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The Centennial Bible – see Editorial

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Editorial

I watched the General Assembly on livestream along with others around the country. I took special interest in the signing of the Centennial Bible. It had been taken from storage in the Rare Books Room in the Hewitson Library at Knox College in Dunedin to Christchurch to be signed by the Moderator. It amused me in the close-ups during the communion service that opened the General Assembly to see the Bible open on the table, as I could identify an archives tag that I had created resting on the page when the Moderator had signed.

The one hundredth anniversary of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand came at a difficult time. A world war meant border controls and curtailed freedom of movement. There were no visitors from

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around the world for the historic occasion. Letters were read from the Presbyterian Churches of Scotland and Ireland, and the Reformed Church of Ireland. The Centennial Bible was given by the National Bible Society of Scotland, and presented to the Moderator by the Rev. Tom Miller of St Stephen's North Dunedin, Secretary of the Bible Society of Otago and Southland.

A Bible can be an object of affection in a congregation, a legacy of generations. It is not an easy object to archive. It takes up space and, after being read and heard, records little of the life of the congregation. Keeping the Centennial Bible is exceptional. Since 1940 each Moderator of the General Assembly has added his or her signature to the Bible, and the record of that list is there to be examined. After eighty years it needs more pages to add new signatures which will change the shape of the Bible.

The description of the Bible in the Archives Catalogue reads, "Bible is signed by the Moderators of the General Assembly from 1940, including Year, Place, and Moderator's Signature, generally with current parish or office at time of moderatorship. Includes four bookmarks, two are maroon, two are blue cloth, three with Celtic Crosses, one blue bookmark with the 1916 official symbol of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, leather strap. Bible in wooden case lined with blue velvet, the top is cracked, two tags in the name of D. A. Larsen, to Dunedin, and to Wellington (label is torn). Box is in a protective canvas cover. Bible may be borrowed by General Assembly."

As well as the Centennial Bible, the Moderator's robe, the Korowai Tapu, is in level 4 lockdown in Auckland with the retiring Moderator, the Very Rev. Fakaofa Kaio. Instead the present Moderator, the Rt Rev. Hamish Galloway was vested in the heavy, tasselled gown that the Rev. Bill Watt received from the Church of Scotland, and handed on in turn to the Rev. Michael Thawley. Perhaps a bit Jedi in appearance, it kept with the Moderator's theme of 'Empowering Generations' passing on its legacy to a new incumbent.

We invent traditions, and we innovate. I was interested to hear the worship leader Jonathan Barb lead a fervent and fluent prayer in M ori, and later the Rev. Tamiana Thrupp from Te Aka Puaho pray the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving for the communion in te Reo and English. Perhaps in seeing innovation and new generations in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand I can feel hopeful.

Andrew Smith

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### *Parish Council and Church News*

Parish Council met in person in October, observing mask and social distancing guidelines.

We thank Fiona Stirling for her outstanding service organising the Church Fair and the art shows. She is standing down from this role. She has done a fantastic job over the years.

Clare is the interim moderator at Kaikorai Presbyterian Church, leading some services there. She is meeting regularly with our Parish Clerk Philip Somerville to touch base, which is valuable. Members of the wider Opoho community are already getting to know who she is.

The Property and Finance Committee is doing an enormous amount of work.

- Presbytery Levy will be paid in November and we can apply to the Dickie Fund for reimbursement of this amount.
- The final details for the church heating controls are being finalised. The under-seat heating will be disconnected when all is in place with the new heating system.
- Parish Council has received the financial statements for the Annual Report to go to the Annual Meeting.
- A draft Health and Safety Manual for the church has been produced. It is hoped to have this out and in action soon, even if it is still undergoing improvement and revision.

It has been proposed that the parish join EcoChurch and we want

your opinions on this. Go to ECO CHURCH NZ at [www.ecochurch.org.nz](http://www.ecochurch.org.nz), and talk to us about your views.

Services have been organised to the end of January. The Children's Christmas Service is set for the last Sunday in November, the 28th, at 4.00 p.m. However, Parish Council decided, with regret, that it was best to cancel the All Age Advent Service that is usually held in November. Ross Home residents are among those invited and pupils from Liberton Christian School have performed in recent years. Holding the service and the afternoon tea under level 2 rules was not feasible.

The Council meets again on 18 November.

**Andrew Smith**

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Garden Working Bees



There is a sign on the wall by the gate into the garden off Signal Hill Road which reads *You are welcome to enjoy our Opoho Church Garden*.

