

DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone

www.dunedinmethodist.org.nz



Find us on Facebook: Dunedin Methodist Parish

Presbyters	Rev Adam Baker	027 322 4755
	Office email	parish@mmsouth.org.nz
Parish Stewards	Mrs Jan Stewart	027 635 6842
	Ross Merrett	489 7663
	Hilda Hughson	027 343 7770
Tongan Steward	Mr Sailosi Pole	027 250 2509
Parish Prayer Convenor	Elaine Merrett	489 7663 elaineross@xtra.co.nz
Pastoral Convenor Mornington	Susan Hamel	022 657 8303 sfh1959@gmail.com
Parish Office	bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz	466 4600

PARISH BULLETIN 30 AUGUST 2026

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

9.30AM	Mornington Church	Adam Baker +
10.00AM	Mosgiel Church	Elaine Merrett
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Adam Baker +
Connections Article		George Davis

RADIO CHURCH

8.30am	OAR 105.4FM	Fr Vaughan Leslie – St Joseph's
	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

6 September 26, Dunedin Musical Concert, Mornington Church, 2PM
10 September 26, The Unfinished Waka – Rev Tara Tautari, All Saints Church, 5.30PM<
11-13 September 26, Mornington Methodist Church 150 year Celebrations
14 September 26, 23 RD Annual Otago Peace Lecture, St Davids Lecture Theatre 6:45PM

Notices

Dunedin Musical Society concert

2.00 pm Sunday September 6

Mornington Methodist Church **Door charge \$5**

The programme features:

Göknil Meryem Biner, voice

Ozan Biner-McGrath, piano

Kathy Thompson, Cello

Kana Takahashi, Piano

Faure Elegie, and Ravel Habanera

John Van Buskirk

Kana Takahashi

Piano duet, Valse Nobles et Sentimentales

We Know Times Are Tough

At Little Citizens, we're here to help make things a little easier by offering:

- Nutritious meals provided each day
- Affordable fees
- Flexible enrolment options to suit your family
- Quality early childhood education

If you're looking for a supportive and caring environment for your tamariki, we'd love to hear from you.

Call **NOW** to enrol or for more information contact: emiliem@mmsouth.org.nz
or tel: 027 545 5548



www.littlecitizens.co.nz





150th Anniversary of Methodism in Morningsong Programme

Friday 11 September

3 pm – 6 pm: Registration in Church Foyer

7 pm – 8.30 pm: Concert in the Church. Admission by ticket (\$12)

Saturday 12 September

3 pm – 6 pm: Registration in Church Foyer and displays in the
Church/Hall

3.30 pm – 4.30 pm: Afternoon tea and meet and greet in Church
Lounge

6 pm – 9 pm: Two-course dinner in the Church. Admission by ticket
(\$38)

Sunday 13 September

10 am: Celebratory worship in Morningsong Church, preacher: Te Aroha
Rountree, President of The Methodist Church of New Zealand,
Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

You can purchase tickets for the concert and/or dinner through the
Humanitix website: <https://events.humanitix.com/morningsong-150th-anniversary>

Or use the QR code:



But tickets must be purchased **before 11.59 pm Monday 31 August 2026**, for catering purposes.

Fifth Annual Hoani Parata Lecture

The Unfinished Waka: Power, Partnership, and Hope for a Bicultural Church in a Secularising Age



Rev Tara Tautari (Ngāti Hine and Ngāpuhi)
General Secretary of Te Hāhi Weteriana o
Aotearoa

The Theology Programme at the University of
Otago | Mātai Whakapono Karaitiana, Ōtākou
Whakaihu Waka, and Selwyn College | Te Maru
Pūmanawa are pleased to present the fifth
annual Hoani Parata Lecture in honour of
Reverend Canon Hoani Parata (1881–1928),
the first Māori resident at Te Maru Pūmanawa.



All welcome!

