

# *Opoho Signal*

*December 2019 - January 2020*

*via email*

## **Opoho Signal**

**Newsletter of the Opoho Presbyterian Church**

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***Worship Services at Opoho:*  
Every Sunday at 10 am**

**11.30 p.m. Tuesday 24 December: Candlelit Christmas Eve Service**

**10 a.m. Wednesday 25 December: Worship for Christmas Day**

**Other services are listed in the Calendar on the back cover.**

*Editorial*

It is time. Time to gather the threads for this one last editorial. What should I write about when I have read so much wisdom and creativity in this newsletter, this signal of the generous and thoughtful heart of Opoho. May it long continue to be so!

I believe this piece of writing will be about moments – remembered moments on the way, big and small, that have impacted this eight-year journey of shared ministry.

On day one, Philip took me to visit Betty Macara, Margaret Robertson, Margaret McGuire. I learned how fast Philip could walk, the graciousness of welcome, the depth of belonging these three women had to the faith community. I also learned that when someone who is blind bakes you biscuits and tells you to give them all to your husband, you do so!

The meeting with the teenagers, their questions, cheeky smiles, their integrity and push back when you needed it. They loved exploring and challenging – and I hope that they still do so.

The journey that was Wednesday Worship. It was a pilgrimage – no doubt about it. You never knew what was around the corner; sometimes it was painful, at other times healing and always

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changing.

Our first-time picnic at Tumai, the St Martin’s Island visit, sharing with First Church youth at Tirohanga Camp. Having so much fun as family.

The person who went to the trouble to invite me to their place for what felt like an interview before they would come to church. They had felt marginalised by their experiences of worship so far and needed reassurance. They came and said with some disbelief after the service that there had been no cringe moments at all for them. They came again....

The grace of God lived out in so many people – the supportive word, the deeply engaging conversations, the willingness to explore and discern, the care shown one another, the forgiveness proffered, the encouragement for each other.

Being there for the pivotal moments in people’s life journeys; engagements, weddings, baptisms, professions of faith, painful news, end of life, excitements and challenges.

The quiet moments – soul space, silent prayer

The tragic moments – earthquake, mosque

The inspirational moments – voices for the earth, Joy Cowley

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The anchoring moments –worship, prayer, psalm, song

The vulnerable moments – of self and others – when God is most present

I could write a book of these moments, I realise, and still not scratch the surface. Perhaps I can leave the book open for you to add your pages over these next few years.

Mike and I give thanks to God and to you all for your welcome, our ministry together and pray that all of our futures be held in God's abiding love.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

***Margaret and Mike Garland***




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***Parish Council News***

***Opoho People News***

Congratulations to Kieran Haldeman-Somerville on graduating with a Bachelor of Communication Design degree.

Congratulations to Franzi Schreiner on also graduating with a Bachelor of Communication Design degree. We have enjoyed having Franzi with us while she's been studying at Otago Polytechnic this year. Our best wishes and prayers go with her as she moves on into the next phase of her life.

Val Williams was honoured at the November Dunedin North Otago Resource Group meeting for her long-serving work for the church. She was one of a small group of people from the region whose work behind the scenes was recognised. Well done and thank you, Val.

Mary Somerville has commenced as school chaplain at Outram School for three hours a week. We wish her well.

Mel Bunce, who now researches and teaches journalism at City University of London has just had published *The Broken Estate: Journalism and Democracy in a Post-Truth World* by Bridget Williams Books, 2019. There is a copy in the Dunedin Public Library.

***Opoho Church News***

After being our minister for the past 8 years, Margaret's final service with us will be on Sunday 26 January 2020. This will be followed by a special morning tea. On the evening before, Saturday 25th, there will be a pot luck dinner in the church hall to farewell Margaret and Mike and everyone associated with our parish is invited to come and celebrate Margaret's ministry and farewell Margaret and Mike. We hope you can join us. Any enquiries please ask me, or any parish councillor.

Plans for 2020 are well under way. We are delighted to be able to share that the Rev. Ed Masters is to be our interim moderator after Margaret leaves and the Rev. Rachel Judge is the convenor of the Ministry Settlement Board.

