

# *Opoho Signal*

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*via email*

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## Newsletter of the Opoho Presbyterian Church

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### **BEATS**

*Built Environment and Active Transport to School*

**November 2018**

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***Worship Services at Opoho:***

**Every Sunday at 10 am**

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

## *BEATS for mind, heart, and maybe soul?*

### **MIND**

For the past 4 years, I have had the opportunity to work with a very exciting research project at the University of Otago. The project is called BEATS, which is an acronym for Built Environment Active Transport to School. The project began here in Dunedin as a multidisciplinary study to try to understand how pupils from the 12 high schools in the city choose to get to school. Since that time it has expanded to rural high schools in the Otago province and to also incorporate as many parents of high school students as we could convince to fill out a survey! There are many investigators involved with a host of interesting projects such as the incredible amount of weight students haul around in their backpacks, that parents are instrumental in the decision-making process of how students get to school, body metrics and maps of the pathways both geocoded (having the computer link addresses between home and school) and digitised maps based on drawings that students and parents have completed.

My work has been to digitise the parent and student maps from Dunedin, and to produce from the geocoded routes from all of the

data collected some basic bits of information such as the density of intersections both along the route and within set distances around the home and schools (for those on quiz teams they are called buffer zones ☺ ). Therefore with respect to my mind, this has stretched my abilities to use mapping programs and to learn how more about working as a big team of people as opposed to my rather solitary work as a PhD student.

### **HEART**

Relating back to last month's editorial by John Roxborough, there is a link in that one of the lead researchers for BEATS is Sandra Mandic, who has been very active in the Otago Phoenix Club. Her area of interest is keeping the heart healthy and she is very enthusiastic about looking at why students choose the methods of getting to school that they do. The next step is the real 'heart' which is to keep the students and parents active so they are more heart healthy!

One side of the heart is beating blood circulation, the other is the abstract idea of compassion. Sandy and Tony, as well as all of the other researchers I have been in contact with on this project, care deeply about their students and colleagues and they make working less like work and more like a vocation. They think and work with the

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corporate society in their sights, trying to both understand and improve the outlook for all. Although I do not think that many in the research group adhere to an ideology of faith, I am reassured of our ability as humans to work for the greater good of everyone, because it is the correct thing to do.

**SOUL**

The BEATS project has taught me much about people and research with humans as the subject which is new for me in science, being that animals have been the predominant subject in my work until I encountered this project. The obesity epidemic that is the basis for BEATS and is inundating the developed world may be, in my view, a symptom of humanity falling out of balance with the natural world and our relationship to God. My personal belief is that we are all children of God and people of faith have been tasked with being caretakers of our world and everything within it. This project has been an important a step along my faith journey.

*Judy Rodda*



*Parish Council News*

We are delighted to be able to congratulate Kirk Hamilton on his promotion to Associate Professor.

We look forward to the baptism of Fergus Ranby on 18 November. Please bring a plate for morning tea.

As our young people grow, their needs change, so planning is underway for a once-a-month Sunday School. For further information please talk to Judy Rodda. Please keep our young families and those who provide Christian teaching for them in your prayers.

Outside doors around the church buildings have been found unlocked on two or three occasions in recent weeks. Could those on door duty and the last people leaving please check that all doors are properly locked before they leave.

As part of our upkeep of our gardens, we are hoping to purchase replacement furniture. This is outside of our budgeted expenses and wonder if this is something that people might like to contribute directly to. A hexagonal table would cost \$874 and if you would like to contribute towards this, please talk to Alan Cloughley or myself. It is good to see the garden used by people from the community, particularly on Book Bus afternoons.

