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PARISH BULLETIN

23 AUGUST 2026

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 30 AUGUST 2026

10.00AM	Mornington Joint Church Service	Adam Baker
Connections Article		Richard Cannon
RADIO CHURCH		
8.30am	OAR 105.4FM	Knox Church – Anne Thomson
	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
26 August 26, Mornington Methodist Fellowship, Mornington Church, 2PM
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

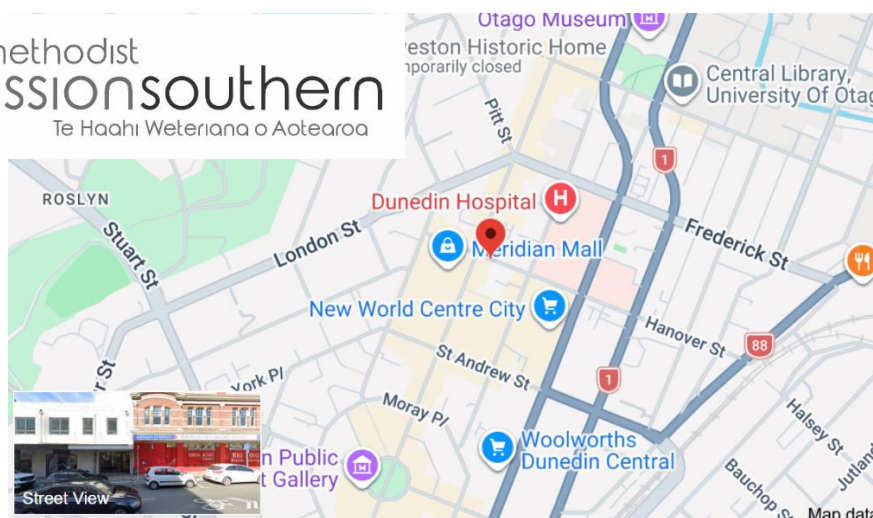
Notices

Methodist Mission Southern Administration Office has relocated.



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Bullet points from the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 August 2026

- The Stewardship Campaign was very successful with pledges from church members that should increase giving by approximately 15% this financial year.
- The Parish is currently renegotiating the lease of Glenaven Church to BestStart Montessori School.
- Glenaven hopes to replace its piano with a more functional upright piano in the near future.
- The Parish will be having an AGM at the combined service on 29 November 2026.

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.

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**.

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.

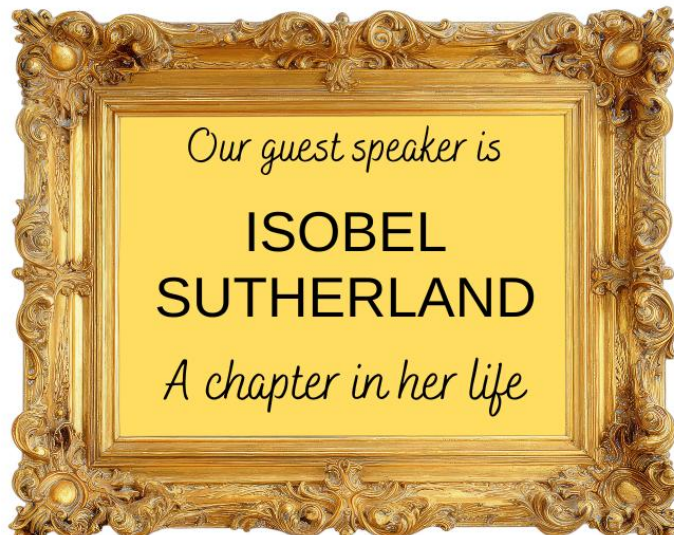


I will trace how this affected Mornington Methodist Church but also ponder how much of this remains today.

Mornington Methodist Fellowship

Galloway Street, Mornington, Dunedin

WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2026 AT 2PM



All church members and friends are welcome to join us and for the social afternoon tea.