Parish Council has approved revisions to the church's Media Policy. A copy of the policy is on the Morrison Lounge noticeboard and on our church website. A notice asking people to consult the minister before taking any photographs or other recordings during services at Opoho Church will be added to the weekly order of service.

David Murray is our Web Administrator and he or the minister are responsible for our website and social media presence.

The Psalm Writing Group is now two years old and to honour Margaret's role in getting the group going, they have brought together members' psalms into a collection. This will be available both on our website and as a printed booklet in the Morrison Lounge.

The new garden by the gate to the church grounds on the Signal Hill Road frontage is looking great. Many thanks to Philip, Alan, Mark, Jeff, and others who helped with time, resources or donations.

*Wider Church News*

The Southern Presbytery's service for the Licensing of Ministry Graduates will be held at 7 pm on Thursday 5 December at East Taieri Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration service.

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal envelopes are enclosed with this Signal or available on the back pew of church. CWS is concentrating this year on raising funds for getting clean water to different places. Rainwater tanks, cleaning up polluted oceans for local fishing, water to grow food and more... You can put money in the envelope and include with your offering up until Christmas and we will forward it on your behalf or you can donate at

[www.christmasappeal.org.nz](http://www.christmasappeal.org.nz)

Presbyterian Support Otago will provide over 200 families with a food and gift hamper this Christmas. They are raising funds to buy 200 movie tickets - every \$10 donated will give a teenager the opportunity to go to the movies this summer. Help PSO buy 200 movie tickets by the 16 December. Donate now through [www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/movies-for-teens-2019](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/movies-for-teens-2019) or the PSO website or office.

The Rev. Dr Kevin Ward concludes his ministry at Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership at the end of this year after 17 years teaching, researching and serving the Presbyterian Church. We give thanks for this ministry and wish him well for the future.

The Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand invites women to be part of their delegation to the 2020 United Nations. Delegate positions are self-funded, which means that the delegate pays for her own flights and accommodation and anyone interested is asked to contact AnneMarie Tangney UN Co-convenor, PWANZ.

[www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/presbyterian-women-aotearoa-new-zealand](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/presbyterian-women-aotearoa-new-zealand) 2020 is the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

**Tui Bevin**



*Property and Finance Update*

*Fundraising event in February 2020*

The church will be hosting a garage sale in mid to late February to coincide with students setting up their flats, and we are looking for appropriate furniture, household items and white elephants. Over the summer break please think about items that might sell well, and also anything you think the dealers might be keen on. Contact Mark Bevin or Michael Ovens for further information.

We will have a book stall as well and perhaps some other stalls, but we are not doing a clothing sale at this one, and crafts have been covered by the Christmas Craft Market

*Giving*

We have managed another month with offerings just over the budget requirements. This is an amazing and significant turnaround for our finances and is very encouraging. Although this forms the bulk of our income, we still rely heavily on fundraising and donations to make up the shortfall. A big thanks to those who have joined the regular giving, and to those who have continued or reviewed their giving.

**Mark Bevin**



*An Irish Prayer for Advent / Christmas*

May you be blessed  
With the spirit of the season, which is peace,  
The gladness of the season, which is hope,  
And the heart of the season, which is love.



*Calling All Crafters and Artists*

T n koutou, fabulous creative people.

Opoho Church is planning a Christmas Craft Fair in order to

1. Offer home-made and hand-made things for people to buy,
2. Support local artists and craftspeople, and
3. Make a few bucks to keep the rain out.

You will see on the poster opposite that it is planned for 7 and 8 December, and that we are looking for artworks and crafts such as knitting, sewing, weaving, painting, printing, Christmas decorations, cards. Also home-made jams, curds, baking. The important point is that we have done it ourselves.

We are, of course, looking for things to sell. If you have something to donate, please do! Just let me know and I'll come and get it: 027 606 3552.

If you are (or know) an artist/crafter who needs/wants to make money from your work, we can accommodate that too! You can bring your stuff on the day, marked with prices you want to receive, and then make a donation of any amount to the church in return for the space and customers.