The aim when holding working bees is to make it an enjoyable space for the community, from the children who run around the garden on Book Bus days to the elderly members of our congregation.

There have been two working bees held on two consecutive Saturdays. At the first one, on Saturday 9 October, six people braved the rain to get stuck into the garden – pulling out weeds, which were easy to remove due to the wet ground, and clearing drains. Blackcurrant bushes and apple trees were planted by Philip Fleming and ferns and native flaxes were planted in the rock-edged gardens opposite the hall entrance by Fiona Stirling.

The second working bee held on Saturday 16 October – eight people worked up a sweat in warm sunshine. Tasks included weeding, sweeping the paths, and pruning and removing Cotoneaster plants to encourage them to grow up the church rather than outwards. You may like to have a wander beside the garden under the stained-glass window on Signal Hill Road and see plants which have been donated and planted by Jenny Bunce – a rhododendron and a pink azalea, which once established will be a nice feature in front of the church. Benjamin Thew has begun planting a number of polyanthus in the plot by the letter box, a plot which formerly hosted weeds.

Thanks to Michael Ovens for taking a load of green waste away in his ute and to John Roxborough for taking artistic photos and being on morning tea duty and to the people who came to help make the garden an enjoyable space for the community.

If you haven't been to a working bee, it is a great day to enjoy fellowship with each other and there is no pressure on how much work people do!

Future work will be to create a proper composting system - one step in our work at being an eco-friendly church.

There has been a large gap in between the last working bees, so we are playing catch up, getting on top of the growth.

We hope to hold working bees more frequently. The next working bee will be held on **Saturday 20 November from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Bring buckets, gardening and pruning tools and gadgets, and gloves. All are welcome.

Benjamin Thew



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### *Karakia for our Climate*

Karakia for our Climate is a youth led inter-church initiative calling the church in Aotearoa to pray about climate change. You are invited to join prayer vigils during COP26 (31 October – 12 November) both on-line and in person around Aotearoa New Zealand to pray for our global leaders and for God's creation.

The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, known as COP26, is a meeting of approximately 200 world leaders and 30,000 delegates to drive ambition and action towards climate change. This meeting is crucial because the window to limit the impacts of global warming is rapidly closing. Some impacts such as sea level rise are already locked in for decades to come. The impacts of climate change will affect us all, but it will most directly impact low lying island nations, the most vulnerable in our communities and future generations.

This is a call for Christians across Aotearoa New Zealand to pray for climate action. Karakia for our Climate is holding prayer vigils to pray for our global leaders to increase their ambition and commitment

towards securing global net zero emissions by 2050 and keeping to 1.5C degrees of warming. Join us as we pray for our global leaders, for climate justice, for humanity; for God’s creation.

This is part of a global movement led by Climate Intercessors [www.climateintercessors.org](http://www.climateintercessors.org) and many others.

**Events:**

Nationwide Karakia Service (via Zoom): 8 p.m. Sunday 31 October (1 hour, including Rod Oram reporting in live from COP in Scotland)

Daily short online prayer (via FB live): 8 p.m. each evening 1-11 November (20 minutes each. Visit the Facebook page at 8 p.m., no need to register.)

Friday Night Vigils (in person) on 12 November:

- Auckland/T maki Makaurau: 7.30 p.m. at St James M ngere Bridge
- Wellington/Te Whanganui-a-Tara: 6.30 p.m. at St Peter’s Willis Street
- Dunedin/ tepoti: 5.30 p.m. at Knox Church

Links for the online services and the in-person events via: [www.linktr.ee/karakiaforourclimate](http://www.linktr.ee/karakiaforourclimate)

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Fellowship Group

2 p.m. on Thursday 11 November in the Morrison Lounge

Fellowship Group normally meets at 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Morrison Lounge. You are all very welcome to come along.

Please wear your mask and sign in – we will have a sign-in sheet available.

Covid was, not surprisingly, our initial topic of conversation at our October meeting. Miriam reminded us about the situations where we need to wear masks, and the need to keep paying attention, and recording, where we are and who we are with. Andrea showed

people her online vaccination record held on app.covid19.health.nz My Covid Record. Details are on their way about Vaccination Certificates, and how people can access physical copies of these.

Chris Young then kept us enthralled with stories from her life, including some disconcerting experiences she had crossing international borders years ago, and also very familiar stories of finding unexpected connections with New Zealand. Thank you Chris!



