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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 18 OCTOBER 2026

09.30AM	Mornington Church	Adam Baker
10.00AM	Mosgiel Church	Elaine Merrett
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Adam Baker
Connections Article		Dr George Davis

RADIO CHURCH

8.30am	OAR 105.4FM	Anne Thomson – Knox 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

14 October 26, Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering, Quaker Meeting House, Park St, 7.30-9.00PM

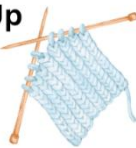
28 October 26, Mornington Fellowship Meeting

Mornington Methodist Fellowship

Operation Cover Up

Blanket for Ukraine

- 160 cm x 140 cm
- Use size 8 (4mm) needles
- 8ply or 2 strands of 4ply
- cast on 40 stitches and knit every row to 160 cm in length
- Use any number of colours
- Always change the colour on the right side of the strip
- Pure wool, not acrylic as it doesn't retain the same warmth



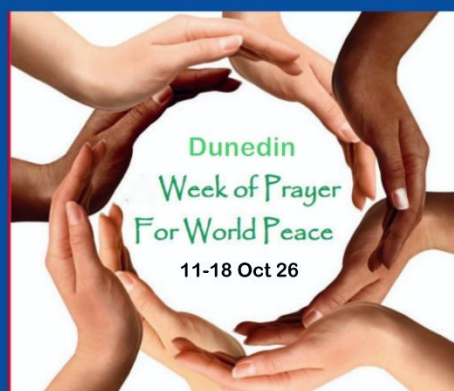
Any questions -
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The Mission's Annual Report is now available and will be arriving in the inboxes of those subscribed to the Friends of the Mission newsletter.

I'll be presenting the 2026 Annual Report at October's Mornington Fellowship and will have copies available. If you'd like a copy and a chat about what the Mission has been doing over the past year, just get in touch — coffee included!

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THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering
Quaker meeting house 15 Park St Dunedin
7.30-9pm Wednesday 14th October
ALL WELCOME
dunedininterfaith@gmail.com



Gibson Talk
Wednesday 21 October
2026, 7PM

Mornington Methodist
Church

Dr Susan Wardell is a Senior Lecturer in the Social Anthropology programme, at the University of Otago. She is also the Director of a newly funded research centre: Ngā Aho Hauora | Centre for Medical Humanities.

Susan's research focuses on topics such as health and wellbeing, care, moral emotion, and digital worlds. She is also interested in creative communication.

We want to show care, but the 'how' is complicated. This talk will draw on two of Dr Wardell's research projects: about care on social media following the Christchurch mosque attacks, and about online crowdfunding (e.g. on Givealittle or GoFundMe) for medical costs.

Both of these points to the complex role of internet technologies in facilitating acts of compassion or charity, and show the tension between individual forms of charity and activism towards systemic change.

Entering the New Creation: A Call to Spiritual Exercises

Our Christian faith invites us not only to believe in God, but to encounter God ever more deeply in the unfolding story of creation. In the spirituality associated with Teilhard de Chardin and developed through the spiritual exercises of Louis M. Savary, creation is not simply something that happened long ago. Creation is an ongoing movement in which God is continually bringing life toward greater consciousness, communion, love, and fullness in Christ.

Savary's vision invites us to ask: What might happen if our church community made time to experience our faith in new ways?

Many of us have inherited rich spiritual practices—prayer, Scripture, worship, silence, Eucharist, service and fellowship. These remain precious gifts. Yet our rapidly changing world may also require us to rediscover how these practices can awaken us to God's presence within the whole of creation. Savary's Teilhard-inspired exercises offer opportunities to do precisely this. They encourage us to move beyond thinking about creation as a static backdrop to human life and instead to contemplate ourselves as participants in God's continuing creative work.

Such exercises can help us see Christ not only as the one who came into the world, but as the One toward whom all creation is being drawn. The ordinary world—our bodies, relationships, work, suffering, beauty, science, technology, the natural environment—can become places where we seek and recognise God's presence. Prayer then becomes an attentiveness to the divine movement already taking place around us and within us.

This does not mean abandoning traditional Christian spirituality. Rather, it can deepen it. Scripture can be read with fresh eyes. Communion can become an even more profound recognition of our unity in Christ. Silence can open us to the sacredness of creation. Service can become participation in God's healing and transforming work. Even our struggles can be held within the hope that God's

creative love is moving history toward reconciliation and greater wholeness.

As a church community, we might therefore permit ourselves to experiment. We could set aside regular times to practise these new spiritual exercises together: contemplating the universe and our place within it; praying with the unfolding story of creation; reflecting on Christ as the centre and fullness of creation; walking prayerfully in nature; or sharing how these practices change our understanding of God, ourselves, and our neighbours.

The invitation is not to replace what we know, but to discover what we have not yet experienced. Spiritual growth often begins when we become willing to see familiar truths from a new perspective.

Perhaps these exercises can help our community recover a sense of wonder: creation is still happening, Christ is still drawing all things toward fullness, and we are invited to participate. By giving time to these practices, we may discover that Christian spirituality is not a retreat from the world, but a deeper awakening to God's presence and transforming love within it.

Rod Mitchell.

Books that reflect this approach:

‘The New Spiritual Exercises: In the Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin’ by Louis M. Savary.

Teilhard de Chardin The Divine Milieu: Explained- A Spirituality for the 21st Century by Louis M. Savary.

Le Milieu Divine by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.