The plan is to set up on Saturday 7 December at 9.30 a.m., open at 10.30 a.m. and close at 12.30 p.m.. We will serve cups of tea and coffee for a koha (kitchen staff needed).

Leftovers will be on sale Sunday 8 December after church 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Tidy up after that.

Please tell your workmates and friends and bring them along.

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**Abby Smith**

# Opoho Christmas Craft Fair

hand-made and home-made beautiful things  
crafts, artworks, baking, jams, knitting, sewing  
low-carbon miles, sustainable, yummy, lovely, good  
perfect for Christmas presents and decorations



Morning tea and coffee will be available

**Saturday 7 December**

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Sunday 8 December**

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Opoho Presbyterian Church Hall  
Signal Hill Road and Farquharson Street



Funds raised will support artists and the activities of our local church

## Opportunities for Service

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

|                              | <b>Morning Tea</b>                   | <b>Door Duty</b>                 | <b>Readers</b>   | <b>Prayers</b>  | <b>Music</b> | <b>Flowers</b>   | <b>Hall Cleaning</b> | <b>Church Cleaning</b>    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1-Dec                        | Marian Weaver<br>Christine Cleugh    | Gregor Macaulay<br>Benjamin Thew | Andrea Johnston  | --              | David Murray | Fiona Stirling   | Benjamin Thew        | Fiona Stirling            |
| 8-Dec                        | Smith / Spencer                      | Mary & John Somerville           | Christine Cleugh | --              | Mark Bevin   | Fiona Stirling   | Benjamin Thew        | Fiona Stirling            |
| 15-Dec                       | Tony Parry<br>Jenny Roxborough       | Andrew Smith<br>Jane Bloore      | Maurice Andrew   | --              | Gaynor Haig  | Allison Mulder   | Meegan Cloughley     | Mulders                   |
| 22-Dec                       | Meegan Cloughley<br>Jane Bloore      | Shona & Philip Somerville        | Jenny Bunce      | --              | Mark Bevin   | Allison Mulder   | Meegan Cloughley     | Mulders                   |
| 24-December<br>11.30pm       | --                                   | Tui Bevin                        | --               | --              | Mark Bevin   | Jane Bloore      | --                   | --                        |
| 25-December<br>Christmas Day | --                                   | John Somerville + helper         | Daniel Larsen    | --              | Mark Bevin   | Jane Bloore      | --                   | --                        |
| 29-Dec                       | Rodda / Hamilton                     | Mike Garland + helper            | Benjamin Thew    | --              | Gaynor Haig  | Jane Bloore      | Andrew Smith         | Jane Bloore               |
| <b>January</b>               |                                      |                                  |                  |                 |              |                  |                      |                           |
| 5-January                    | Tony Parry<br>Jenny Roxborough       | Gregor Macaulay<br>Jenny Bunce   | Jane Bloore      | --              | David Murray | Judy Rodda       | Gregor Macaulay      | Rodda / Hamilton          |
| 12-January                   | Christine Cleugh<br>Meegan Cloughley | Andrew Smith<br>Tui Bevin        | Gregor Macaulay  | Gregor Macaulay | Mark Bevin   | Judy Rodda       | Gregor Macaulay      | Rodda / Hamilton          |
| 19-January                   | Smith / Spencer                      | Michael Ovens<br>Marian Weaver   | Andrew Smith     | --              | Gaynor Haig  | Shona Somerville | Chris Young          | Shona & Philip Somerville |
| 26-January                   | Shona & Philip Somerville            | Smith / Spencer                  | Mike Garland     | —               | Music Group  | Shona Somerville | Chris Young          | Shona & Philip Somerville |
| <b>February</b>              |                                      |                                  |                  |                 |              |                  |                      |                           |
| 2-February                   | Rodda / Hamilton                     | Mary & John Somerville           | Abby Smith       | --              | David Murray | Fiona Stirling   | Michael Ovens        | Fiona Stirling            |

### *Advent Calendar Psalm*

You shall count off twenty-four days before the feast of Christmas,

and call them the season of Advent.

Lord, how shall I count off the days?

