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PARISH BULLETIN
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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 15 NOVEMBER 2026		
09.30AM	Mornington Church	Adam Baker
10.00AM	Mosgiel Church	Susan Hamel
11.00AM	Glenaven Church	Adam Baker
Connections Article		**Trish Patrick**
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

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
25 November 26, Mornington Methodist Fellowship Meeting, Mornington Church, 2PM
29 November 26, Parish AGM, fter combined service at Mosgiel
5 December, St Martha's Carol Service, 26 Chingford Park Stable, 11AM

Notices



Message from Methodist Mission Southern

It is time to start thinking about the Christmas Break, the Mission office will be closed from **23 December 2026 to Monday 11 January 2027.**

For those taking services from **December 13th 2026 through to 17th January 2027** (including special Christmas services or Carrols), please send these to bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz **no later than midday Tuesday December 1st 2026.** There will be more news around this in the coming weeks.

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.**



Presbyterian Archives photo P-A11.47-127: Rev. Oscar Michelsen's Church on Tongoa, Vanuatu

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

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.

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.**

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?



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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Connections – The Life and Message of George Fox



Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations wherever you come; that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone; whereby in them you may be a blessing, and make the witness of God in them to bless you[1].

These words of George Fox (1624-1691), the founder of the Society of Friends (aka Quakers) speak to the first concept of Quaker spirituality that appealed to me—the call to be an example to the world. Fox was born in the Midlands of England in 1624, in the last days of rule of James I. His life encompassed a tempestuous time in English history, including the First Civil War, the Plague, and the restoration of the monarchy. He was a mystic and, like me, found no home in the established churches of his day. His revolutionary ideas about the inclusion of women, pacifism, non-hierarchical ministry and the refusal to tithe to the established church meant that he was jailed many times for blasphemy and disrespect of the social mores of the time. Gradually he gathered a following through his preaching, which eventually became the Society of Friends. Many of his converts were also imprisoned. He traveled widely, even to the English settlements in America and made more converts there. Fox died in London in 1691.

I am inspired by the Quaker ideal to see "that of God in every living being". Because my connection with Spirit is interior and not bound by creeds, I feel my faith can continue to grow and change with age and experience. This is both freeing and a huge responsibility. Freeing because I can explore different mystical paths and find my own way to Spirit. But my relationship with Spirit is *my* responsibility, I cannot look to others to mediate that knowing in me.

George Fox believed that the Divine is present in each of us and can be found by all without the need of ritual, priests or dedicated places of worship. He lived, and encouraged his followers to live, a simple, devout life. Quakers today continue this simplicity, meeting in an

[1] FOX, G. (2015). WORKS OF GEORGE FOX. London: FORGOTTEN Books.

unadorned space, sitting in a circle and speaking out loud only when led by the Spirit. There are no leaders, sacred books or articles of faith. Many Quakers are Christian, but others are Muslim, Buddhist, humanist, atheist or Jewish. Everyone who seeks for truth and Light is welcome at a Quaker meeting. I'd encourage everyone to attend at least one!

Rev Susan Hamel