

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

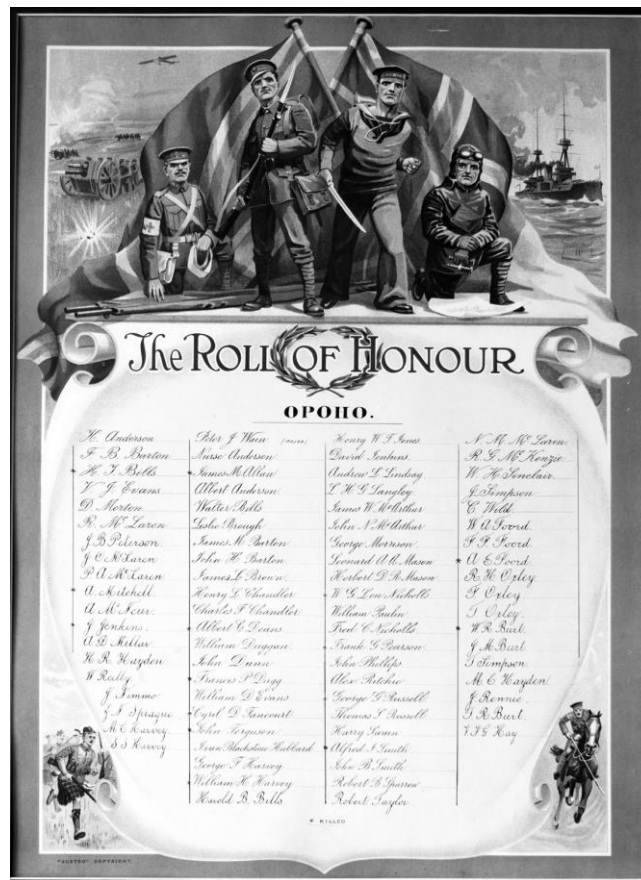
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12 November 2023 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday

Welcome!

*Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,
and we're glad you have joined us on this journey.*



Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service. Offerings may also be made electronically – ask to talk to our Treasurer.

*Please consult the Minister or worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Call to Worship

On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray.

We remember the past and look to the future.

On this day when the guns once fell silent,

we come before you God, seeking your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

we come before you God, praying with all our hearts:

God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

Help us to find the path that leads to the peaceable kingdom.

**Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path
through the disagreements of life in this world.**

In this time of story, song, and prayer,

may we be re-committed to being people of peace, true peace.

May we catch a vision of how the world could live together.

Amen

Gord Waldie

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn.

Hymn words © Shirley Murray, music Douglas Mews AA 41

For the music of creation,

for the song your Spirit sings,

for your sound's divine expression,

burst of joy in living things:

God, our God, the world's composer,

hear us, echoes of your voice:

music is your art, your glory,

let the human heart rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt you,

drum and trumpet, string and reed,

simple melodies acclaim you,

tunes that rise from deepest need,

hymns of longing and belonging,

carols from a cheerful throat,

lilt of lullaby and lovesong

catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages
in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses,
hands that praise, and dancing feet;
over discord and division
music speaks your joy and peace,
harmony of earth and heaven,
song of God that cannot cease!

Prayer

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you;
and also with you.

We exchange a sign of peace with each other.

Community Time – welcome, notices, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.
May God bless you we pray.
Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],
May he guide you always.

Chat Time – Mark Ranby

Children's Hymn words Rae E. Whitney, tune *Hazelnut* CH4 142

A small thing like a hazelnut
lay in my open hand,
and God disclosed three truths to me
that I might understand:
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care;
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care for it.



I marvelled that this little thing
reveals how God can be
our maker, lover, keeper, now
and for eternity!
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care;
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care for you!

Until my heart is one with God,
its aching will not cease,
and so I rest, held close by God,
these three truths bringing peace:
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care;
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care for me!

Please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**“I tell you the truth, whatever you have done
for one of the least of my sisters or brothers,
you have done it for me.”**

**Help us, Faithful God,
to see you in the needs that confront us daily.
Help us to see you in those who are weak, and lonely,
and hungry, and afraid.**

**And as we offer ourselves to those who need love
may we know that we are touching you. Amen**

Bible Readings

Galatians 3:21- 28

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5: 1-10

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Memories – Benjamin Thew

Jane Bloore

Hymn words © Shirley Murray AA 50, tune *Picardy* WOV 418

God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood,
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood:
move in us the power of pity,
restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead,
make us truly sisters, brothers,
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Hymn words Shirley Murray, tune *Crucifer* by Sydney Nicholson, AA 87

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his glorious name!*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.....

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life.....

Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.....

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.....

Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity....

Benediction

The love of God be the passion in our hearts.

The joy of God our strength when times are hard.

The presence of God a peace that overflows.

The Word of God the seed that we might sow.

Amen.

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall after the service –
through the door at the back of the church.*

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: Jane Bloore

Door Duty: Philip and Shona Somerville

Music: David Murray

Readings: Gregor Macaulay

Prayers: Andrew Smith

Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson

Flowers: Shona Somerville

Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

Church Cleaning: Bronwen Strang

Hall Cleaning: Christine Cleugh

Opportunities for ministry week ending 19 November

Door Duty: Mark Ranby and Jenny Bunce

Music: Singers and guitarists

Readings: Daniel Larsen

Prayers: Mark Ranby

Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville

Flowers: Shona Somerville

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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Hamish Spencer, or email him at opohoclerk@gmail.com

Advent Choir practices, in the church

Sundays at 11.30 after a cuppa, for 45 minutes,

on 26 November and 10 December.

Sundays at 9.30 prior to the service, for 20 minutes,

on 3 and 17 December.

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

15 November ~ Wednesday	7 p.m.: Writing Group, Marine Science tea room, first floor, 310 Castle Street
16 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
19 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 November ~ Monday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
26 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, followed by Advent Choir practice
2 December ~ Saturday	10 a.m.-12 noon: Christmas Craft Fair, in the hall
3 December ~ Sunday	9.30 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion After church-12 noon: Christmas Craft Fair, in the hall
7 December ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
10 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Julie Mander and Opoho children, followed by Advent Choir practice
13 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
17 December ~ Sunday	9.30 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Nine Lessons and Carols 2 p.m.: Community Carol Singing in church
21 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, venue TBA
24 December ~ Sunday	NO MORNING SERVICE 11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Monday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
31 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith

BLESSED ARE THE
peacemakers:
 FOR THEY SHALL
 BE CALLED THE
children of God.
Matthew 5:9