With a good news message that offers me no enchantment?

With a southern summer solstice that blots out the gospel story?

With chocolate and small tokens that anticipate the giving of gifts?

I have a winter triptych to reveal the counting of days, a northern winter.

Open all the doors, what will it reveal?

Holly and ivy - sting and red berry, clinging vine

star of wonder, star of light

Christmas bauble, and orange and peach,

Christmas wreath, and a gift waiting to be unwrapped

Christmas cracker with its own little gift and paper crown

Fir tree, tree of life, hinge of the world, laden with decorations

Robin in the snow, and hanging bells on the green

Sleigh on the snowy ground, full of gifts, following a star, and snowman outside

Father Christmas, gift-giver, winter-man

Goose for the table, and the ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib

Partridge in a pear tree - Christ on a cross, and behind the banner, the candle, the light of the world

Gold, frankincense and myrrh, from the nativity play, after comes the shepherd with his sheep

Camels under a palm-tree and a starry sky, angel in the highest arch - glory and good will

Holy family in the centrepiece, fleeing the star's annunciation, the Christ child becomes the refugee

The world is hollowed out and heaven is near  
In folk sign and holy telling I see the anticipation  
and you come near, Emmanuel, God-with-us, hello!

**Andrew Smith**

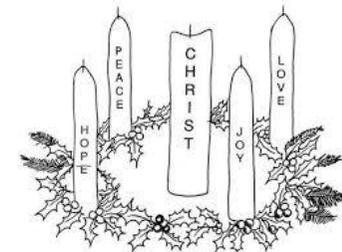
### *Advent*

Jesus, you remind us  
that Advent fills all time  
and the journey is everywhere.

Like the Magi we travel  
from the head to the heart;  
from the city of learning  
to the fields wide open to the sun;  
from the meaning of words  
to the knowledge beyond them;  
from the music notes on paper  
to the sound of the concerto;  
from the smallness of the manger  
to the Love that holds the universe in being.

**Joy Cowley**

In *Veil Over the Light*, Fitzbeck Publishing, 2018



## Christian World Service Christmas Gifts



Give a gift with a promise of change.  
 Better income, new skills and healthcare.  
 Buy a meaningful gift. Go to [www.gift.org.nz](http://www.gift.org.nz)  
 for details.

## Movies for Teens



is an initiative of Presbyterian Support Otago to help vulnerable teens from families facing financial hardship to go to the movies. Your \$10 donation will help a young person join in when invited out by friends, or even initiate a movie outing in the holidays.

Social workers have said that “in families facing financial hardship, teenagers often feel

left out of the Christmas festivities, with attention focused on younger siblings” and “we have seen social empowerment and inclusion as teenagers are getting entry into all those conversations that happen after the holidays about the latest blockbuster”.

Make a donation at [www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/movies-for-teens-2019](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/movies-for-teens-2019)

## Presbyterian Support Food Bank



Christmas and the summer holiday period is always a busy time for the Food Bank, so please give thought to giving a few items – standard grocery items and/or special seasonal treats.

**Tinned or dry goods only please – nothing frozen or perishable.**

### *Don't Forget!*

| <i>December</i>       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Sunday 1 December     | 10 a.m.: Advent 1, Holy Communion   |
| Saturday 7 December   | 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Christmas Craft Fair  |
| Sunday 8 December     | 10 a.m.: Advent 2, a Family Service<br>11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Christmas Craft Fair |
| Sunday 15 December    | 10 a.m.: Advent 3   |
| Sunday 22 December    | 10 a.m.: Advent 4, Nine Lessons and Carols with the Music Group                     |
| Tuesday 24 December   | 11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve, Candlelight Service                                      |
| Wednesday 25 December | 10 a.m.: Christmas Day, <i>Welcome the Christ Child</i>                             |
| <i>January</i>        |   |
| Saturday 25 January   | 6 p.m. Pot luck dinner, farewell for Margaret and Mike Garland                      |
| <i>February</i>       |   |
| Date to be confirmed  | Garage Sale in the Hall   |

### *Community Advent Service*

The people from Ross Home began to arrive about twenty past one for the two o'clock service and the van went back for more and more. We ended up with around forty adults and twenty children from the Liberton Christian School who sang for us 'Te Harinui' and 'Joy to the World'. Tui read the bible story of the coming of the Christ child and we all joined in the carols accompanied by Mark on piano. So many sang without looking at the words - they knew them so well. And then it was through to the hall for a wonderful afternoon tea - thank you so much to all who provided food and to Christine and team for setting up and serving so beautifully. The children mingled with the older folk and everyone helped the food disappear. As the children were heading back to school they told us that it was 'the best food ever!'