JOIN US FOR THE 23RD ANNUAL OTAGO PEACE LECTURE

**"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**



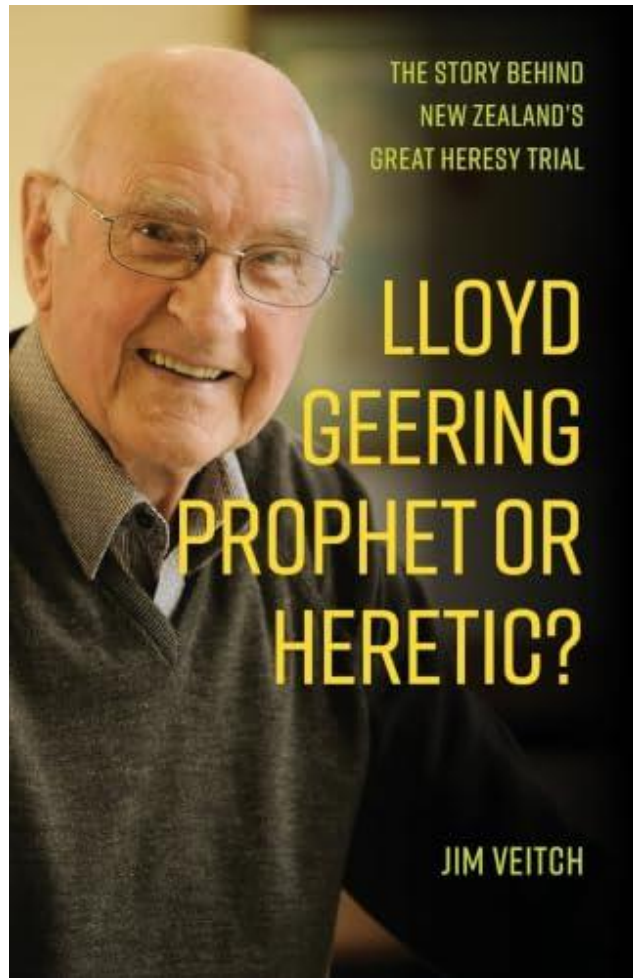
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ABRAHAMIC INTERFAITH GROUP, PEOPLE OF JEWISH, MUSLIM AND
CHRISTIAN FAITHS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP US ALL GET ALONG

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:
jay.robinson@prcknox.org.nz

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 - Sacred Space Helen Watson White

While the practice of removing your shoes as a sign of respect is common to many Asian and Pacific cultures, it can also mean simply that the house-owners put a value on the quality of their flooring materials.

This might be because they are rich, and paid top dollar for carpets, or because they are poor and need to conserve what they're got, unable to afford the replacement cost.



For us, it's almost stopped being an issue, because for 40 years, we've been gardeners who sometimes came inside, rather than residents who make excursions outdoors. It's called indoor/outdoor flow.

In complete contrast, my Japanese family maintains the custom that 'Inside' is not just a rented living space, it's more (my son feels, after 20 years) like a bedroom, the whole house is a bedroom: clean, private, calm, beautifully intimate and somehow sacrosanct. I've learned to respect that, because sharing this reverence is the closest thing to sharing their family essence, their spirituality, as the foreigner I am.

The collection of shoes in the picture is not from the doorstep of an open home – although I've seen many such configurations – but from a very specific occasion two years ago: the 21st Peace Lecture at Araiteuru Marae. As this year's Peace Lecture is promised for the day after our Mornington anniversary celebrations, I wanted to highlight it, in case it gets lost in our crowded calendar.

The annual event dates from the early 2000s, when the Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group (DAIG) was formed in response to 9/11 in New York. At that time, it seems the whole of Western society was corralled into an ideological enclosure – similar and indeed related to the modern secular state of Israel – to be educated into naming all Muslims as the enemy, and their home countries as Terrorist-factories. The 'War against Terror' began to play out in London and the UK, where we were based in September 2011, and indeed as far away as the Otago University campus, where Muslim and other faith groups felt apprehensive about the position imposed upon them in the newly mythologized world 'order'.

The University Chaplaincy, called upon to address related individual and group anxieties, joined with the DAIG to create the lecture series, inviting different faith and political leaders to continue prioritizing the cause of international peace. All previous lectures remain available on the DAIG website, providing an unparalleled resource of peaceful views, turning the discussion around from crisis to communal positivity.

While most of the lectures have been held in University theatres, large or small, the event at Araiteuru Marae had the unique grounding of being held on a revered Maori (multi-tribal and multicultural) site. The history of the complex includes a racially motivated arson attack, which burned down a beloved wharehenui/meeting house, as I found when editing the posthumously published *Dunedin Churches Past and Present*, by Charles Croot (1999). I was able to source photos from the Pene family that bore the signs of the fire in their blackened edges.

It is now a joy to enter both the warm, busy whare kai/dining room and the beautiful wharehenui (meeting house) in view of this painful memory, and the act of renewal that followed.

The pictured shoes are from the entrance to the rebuilt wharehau, shoes having been removed along with the dust of 'Outside', representing Tu, the god of war, because when you enter what might be called the sanctuary – for it is very like a church – you enter the domain of Rongo, god of Peace.

At no. 24 Shetland St, the street I grew up on, and went to both school and church, this is an open and deeply inclusive place, where food is shared together with stories, laughter, art and korero/talk. Tears were also shared, for the passion and agony of victims –whether Māori, Jewish, Muslim or Christian – when we gathered on sacred ground to talk about the future of Peace.