As we gathered in October, Evelyn Brass (left) delivered a further 29 peggy squares for Operation Cover Up, while Val Williams (right) was hard at work pasting the latest clippings into the Opoho Scrapbook

An important part of Fellowship Group meetings is our participation in the Fellowship of the Least Coin, as we bring along our least coins each month.

After a time of conversation, we have a cup of tea or coffee, accompanied by delicious baking (thank you Chris and Miriam), at around 3 p.m., and we finish by 4 p.m.

Andrea Johnston

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*Coming Soon: Christmas Craft Fair at Opoho Church Hall*



**Hand-made goodies and gifts for sale just before Christmas**  
**Saturday 4 December 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (set up at 9.30 a.m.)**  
**Sunday 5 December 11.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m. (tidy up afterwards)**

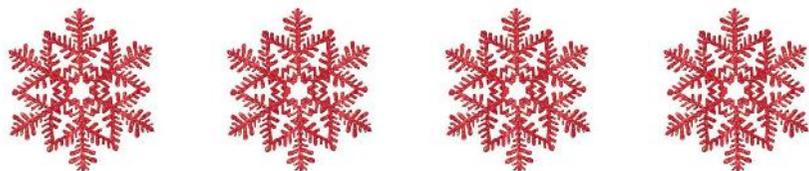
Opoho folks are encouraged to think about what they could make for sale – for example: knitting, painting, woodworking, drawing, crocheting, weaving, baking, jam-setting, curd-making, baking, ANYTHING that you can make yourself that would be a nice gift.

For people whose art/craft is their income, we are happy to make a deal where an artist/craftsperson sells her/his wares with a donation to Opoho at the end. Tell your crafty friends!

I am looking for a few helpers to make cups of tea/coffee during the Saturday fair.

If you have questions or great ideas, please contact Abby on 027 606 3552 or [abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com](mailto:abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com)

**Abby Smith**



*Poems Prayers Psalms Prose - a friendly writing group*



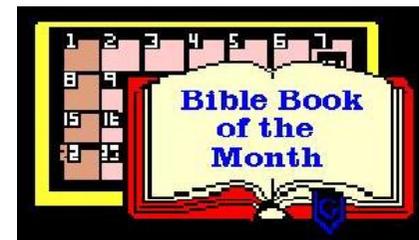
Next meeting is Tuesday 7 December, 7-8 p.m.,  
 venue TBA or via Zoom.

All welcome!

For more information, please contact Abby Smith: 027 606 3552,  
[abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com](mailto:abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com)



*Bible Book of the Month:  
 Reflections on our Six-year Journey*



*‘Where shall I begin, please your majesty?’ he asked. ‘Begin at the beginning’, the king said, gravely, ‘and go on till you come to the end: then stop’. (Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland, 1865). And so we did. Beginning with Genesis and ending with Revelation.*

Rather than try to summarise something of our experiences, we thought you might get more of an idea about our experiences in the Bible Book of the Month group over the last six years if we each shared a short reflection.

## Opportunities for Service 7 November - 19 December 2021

For the week leading up to, and including, Sunday:

|                 | Morning Tea                        | Door Duty                         | Readers          | Prayers         | Data Projector    | Music                  | Flowers                   | Hall Cleaning               | Church Cleaning             |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>November</b> |                                    |                                   |                  |                 |                   |                        |                           |                             |                             |
| 7 November      | Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson          | Shona Somerville<br>Daniel Larsen | Mark Ranby       | —               | Hamish Spencer    | David Murray           | Jenny and John Roxborough | Shona and Philip Somerville | Bronwen Strang              |
| 14 November     | Meegan and Pam Cloughley           | Jane Bloore<br>Marian Weaver      | Sanel Tomlinson  | John Roxborough | —                 | Gaynor Haig            | Judy Rodda                | Meegan Cloughley            | Judy Rodda<br>Kirk Hamilton |
| 21 November     | Bronwen Strang<br>Christine Cleugh | Michael Ovens<br>Benjamin Thew    | Jane Bloore      | Abby Smith      | Sanel Tomlinson   | Guitarists and Singers | Judy Rodda                | Meegan Cloughley            | Judy Rodda<br>Kirk Hamilton |
| 28 November     | Marian Weaver<br>Daniel Larsen     | Mary and John Somerville          | Hamish Spencer   | Mary Somerville | Abby Smith        | Music Group            | Fiona Stirling            | Benjamin Thew               | Fiona Stirling              |
| <b>December</b> |                                    |                                   |                  |                 |                   |                        |                           |                             |                             |
| 5 December      | Bronwen Strang<br>Jane Bloore      | Hamish Spencer<br>Abby Smith      | Jane Anderson    | —               | Benjamin Thew     | David Murray           | Fiona Stirling            | Benjamin Thew               | Fiona Stirling              |
| 12 December     | Hamish Spencer<br>Abby Smith       | Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson         | Shona Somerville | Andrew Smith    | —                 | Guitarists and Singers | Jane Bloore               | Chris Young                 | Jane Bloore                 |
| 19 December     | Judy Rodda<br>Kirk Hamilton        | Mark Ranby<br>Andrew Smith        | Bronwen Strang   | Daniel Larsen   | Kieran Somerville | Gaynor Haig            | Jane Bloore               | Chris Young                 | Jane Bloore                 |