**Wider Church News**

Margaret Garland and Andrew Smith have been busy representing Opoho in wider church activities. They attended the induction of the Rev Rachel Judge to the Mosgiel/North Taieri parish and the dedication of the new church buildings in Lawrence - both special occasions to celebrate. Andrew, as a member of Presbytery Council, attended the recent Presbytery Retreat at the Kilmog Retreat Centre. One thing that really struck Margaret at the retreat when she presented the update on the Presbytery review, was the comment that being part of Presbytery 30+ years ago was a light load, but now with diminishing numbers of leaders and parishioners the load has become heavy as we continue with the same structures and processes.

Ross Home celebrated its 100th anniversary at Labour Weekend with glorious spring weather, speeches, music, multiple birthday cakes and many staff and visitors resplendent in olden days (? Victorian) finery. Opoho people were well represented: Rod Madill and John Allen cut cakes in different parts of Ross Home and Mark Bevin and Kirsten and Florian Beyer played music on Saturday afternoon. There is a story about John Allen's association with Ross Home in the centenary booklet:

<https://psotago.org.nz/assets/Documents/RossHomeCentenary/RossHome-book-FINAL-8Oct-sml.pdf>

and Rod and John's photos were in the Otago Daily Times piece about the centenary weekend.

In the ODT of 13 October 2018, in the 'Within Living Memory' section, there was a photo of the induction of Frances McNamara as the first woman moderator (of Presbytery) in 1978. Maurice Andrew noted that the man in the front row on the left is Mr McLeay who would have been the Opoho elder at the time. The man on the end of the side row behind Frances in the darker clothing is David Murray's father the Rev Bruce Murray, who was minister of the West Harbour Uniting Parish at the time. The family then lived at Ravensbourne. If you look hard enough you might even see two or three women in the back on the right.

The Rev Taimoanaifakafo (Fakafo) Kaio from the Onehunga Cooperating Parish was installed as the Moderator of the General Assembly in Christchurch recently. He will be Moderator until the 2020 General Assembly. The Rev Hamish Galloway, senior minister at Hope Presbyterian Church in Christchurch, is the Moderator-Designate. Information about the PCANZ's recent assembly can be found at: <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/index.php/about-us/general-assembly/general-assembly-2018>

Please pray for those who are ill and facing difficult decisions at this time, and for students and their teachers as they face exams and marking. And finally I would like to say thank you for all you do towards helping us fulfill our mission here on the slopes of Signal Hill.

***Tui Bevin***

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***Taking the Pulse - An Update***

Thank you to all those who responded to the questions about the future of our church on the hill at Opoho. Apart from the Leadership retreat and the Café church service we received a further 5 responses.

The thoughts shared reflect quite clearly the diversity of who we are as a church community and our differing ideas as to where we could be going. As one person commented – our very diversity makes it difficult to get a single answer to our questions about the future.

Generally there was a positive response to who we are as a worshipping community – the value of Opoho as a teaching, caring, God-focussed, spiritually-alive church was clear. The less obvious path is that of our future. Some comments one might call pragmatic: join up with another church, prepare to close our doors in a few years, think about part-time ministry. Others encourage us to find ways to bring in more people, to advertise ourselves more, to raise more money. A number of these are useful suggestions to be followed up. Yet as things are now, it cannot be enough – when energy is finite, the style of stewardship and resourcing is demanding, all our focus goes on staying intact till we can no longer. Is that the best way for us to be Christ's bright light of hope on the hill in the years to come?

Ways in which we should connect our theology with practice as a community of faith were also clearly articulated. As one said: "We need to show others through word and action that we are a loving worshipping community".

We take the teachings of our faith out from our Sunday service as individuals, challenged and encouraged to be God's people in our living. As well, there are things we do as a body of faith in making our concern for the world heard. And it is valued. This was the surprise element in our engagement with the community over climate change – they had been waiting to hear our voice and valued what we might bring to this pressing issue. Yet our initiatives tend to be singular – a burst of energy and then where to? We have foundered for lack of time and energy and collective enthusiasm.