A wonderful start to the Advent time.

**Margaret Garland**

### *Interfaith Matters*

It seems a long way away, but I would like to put before you the possibility of attending the Interfaith yearly Harmony Dinner. This is to take place on Tuesday 4 February 2020, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

It is a time to meet people from other faiths, to eat delicious vegetarian food (pot luck), to be entertained (I am not sure by whom yet), and to listen to interesting speeches.

Dr Mai Tamimi, originally from Palestine, who is the Middle Eastern Integration Coordinator at Arai Te Uru Whare Hauora, University of Otago, will be one of the speakers.

This is always an excellent social occasion, rather than a formal meeting of the Interfaith Council.

**Bronwen Strang**

### *Bible Book a Month Discussions*

The December Bible discussion will be on the Epistle to the Galatians. We meet at the Bevins' home, 129 Signal Hill Road at 7.30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. It is helpful, but not essential, to have read the month's book first. Everyone is welcome. If you have any queries about this please ask Margaret (the minister) or John Stenhouse.

5 December ~ Galatians

January ~ no meeting

13 February ~ Ephesians

**Tui Bevin**

### *Used Stamps are Useful!*

With the Christmas season upon us, please remember to save any used postage stamps from cards, letters and parcels!

We deliver our collections of used stamps to Presbyterian Support. The stamps are then sold to philatelists, and the revenue is used for PCANZ Global Mission outreach, as featured in SPANZ.

Cut the stamps from envelopes and packages, leaving a 1 cm margin of paper around the stamps. Bring them to church, and put them in the box in the foyer. Thank you!

Remembering Vetia's annual message

**Andrea Johnston**

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**Deadline for next *Opoho Signal* - Monday 20 January 2019**

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*Keeping in Touch*

Do you know...

Opoho Church has a website, [www.opohochurch.org](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/OpohoChurch)

Copies of the Parish Directory, with contact details of parishioners, are available on the back pew in the church.

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 either to Andrea [andrea.johnston@columba.co.nz](mailto:andrea.johnston@columba.co.nz) or to Margaret [marg.garland@gmail.com](mailto:marg.garland@gmail.com)



| <b>Calendar for the early part of February 2020</b>                  |  |
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| The calendar for December 2019 and January 2020 is on the back page. |  |
| 2 February ~ Sunday  | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Graeme Munro, Holy Communion<br>11.30 am: Pastoral Care and Community Committee, Minister's Study |
| 9 February ~ Sunday  | 10 a.m.: Worship, Marian Weaver, with John Roxborough preaching  |
| 12 February ~ Wednesday  | 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Psalm writing with BYO takeaways.   |
| 13 February ~ Thursday   | 7.30 p.m.: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Ephesians</i> , 129 Signal Hill Road  |

| <b>Lectionary readings, 2 February, Year A, the Year of Matthew</b> |       |                |            |
|---|-------|----------------|------------|
| <b>Sunday 2 February - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany</b>            |       |                |            |
| Micah 6: 1-8  | Ps 15 | 1 Cor 1: 18-31 | Mt 5: 1-12 |

