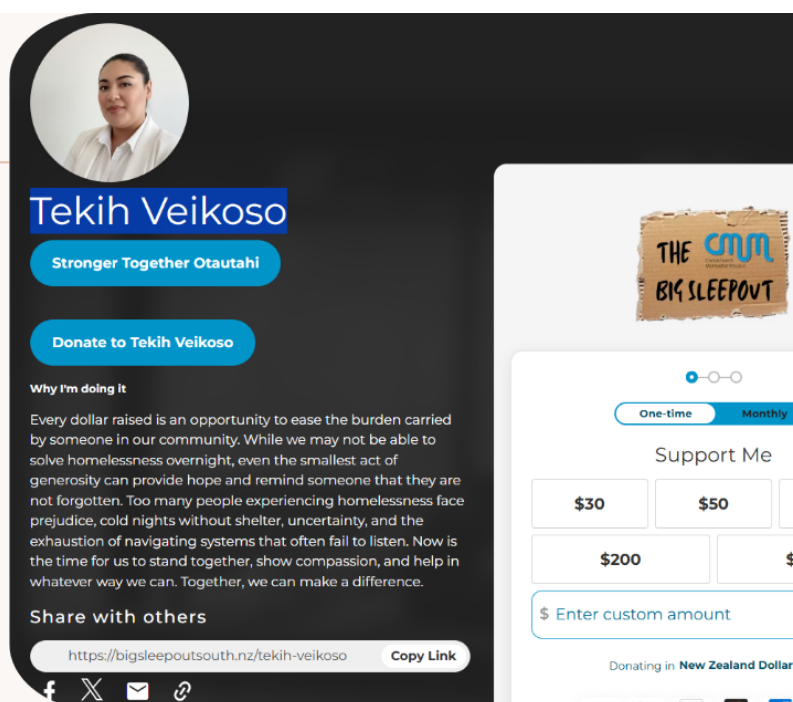
I will trace how this affected Mornington Methodist Church but also ponder how much of this remains today.



Tekih spoke at July's Mornington Fellowship.

We're proud to support her as she takes part in the Big Sleepout to raise awareness and funds to help address homelessness in our community. If you would like to support Tekih's Sleepout, you can place your donation in an envelope marked "**Tekih Sleepout for Homelessness**" and put it in the offering pate.

You can also donate online through the fundraising page:



Tekih Veikoso
Stronger Together Otago

Donate to Tekih Veikoso

Why I'm doing it

Every dollar raised is an opportunity to ease the burden carried by someone in our community. While we may not be able to solve homelessness overnight, even the smallest act of generosity can provide hope and remind someone that they are not forgotten. Too many people experiencing homelessness face prejudice, cold nights without shelter, uncertainty, and the exhaustion of navigating systems that often fail to listen. Now is the time for us to stand together, show compassion, and help in whatever way we can. Together, we can make a difference.

Share with others

<https://bigsleepoutsouth.nz/tekih-veikoso> **Copy Link**

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**"LOVE, COURAGE AND HOPE IN AN AGE OF GLOBAL
TURBULENCE: RESPONDING TO POWER POLITICS
AND FORCE FROM THE BOTTOM UP"**

WITH PROF KEVIN CLEMENTS,
FOUNDER PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES
OTAGO UNIVERSITY



**ST DAVIDS LECTURE THEATRE
MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
6:45 -8:45PM
(REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW)
EVERYBODY WELCOME**