Another comment: "We have many connections – use them!" What we don't have is a big enough critical mass of people who are able or prepared to commit to giving time to making these things happen, to share our vision of a world transformed in a very practical way, so that we are known not just for meeting on Sunday mornings but also for

our care for creation, for community, for involvement alongside others in the things that matter to us all.

Have no doubt, we do many things well. Opoho punches well above its weight as a small church in community – however it may be that we need to re-examine whether that energy is directed to God’s mission or purely to our survival. What should be the balance? And will you help us achieve it? Are you prepared to do more than you are doing now? Are there things that we (individually and as the church) need to let go so that we can become more engaged in being the transforming presence of Christ in Opoho?

We have talked much over recent months about the use of our garden as a place of refuge and shelter for our community. The gardens are being cleaned up – can you help keep them so? There is new furniture on the horizon. Ideas are developing of how we can provide better community engagement within the lovely space. Can you help in making this happen and keep happening?

There will be further updates as we work through the responses – and keep the ideas coming along with your commitment to making them happen. Help us to transform words and vision into actions that show the world we care because we are the people of Jesus Christ on the hill.

**Margaret Garland**

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*News from the Parish, and from the Wider Church*

- ❖ Ross Home Centenary - here is the link to the ODT story on 22 October, with pictures of John Allen and Rod Madiill.  
<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/ross-home-marks-building-centenary>
- ❖ Did you read the story about BEATS in the Star on 18 October?  
<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/heavy-bags-barrier-walking-cycling>
- ❖ Music time at the Fellowship Group: Dr Mark Bevin and his daughter, Helen, gave an exciting recital on the piano and the

viola at the September meeting. Mark also spoke of his trip to England in August to attend piano schools. Despite the cold and the miserable forecast for the day, there was a nice sized audience.

- ❖ You may remember that in the *Signal* in May this year, Andrew Smith wrote about a call from Presbyterian Archives for photographs from churches and parishes around the country. There are already over 60,000 photos, all of which have relevance to the Presbyterian Church in N.Z. and wider. Nevertheless, there are many gaps in that record. Check your collection, and keep taking photos!

Email [pcanzarchives@prcknox.org.nz](mailto:pcanzarchives@prcknox.org.nz) or phone 03 473 4777

**From the Wider Church**

- ❖ We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Ian Sime, who died recently. Ian and his family have been part of Mornington Presbyterian Church for many years. Ian and Betty’s son, Fergus, is the Executive Officer of the Synod of Otago and Southland.
- ❖ In the latest issue of SPANZ (the Presbyterian magazine found at the back of the church) is an article on the partnership of a Christchurch Korean Church working with Karitane/Waikouaiti Parish on their recent holiday programme for children. It is good to hear about the sharing in mission like this.
- ❖ Over 150 people attended the service on Sunday 14 October to celebrate the new church building at Lawrence Presbyterian Church. It has been a long journey for them and there was a real sense of energy for the use of the new space as both church and for the local community.
- ❖ On Thursday 18 October Rev Rachel Judge was inducted into her new full-time ministry at Mosgiel Presbyterian Church after several years part-time at Mornington.

*Please do pass on to a member of the Parish Council, or to Andrea Johnston, any news and snippets you come across for inclusion in Parish and Wider Church News.*

*Andrea’s contact details are on Page 23.*

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*From the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America*

On 20 June 2018 commissioners to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America approved two historic overtures.

One affirms and celebrates the gifts of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the church.

“Celebrating the expansive embrace of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the breadth of our mission to serve a world in need, the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (2018) affirms the gifts of LGBTQIA+ people for ministry and celebrates their service in the church and in the world.”

The resolution laments the suffering of LGBTQIA+ people who were hurt by the church’s policies in the past, and gives thanks for the persistence of those who worked for change. It notes the ministries of those serving in many capacities in the church today with excellence, and it calls for greater openness, stronger social witness and intentional effort in ecumenical and mission co-worker relationships to advocate for justice and equality for all people.

