Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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8 November 2026 – 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.



Part of Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, near Passchendaele, Belgium, the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world, for any war

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.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Ata mārie! **Good morning!**
Haere mai! **Welcome!**
Ka haere tatau ki te karakia. **We gather together to worship.**

Hymn words Isaac Watts, tune *St Anne* WOV 46

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away:
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Assurance

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
the peace of Christ be with you all
A ki a koe anō hoki; and also with you.
we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, news, anniversaries, etc.

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

Chat Time

Children's Song words Frances Wheeler Davis,
tune *Concord* WOV 671 (vv. 1-3, 5)

Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.

Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord, opening into grace.

Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs, and hunger, perish the fight for gain.

Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

Prayer of Offering

We have been given so much;
today we give some of it back.
Some will go to help those who don't have enough,
and some will go to support this church and its work in the community
and among us all.
We offer our money, our food, our skills,
our energy and our enthusiasm today, O Lord.
Because you gave them all to us,
we return them to you with hope and joy.
Amen

Readings *Psalm 78:1-7 and Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn words Colin Gibson, tune *Seek Ye First* WOV 635

First set your mind on the kingdom of God and on his justice and truth,
then all you need will be given to you,
allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

No one can live by bread alone; sharp is our hunger of soul,
only the word of the Lord will sustain, *allelu, alleluia …*

Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find,
knock and the door will be opened to you, *allelu, alleluia …*

Reflection on Forgetting

Hymn words Shirley Murray (alt.), tune Colin Gibson *HIOS 61*

Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,
honour our children left in foreign grave,
where poppies grow and sorrow seeds her flowers,
honour the headstones marked forever ours.

Weep for the places ravaged with our blood,
weep for the young bones buried in the mud,
weep for the powers of violence and greed,
weep for the deals done in the name of need.

Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,
answered no bugle, went against the wall,
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,
branded as cowards in our country's name.

Weep for the waste of all that might have been,
weep for the cost that war has made obscene,
weep for the homes that ache with human pain,
weep that we ever sanction war again.

Honour the dream for which our nation bled,
held now in trust to justify the dead,
honour their vision on this solemn day:
peace known in freedom, peace the only way.

Prayer of Intercession

We sing together the Lord's Prayer

(music by Richard Gillard and John Smith, arr. Guy Elwyn Jansen WOV 676)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as in heaven.
Give us this day 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, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

Thanks for the Service

Hymn words Shirley Murray, music Colin Gibson, *Hope Is Our Song* 87

Let our earth be peaceful, let our hearts be hopeful,
let our hands be gentle for the love of God.

Let our ways be mindful, mending what is hurtful,
doing what is needful for the love of God.

Let our lives be fruitful, beautiful and playful,
every day be thankful for the love of God.

Benediction

May the Lord our God, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit our delight
bless us all, today, in the days to come, and all our lives.

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Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service –
through the door at the back of the church.



Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: Abby Smith
Door Duty: John and Mary Somerville
Music: David Murray
Readings: Rudie Tomlinson
Prayers: Benjamin Thew
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborogh
Flowers: Shona Somerville
Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Church Cleaning: Christine Cleugh
Hall Cleaning: Jane Bloore

Opportunities for ministry week ending 15 November
Door Duty: Ranby Family
Music: Alan Baker
Readings: John Roxborogh
Prayers: Mark Ranby
Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer
Flowers: Sanel Tomlinson
Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville
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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

10 November ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
12 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 November ~ Friday	Material due for December-January *Opoho Signal*
22 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
6 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
9 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 December ~ Thursday	12.30 p.m.: Fellowship Community Christmas Lunch, church hall
13 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith, children's Christmas service
17 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, venue TBC
20 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Lessons and Carols
24 December ~ Thursday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Friday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
27 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, preacher TBA

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