### Rosters, 24 December to 30 January

Would you please let me know, before Saturday 20 November, whether and when you will be available between Friday 24 December and the end of January. This way, I can avoid scheduling you for Sundays when you will be away.

If I don't hear from you, I will assume you are available!

**Andrea Johnston** Ring or text 021-516-275 or email [andrea.johnston@columba.co.nz](mailto:andrea.johnston@columba.co.nz)

**Thank you** so much to all who contribute now, and have contributed in the past, to these activities.

If you find you are unable to do your rostered duty, please arrange for someone else to take your place. Let Gregor know of the change, so that he can update the Order of Service and contact the right people for readings and prayers.

**Morning Tea:** Please arrange for one person to bring milk, and to take it home again afterwards. There are biscuits in a drawer in the kitchen. Home baking is welcome, too.

**Door duty:** Before you leave, please make sure all the doors are locked; all the lights are turned off; and any candles have been put out.

**Jenny Bunce**

There were some books of Jesus' scripture (i.e. the Old Testament) which I don't recall ever having read or heard about before, and many characters, stories, and passages throughout the Bible which were unfamiliar, and which don't seem to be included in cycles of lectionary readings. There was also much to gain from putting the words of familiar passages into a bigger context, rather than just focusing on specific verses.

Reading the whole Bible, one book a month, was a group journey of exploration, rather than a catechism teaching group, or an individual challenge. For me, it was the group discussion following the reading which made the most impact. We shared responses to what we had read, raised questions, discussed issues, and compared wording and interpretations in different Bibles and commentaries. We often began with individual concerns, questions, and comments arising from a specific passage in the book, but most often this triggered "big picture" discussions about the context the book was written in, the Bible, God, major theological issues, and links between the book of the month, our lives, and the church in Opoho in 2021.

The discipline of thoughtfully reading the book for the month (whether less than one page, or more than 50 pages long!), was at times challenging, but also rewarding. I have half a dozen notebooks full of notes made while reading. Individual group members, together with internet and assorted commentaries, were able to provide answers to some specific questions raised, but in other cases, there were no "right" or even agreed, expert answers. And, it can be difficult to consider which passages of the Bible spoke directly to people of a completely different culture and time in history, and which have continuing direct relevance to our own time and place.

Many thanks to my fellow journeyers, who brought gifts of biblical and theological knowledge, other languages, and skills in locating helpful resources, but most of all, their time and commitment, openness and honesty, and good humour to our meetings over the last six and a half years.

**Andrew Smith**

I came into the Bible reading group in the middle of things. I look into my notes and draw out three observations.

From reading the prophets came the question, 'Is Opoho Church as a sanctuary or a sacred space where God lives for the congregation of Opoho?'

From reading First John, 'Concerning the Dao of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen with our own eyes' Exit singing: 'There's a River of Life flowing out from me.' (I'm showing my age!)

At the end of our session on Revelation, I drew a square on the page, because the New Jerusalem is the perfect city. The aspect of the city looks out to the four directions of the world, and the city invites us in from all four directions.

**Margaret Garland**

'A monumental task' both at the beginning and looking back at the end. Full of challenge, familiarity, new connections and insights, reading the Bible from start to finish was an experience that I would not be without. There is a new appreciation of being part of the family of God and a greater understanding of how our faith is anchored in relationship, both with God and with each other. Thanks to all involved and to John for his leadership and guidance.

**Reading the Bible book by book**

We did it! We did it!

We got there in the end.