| <b>Lectionary readings, December 2019 and January 2020 in Year A, the Year of Matthew</b> |                              |                    |                     |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday 1 December - 1st Sunday in Advent</b>   |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 2: 1-5   | Ps 122                       | Rom 13: 11-14      | Mt 24: 36-44        |
| <b>Sunday 8 December - 2nd Sunday in Advent</b>   |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 11: 1-10   | Ps 72: 1-7, 18-19            | Rom 15: 4-13       | Mt 3: 1-12          |
| <b>Sunday 15 December - 3rd Sunday in Advent</b>  |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 35: 1-10   | Ps 146: 5-10 or Lk 1: 46b-55 | James 5: 7-10      | Mt 11: 2-11         |
| <b>Sunday 22 December - 4th Sunday in Advent</b>  |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 7: 10-16   | Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19            | Rom 1: 1-7         | Mt 1: 18-25         |
| <b>Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve</b>  |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 9: 2-7   | Ps 96                        | Titus 2: 11-14     | Lk 2: 1-14, (15-20) |
| <b>Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Dawn</b>   |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 62: 6-12   | Ps 97                        | Titus 3: 4-7       | Lk 2: (1-7), 8-20   |
| <b>Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day</b>  |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 52: 7-10   | Ps 98                        | Heb 1: 1-4, (5-12) | Jn 1: 1-14          |
| <b>Sunday 29 December - 1st Sunday after Christmas</b>                                    |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 63: 7-9  | Ps 148                       | Heb 2: 10-18       | Mt 2: 13-23         |
| <b>Sunday 5 January - 2nd Sunday after Christmas</b>                                      |                              |                    |                     |
| Jer 31: 7-14 or Sirach 24: 1-12   | Ps 137 or Wis Sol 10: 15-20  | Eph 1: 3-14        | Jn 1: (1-9), 10-18  |
| <b>Monday 6 January - Epiphany</b>  |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 60: 1-6  | Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14            | Eph 3: 1-12        | Mt 2: 1-12          |
| <b>Sunday 12 January - 1st Sunday after the Epiphany</b>                                  |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 42: 1-9  | Ps 29                        | Acts 10: 34-43     | Mt 3: 13-17         |
| <b>Sunday 19 January - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</b>                                  |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 49: 1-7  | Ps 40: 1-11                  | 1 Cor 1: 1-9       | Jn 1: 29-42         |
| <b>Sunday 26 January - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</b>                                  |                              |                    |                     |
| Is 9: 1-4   | Ps 27: 1, 4-9                | 1 Cor 1: 10-18     | Mt 4: 12-23         |

**Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in  
December 2019 and January 2020**

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| 1 December ~ Sunday  | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland.<br>Advent 1, Holy Communion<br>11.30 am: Pastoral Care and Community<br>Committee, Minister's Study |
| 4 December ~<br>Wednesday                                    | 7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee,<br>the Morrison Lounge   |
| 5 December ~ Thursday  | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month, <i>Galatians</i><br>129 Signal Hill Road   |
| 7 December ~ Saturday  | 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Christmas Craft Fair in<br>the Church Hall  |
| 8 December ~ Sunday  | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland.<br>Advent 2, Family Service   |
| 12 December ~ Thursday                                       | 7.30 pm: Parish Council (with dessert). 195<br>Signal Hill Road  |
| 15 December ~ Sunday   | 10 a. m: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland.<br>Advent 3<br>2 p.m.: Ross Home Service, Mary Somerville   |
| 22 December ~ Sunday   | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland<br>with Music Group, Advent 4, The Festival of<br>Nine Lessons and Carols                            |
| 24 December ~<br>Tuesday                                     | 11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,<br>the Rev. Margaret Garland  |
| 25 December ~<br>Wednesday                                   | 10 a.m.: Christmas Day Service, Mary<br>Somerville   |
| 29 December ~ Sunday   | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland  |
| 5 January ~ Sunday   | 10 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion, the<br>Rev. Margaret Garland   |
| 12 January ~ Sunday  | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland  |
| 19 January ~ Sunday  | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland  |
| 20 January ~ Monday  | February <i>Opoho Signal</i> deadline  |
| 25 January ~ Saturday  | 6 p.m.: Parish pot luck dinner in church hall -<br>farewell for Margaret and Mike Garland  |
| 26 January ~ Sunday  | 10 a.m.: Worship with Music Group, the Rev.<br>Margaret Garland  |
| The calendar for the early part of February 2020 is on P. 18 |  |

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