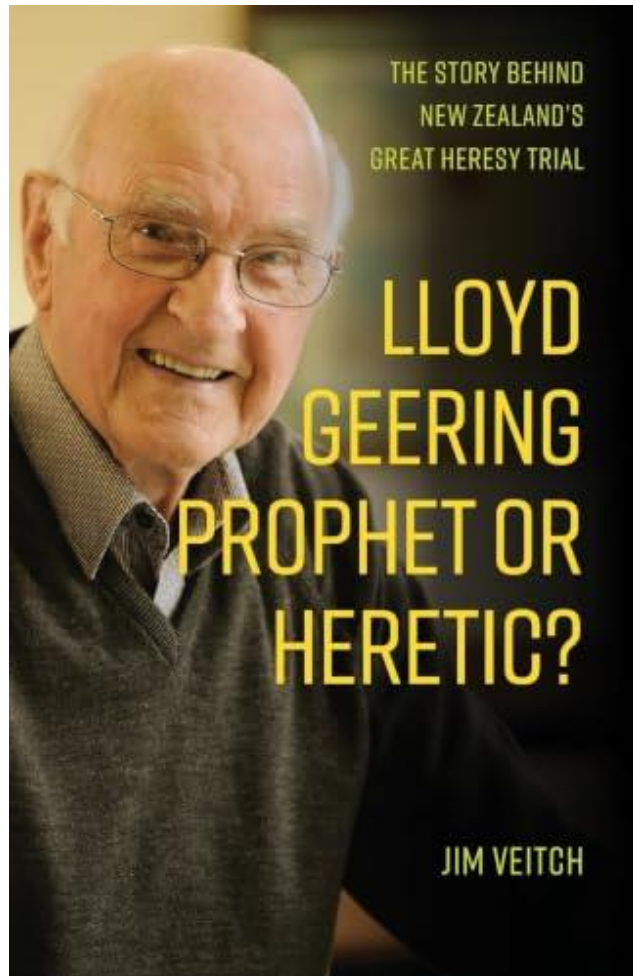
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Join us, in person or online, for the:

Contentious Presbyterianism Forum



Saturday 29 August, 10 am to 3 pm
Frank Nichol Room, Knox College, Dunedin

Jim Veitch and **Niki Francis** are keynote speakers, with the Dunedin launch of Jim's book, *Lloyd Geering: Prophet or Heretic?* **Martin George Holmes**, **Mike Grimshaw**, and **Terry Pouono** will also be speaking, and **Alofa Lale** and **Yvonne Wilkie** will be contributing to the panel discussion. A platter lunch will be provided.

Morning tea starts from 9:15 am. A \$10 koha on the day is suggested. Zoom livestreaming will be available for each of the day's sessions. The Forum is organised and presented by Presbyterian Research Network (PRN), and it is cosponsored and hosted by Presbyterian Research Centre (PRC). For a detailed flyer with talk descriptions or to get Zoom links for the sessions, please contact:

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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 Adam Baker

Kia ora koutou katoa

My family and I have now lived in Ōtepoti Dunedin for two and a half months, and in that time we have met so many people, almost all of whom have been new to us. With each and every person - including every person in our Parish who has welcomed us and said hello, we have been given a truly beautiful opportunity: to come to know more of who God is and how God loves the world.

We are told in Genesis 1:27 that every person is tselem demuth, a Hebrew phrase that suggests something rather beautiful and mysterious. According to these ancient words, every person that has ever existed has been carved in the image and likeness of the God who has made them.

Every single person.

In our lived skin-song, in the ebb and flow of our limbs, hair, words, and thoughts, all of us live as glimpses, mirrored facets moving, somehow reflecting and resembling the God who has shaped us into being.

In some way, we resemble the same God who continues to shape and sustain us, holding together the continents of the world and stretching between each flashing crackle in our cells and synapses. Every person breathes as someone being woven together by the holiness of God.

Every person.

Not only those who believe that there is a God. Not only those who are living lives committed to Jesus, whom Christian scriptures describe as the Son of God and Savior of the world. Not only those who choose to live, love, or act in the same ways that you do. Not only those whom you, your friends, your family, your church, or your country deem to be good, acceptable, and right.

Every person.

Every person we have met in Ōtepoti, in Aotearoa, throughout the United States, and in any country or place we have ever spent time has offered us a chance to know more of who God is and how God loves the world. Thank you, friends, for showing God to us in new and beautiful ways.

May we all be open to what it means to encounter every person as evidence of God's presence, power, and love.