We read it, we loved it:

it sent us round the bend!

The Hebrews, the Hittites,  
so many ancient tales.

The exile, the desert,  
the prophets not for sale!

No respite, no slacking,  
we read each every word.  
No hiding, no answers:  
yet still we loved the Lord.

So violent, so sexist:  
'twas hard to justify.  
The failures, the weeping  
brought tears to every eye.

The babe born, the childhood  
was swiftly read and then  
came teacher, came prophet,  
came feisty, faithful friend.

His suff'ring, his dying,  
the path of pain, full scope.  
His rising, his leaving,  
His promise gave us hope.

To dancing, to oneness,  
the Holy Spirit came.  
Church planting, church stumbling  
(and not a lot has changed).

Revelation: consternation;  
with this book the Bible ends?  
Jubilant, celebration;  
in awe, we say: Amen.

To our Stanley<sup>1</sup>, to his prayers,  
grateful thanks, fond farewell.  
Pilgrims all, journey shared  
thanks, my friends, we did well!

(1. Stanley Hauerwas. *Prayers Plainly Spoken*, Wipf and Stock, 2003)

### ***John Stenhouse***

Reading through the Bible book by book over the last six or so years reinforced my longstanding conviction that the biblical writings reflect and emerge from worlds very different from our own. There is often a big gap between the world of the biblical text(s) and our world, which makes understanding the Bible often difficult for modern readers

Although Protestants have traditionally claimed that they don't need any help from Church or Tradition to read God's Word, I have always found the work of Scripture scholars and theologians helpful. I found help in the work of Roman Catholic Scripture scholars, Jewish rabbis and a Jewish women's Bible commentary I found online.

Members of our study group sometimes disliked certain passages of Scripture, especially in the Old Testament. I sometimes found myself asking the kind of question I often ask of my history students at the University: are you sure that your way of reading the Bible is right? Are there other ways of reading this verse/passage/book? If we are allowed to question the Bible, as we are, might we also allow the Bible to question us and our world?

### ***Tui Bevin***

Looking back, I'm struck by how it was as much a journey of surprise as of challenge. A few examples: I expected the Old Testament to be a challenge, but was surprised how challenging I found the New. I was surprised to be so drawn in by the Psalms that I wanted to understand how they worked. I was surprised how relevant so many stories were to what is happening in the world today, and I was surprised to realise as we got closer to Revelation that I didn't want our journey to end. I write:

### **A Psalm of Thanksgiving**

Creator God,

It is time to give thanks that we've completed our quest:  
we've read the Bible, one book a month,  
from Genesis to Revelation!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We began when I was sixty and Rosalie was just two,  
now Rosalie is eight; and I'm retired and a pensioner  
and I'm floundering slightly less in a desert of ignorance

I give thanks for the Bible, and those who helped create it  
for the opportunities and challenges of different translations  
for the surprises, thoughts, echoes, linkages and  
understandings that evolved for me  
for the three notebooks I filled to document my journey

I give thanks for the taonga along the way  
for coming upon treasured passages in their original context  
for finding new understandings in places I had not ventured  
before  
for acceptance that there would be many things I couldn't  
understand

I give thanks for the book of Psalms  
for their faith and humility, humanity and diversity, simplicity  
and complexity,  
for their stimulus to view the world and write in a psalm-like  
way

I give thanks for my companions on the journey  
for the more than two or three gathered around our dining table  
for their different approaches and questions  
for their varied and valuable backgrounds brought to our quest  
for their steadfastness to turn up month after month after  
month  
whether by foot up the hill in the rain or by Zoom during  
lockdown

I give thanks for sustenance on our journey  
for companionship and John's leadership  
for hot tea, cold water and caramel corn  
for far-off writers of books, blogs and videos

for Stanley's<sup>2</sup> plainly spoken prayers that bookended our  
evenings  
for Gisela who came with chocolates when we reached  
Revelation

In the name of Jesus Christ, our saviour who journeys with us  
I give you thanks and praise, O Lord.  
Amen.

(2. Stanley Hauerwas. *Prayers Plainly Spoken*, Wipf and Stock, 2003)

We are taking a break now, but in the new year will discuss whether  
to carry on and look at the Apocrypha. If you are interested in joining  
us if we do, please let one of us know.