Thursday 10 September 2026

5:30pm

All Saints' Church

786 Cumberland Street

Refreshments will be provided at Selwyn College
after the lecture



University
of Otago
ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

August Mornington Fellowship

Our August Mornington Fellowship was, as always, a joyfully connected afternoon. Susan's reflection was particularly appropriate and much appreciated, followed by a fascinating and entertaining glimpse into a special season of Isobel Sutherland's life in the USA.



Isobel spoke of a significant time in her life when, as a Master's student in Art Therapy, she undertook an internship at a Home for Veterans in Yountville, California. As part of her thesis, Isobel lived within the veterans' community, creating and supervising activities with the residents.

There was lively discussion — with our President eventually calling us to order! — about our Blankets for Ukraine project, and Euan's suggestion that we **all** buy a ball of wool (for those who will be knitting) was the epitome of our faith. I will create a refreshed set of detailed instructions for those of us who cannot remember the finer details, to go with the purchased wool.

The school counsellor will be delighted by the generosity of giving towards hygiene packs for local high school girls, such practical support — thank you to everyone who contributed.

And a reminder that the Mission's free will-writing platform is available to our families. This is an impactful service the Mission offers free to our community and supporters. Making a will is something that can be easy to put off — particularly for younger family members who may not yet have thought about it or may see the cost as a barrier. Yet the world they will live in is changing, and having a will in place can help ease some of the future uncertainty and burden for those we love. If you would like a demonstration or more information, please ask me. www.everywill.co.nz/c/mmsouth www.everywill.co.nz/c/mmsouth

Blessings in Christ,
Julie

ALL WELCOME

Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group with
the Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy present
the 23rd Annual Peace Lecture



University
of Otago
ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

Love, courage and hope in an age of global turbulence: Responding to power politics and force from the bottom up

Professor Kevin P Clements

Honorary Director and Distinguished Fellow, Toda Peace Institute



Join us for the 23rd Annual Peace Lecture, featuring a conversation with
Professor Clements and a panel of representatives from Muslim, Jewish and
Christian faiths.

Professor Kevin P Clements was the Foundation Chair of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago from 2008 to 2017. His career has combined academic analysis and practice in the areas of peacebuilding and conflict transformation, spanning roles as Secretary-General for International Alert, Director of ICAR at George Mason University, President of the European Peace Building Liaison Office, Director of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva, and advisor to the New Zealand, Australian, British, Swedish, German and Dutch governments on conflict prevention, peace, defence and security issues.

This presentation will take the form of an autobiographical overview of Professor Clements' development as a peacemaker and international peace educator. He will reflect on the early influences and motivations that led him to dedicate his life to advancing an alternative narrative to conflict and violence. The presentation will conclude with reflections on what it has taken, and what it will take, to respond to power from the bottom up.

Monday 14 September
6:45–8:45pm
St David Lecture Theatre
Refreshments provided



**DUNEDIN ABRAHAMIC
INTERFAITH GROUP**

Connections Article

Find the missing pieces!

Most of my family and I enjoy jigsaw puzzles. Indeed, we have a cupboard containing a tall stack of a variety of puzzles, most of which have 1,000 pieces. In terms of jigsaw strategy, I am a firm believer in finding the four corners and doing the edges first, but then I start with the easiest part. I gradually move on to the harder parts using the picture to work out where pieces go. I have a great sense of satisfaction and joy when the picture is complete, but it is frustrating and disappointing when I find there is a missing piece or two.

Why am I talking about jigsaws? Well, it relates to a couple of Adam's recent sermons. One was on finding parables in the everyday aspects of life, and the other was on the importance of connectedness with others. So, I would like to offer you a parable.

The kingdom of God is like a jigsaw puzzle, with not thousands but millions of pieces. Each piece is, to a certain extent, similar but also unique. To make the kingdom complete, all the pieces have to connect with each other. God has the picture, the plan, for the kingdom and for it to come to fruition all the pieces must be fitted in. All the pieces are important, including those at the edges, even though they have fewer connections. If there are gaps in the jigsaw we must find the missing pieces – only when they are in place and connected will the kingdom be complete. And when that happens it will be a thing of great beauty and joy.

Richard Cannon.