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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 8 NOVEMBER 2026

09.30AM	Mornington Church	Rod Mitchell
10.00AM	Mosgiel Church	Adam Baker
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Helen Watson White
Connections Article		Susan Hamel

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

3 November 26, Mosgiel Womens Fellowship Friendship Day, Mosgiel Church, 2PM
4 November 26, Mornington Leaders Meeting, Mornington Church 7.30PM
5 November 26, Parihaka Dawn Service, Rongo Stone, Portsmouth Drive, 7.00AM
12 November 26, PRN AGM, KCML Seminar Room, Knox College, 5.30PM
15 November 26, St Mary's Anglican Church, 3PM Closing Service
18 November 26, Parish Council Meeting, Mornington Church, 7.30PM
22 November 26, Mornington AGM, after service at Mornington
29 November 26, Parish AGM, fter combined service at Mosgiel
5 December, St Martha's Carol Service, 26 Chingford Park Stable, 11AM

Notices

Mornington Church AGM

The AGM for Mornington Church will be held after the service on Sunday 22 November. If you normally provide a report for the AGM could you, please send it to Richard Cannon by **Sunday 1 November**.



Mosgiel Women's Fellowship "Friendship Day"

Mosgiel Methodist Church **2pm Tuesday 3rd November 2026**. This is where we invite all other church groups in Mosgiel.

Our Guest speaker is Mr Andrew Simms, All welcome.

Mornington Leaders' Meeting

The next Mornington Leaders' Meeting will be held at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday 4 November**. If you would like anything discussed at that meeting, please let Richard Cannon know.



PARIHAKA DAWN SERVICE COMMEMORATION THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER

He hōnore, he korōria, maungārongo ki te whenua!

November 5th 2026 marks 145 years since government troops and militia invaded the settlement of Parihaka, near Opunake in Taranaki

This year, we once again commemorate Parihaka as we continue to uphold the legacy of Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi and acknowledge the sad, but special connection between Taranaki and Ōtepoti.

**You are warmly invited to join us for a dawn ceremony: 7.00 – 7.30 am
Thursday, 5th November at the Rongo Stone on Portsmouth Drive.**

The kaupapa for this brief hui is remembrance and reflection. As a symbol of peace, a raukura mā (white feather) will be handed to everyone on arrival. We welcome all who gather in peace around the Rongo. Nau mai, haere mai koutou ki tō tātou Kōhatu Tapu. As a practical peace action a koha will be collected and presented to Whare Moana.

Alternatively, a donation can be made online

<https://www.moanahouse.org.nz/#donate>; “Waiho i te toipoto” *Let us keep close together*

Ngā mihi mahana

Sue Mepham, Brendon McRae, Greg and Hilda Hughson

Presbyterian Research Network (PRN) will hold its 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Thursday 12 November, at 5:30 pm** in the **KCML Seminar Room, Knox College, Dunedin**. The AGM will set priorities for PRN for 2027, and **all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided from 5 pm.**

Featured guest speaker will be Rev Phil King, Director of Global Mission, for the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ). His talk is entitled: “Ghosts in the Archives? Archival Research as a Work of Justice.” In 2025 Rev King spent time in the Council for World Mission (CWM) archives in London, researching Pacific mission history, with emphasis on what is now Vanuatu. This awakened him to the importance of maintaining good archival records. He will share some of this research, including its personal impact.

**For the Zoom link or for more information,
contact: Jay Robinson: jay.robinson@prcknox.org.nz**



Presbyterian Archives photo PA11.47-127: Rev. Oscar Michelsen's Church on Tonga, Vanuatu

St Mary's Anglican Church in Mornington is closing.

After many years of ministry, fellowship and witness, their final service will be held on **Sunday 15 November at 3:00 pm.** This will be a **Service of Thanksgiving and Secularisation.** We will give thanks for the life and ministry of St Mary's and celebrate Holy Communion together one final time before the church building is formally returned to secular use. Afternoon tea will follow in St Anne's Hall.

Leaders and members of Mornington Methodist Church are warmly invited to attend.

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Mornington Leaders' Meeting

At the upcoming Mornington Church AGM there will be a vacancy for a congregational representative on the Leaders' Meeting. If you are interested in representing the congregation on the Leaders' Meeting, or would like more information about the role, please let Richard or Adam know.

St Martha's Carol Service

St Martha's would like to invite the Glenaven Methodist congregation to join them for their Carol service.



It will be **11am Saturday December 5th, at the Chingford Park Stable.**

Please make a note of this now in your diaries. I will announce it this Sunday at Glenaven.

Could you help support the Mission this Christmas?



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Our Youth Transition Houses rely on a pool of casual staff to provide support when our regular team members are away, particularly over the busy Christmas and summer period. We're looking to grow our **casual Youth Support Workers** and are keen to hear from people who are reliable, practical, calm and genuinely enjoy working alongside young people. If you, or someone you know, might be a good fit, we'd love to hear from you.

If this sounds like you or you would like to make an enquiry, please contact Danica for a chat.

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Mornington Fellowship

Neil Colyer's talk at October's Fellowship was a fascinating insight into the Hamilton Gardens, from its concept to the present day. Thank you Neil, if it was closer what a wonderful outing it would be for all of us to enjoy together. 🙏



What is in the darkness? – Richard Cannon

I am fascinated, yet somewhat overwhelmed, by astronomy and astrophysics. The sheer size of the universe is mind-boggling. Our solar system is part of the Milky Way galaxy that contains between 100 and 400 billion stars, or suns, nearly all of which will have planets orbiting them. What's more, our galaxy is one of about two trillion other galaxies in the observable universe – the portion of space we can detect, the part from which light has had enough time to reach Earth since the 'Big Bang'. The total universe, beyond what we can observe, may be vastly larger than the observable universe or even infinite, meaning the actual number of galaxies could be limitless.

Disclaimer: although interested in astronomy, I am by no means an expert, so there may be some inaccuracies in this article. A couple of terms I came across recently are 'dark matter' and 'dark energy'. Although new to me, the presence of dark matter has been proposed for over 140 years. The existence of dark matter was postulated by Lord Kelvin in 1884 to explain the force that was slowing down the expansion of the universe. The reason it is called 'dark matter' is that it is substance that can't be seen. Dark matter is an invisible and hypothetical form of matter that does not interact with electromagnetic radiation, including light, which is why it can't be seen. Amazingly, of all the matter in the universe, ordinary matter that we can see such as stars, planets, moons, comets, asteroids and dust, makes up only about 5% of the universe, while dark matter makes up about 27% – the rest, 68% is thought to be 'dark energy'. Dark energy is the name that astronomers give to the mysterious "something" that is causing the universe to expand at an accelerated rate.

It is said that dark matter is the invisible glue that holds the universe together, and dark energy is the force moving the universe apart. As a scientist I want to be able to understand and explain things around us, and things that happen. We are pretty good at doing that for things we can see or experience, it is a lot more difficult for things that are invisible. That is why, after 140 years scientists still have not identified 'dark matter', and 'dark energy' is still a mystery. What do you think the glue that holds the universe together might be, and what is the energy that keeps the universe moving? What is there throughout in the universe that surrounds us that we can't see but that still influences us?