***Andrew, Jenny, John, Margaret & Tui***



***Presbyterian Support Food Bank***

To make a cash donation for the Food Bank, visit  
[www.psotago.org.nz](http://www.psotago.org.nz)

***Opoho Presbyterian Church  
Annual Meeting***

***Sunday 7 November  
following morning worship***

*The Rubbish Challenge:  
10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months*

A resource for churches and whanau by the Rev. Silvia Purdie

More material and videos at

[www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html](http://www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html)

**Step 10 November:** Measure and Celebrate

**Bible verse:** Luke 15:8-10 *“And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

**‘Big Idea’**

The angels of God celebrate over all who turn their life away from sin and towards God. Salvation includes right relationships with God, others and the world. Tackling the challenge of the waste we produce makes us part of the solution instead of part of the problem. So celebrate what you have achieved and give glory to God.

**Questions – for reflection and discussion**

What place does sustainable living have in God’s salvation and Christian discipleship?

As you have explored the problem of landfill waste and worked towards solutions, what have you learned?

How has this informed your faith?

**Watch video at**

[www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html](http://www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html)

**Action Steps for November**

Measure your total waste again. Look back to what you did in Step 2 (March). Use the same time frame and system again to measure the rubbish across all bins. Report to your family or church. What have you achieved?

Celebrate any reduction in landfill (red bin) waste. Did your recycling and organic waste increase?

Find fun ways to share with your church and friends.

**Prayer**

Rejoice with us, O God  
as we turn from our sin and turn toward you  
in every way, every day  
in little things and in big things  
that our living may resound with your praise!  
Amen.





Saturday 4 December 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Sunday 5 December 11.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.

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Keeping in Touch

Do you know...

Opoho Church has a website, www.opohochurch.org

On the website you will find (among other things) links to recent sermons, downloadable copies of the Orders of Service for the two most recent Sundays, downloadable versions of the newsletter, and an on-line version of the Church Calendar.

The church also has a Facebook page (you don't need to belong to Facebook to see the page) www.facebook.com/OpohoChurch

This newsletter is emailed to all who have requested to receive it this way. If you are not already on the email list, and would like to be, please send an email to Andrea andrea.johnston@columba.co.nz

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**Deadline for next *Opoho Signal* - Saturday 20 November 2021**

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Lectionary readings, 1 to 21 November in Year B, the Year of Mark 29 November to 19 December in Year C, the Year of Luke			
Monday 1 November - All Saints			
Wis Sol 3: 1-9 Is 25: 6-9	Ps 24	Rev 21: 1-6a	Jn 11: 32-44
Sunday 7 November - 24th Sunday after Pentecost			
Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17	Ps 127	Heb 9: 24-28	Mk 12: 38-44
Sunday 14 November - 25th Sunday after Pentecost			
1 Sam 1: 4-20	1 Sam 2: 1-10 or Ps 16	Heb 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mk 13: 1-8
Sunday 21 November - Reign of Christ			
2 Sam 23: 1-7	Ps 132: 1-12, (13-18) or Ps 93	Rev 1: 4b-8	Jn 18: 33-37
Sunday 28 November - 1st Sunday in Advent			
Jer 33: 14-16	Ps 25: 1-10	1 Thes 3: 9-13	Lk 21: 25-36
Sunday 5 December - 2nd Sunday in Advent			
Bar 5: 1-9 or Mal 3: 1-4	Lk 1: 68-79	Phil 1: 3-11	Lk 3: 1-6
Sunday 12 December - 3rd Sunday in Advent			
Zeph 3: 14-20	Is 12: 2-6	Phil 4: 4-7	Lk 3: 7-18
Sunday 19 December 2021 - 4th Sunday in Advent			
Mic 5: 2-5a	Ps 80: 1-7	Heb 10: 5-10	Lk 1: 39-45, (46-55)

Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church

All physical gatherings are subject to the lifting of lockdown restrictions.

November	
7 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion, followed by Annual Meeting
10 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
14 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Gregor Macaulay
18 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 November ~ Saturday	Material due for December - January <i>Opoho Signal</i> 9 a.m. - 12 noon Working Bee in the garden.
21 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind 4 p.m.: Children's Christmas Service
December	
4 December ~ Saturday	10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Christmas Craft Fair, Church Hall
5 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Christmas Craft Fair, Church Hall
7 December ~ Tuesday	7-8 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group, venue TBA or via Zoom
8 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 December ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Gregor Macaulay
16 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
19 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Nine Lessons and Carols, the Rev. Clare Lind
24 December ~ Friday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Saturday	10 a.m.: Christmas Day service, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

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