The complete text can be found here:

<https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000313>

Another affirms the rights and dignity of people of transgender, non-binary and people of varying gender identities. The complete text can be found here:

<https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000312>

I thought this might be of interest and encouragement to *Signal* readers. I came across the text from the Covenant Network of Presbyterians on the web. <https://covnetpres.org/>

**Tui Bevin**

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*A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis*

When Professor Jonathon Boston spoke at the Dunedin North Otago Resource Group meeting in August, he referred to the US church leaders’ statement of faith released on Palm Sunday this year. If you haven’t come across it yet, you might want to read the following adapted excerpts and the entire statement at

<http://www.reclaimingjesus.org> The confession is a masterpiece of clarity and hope.

The confession was endorsed by a multiracial coalition of church leaders with representation from evangelical, mainline Protestant, African-American, and Catholic churches to remind Christians - including the 91% of Congress who self-identify as Christian - that when politics undermines theology, we must examine that politics.

The declaration addresses six of the most pressing dangers to the Christian faith: the rise of racism and white nationalism, the mistreatment and abuse of women, the treatment of the poor and vulnerable including immigrants and refugees; the pervasive lying in political and civil life that has become normal, the virtual threats to democracy from growing autocratic behavior, and the xenophobic heresies of “America first.”

What we believe leads us to what we must reject. Our “Yes” is the foundation for our “No.” What we confess as our faith leads to what we confront. Therefore, we offer the following six affirmations of what we believe, and the resulting rejections of practices and policies by political leaders which dangerously corrode the soul of the nation and deeply threaten the public integrity of our faith. We pray that we, as followers of Jesus, will find the depth of faith to match the danger of our political crisis.

I. WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God’s image and likeness (Genesis 1:26)... THEREFORE, WE REJECT the resurgence of white nationalism and racism in our nation on many fronts, including the highest levels of political leadership...

## Opportunities for Service

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

	Morning Tea	Door Duty	Readers	Prayers	Music	Flowers	Sunday School	Hall Cleaning	Church Cleaning
4-Nov	Christine Cleugh Jane Bloore	Mary & John Somerville	Jane Bloore	—	David Murray	Judy Rodda	Activities at back of church	Bronwen Strang	Rodda / Hamilton
11-Nov	Shona & Philip Somerville	Hamish Spencer John Stenhouse	John Stenhouse	Tui Bevin	Mark Bevin	Jenny Roxborough		Michael Ovens	Jenny Bunce
18-Nov	Rodda / Hamilton	Jane Bloore Mike Garland	Maurice Andrew	Andrew Smith	Gaynor Haig	Jenny Roxborough		Michael Ovens	Jenny Bunce
25-Nov	Cunninghams	Shona & Philip Somerville	Gaynor Haig	John Roxborough	Music Group	Shona Somerville		Chris Young	Shona & Philip Somerville
2-Dec	Tony Parry Bronwen Strang	Cunninghams	Andrea Johnston	—	David Murray	Shona Somerville	Activities at back of church	Chris Young	Shona & Philip Somerville
9-Dec	Jenny Roxborough Christine Cleugh	Mary & John Somerville	Judy Rodda	Abby Smith	Mark Bevin	Fiona Stirling		Christine Cleugh	Cunninghams
16-Dec	Smith / Spencer	Mike Garland Andrew Smith	Daniel Larsen	—	Gaynor Haig	Fiona Stirling		Christine Cleugh	Cunninghams
23-Dec	Rodda / Hamilton	Smith / Spencer	Andrew Smith	—	Mark Bevin	Jane Bloore		Andrew Smith	Jane Bloore
24-Dec Monday	—	Tui Bevin	—	—	Mark Bevin	Jane Bloore		—	—
25-Dec Tuesday	—	tbc	Mike Garland	—	tbc			—	—
30-Dec	Jane Bloore -tbc-	John Stenhouse Gregor Macaulay	Hamish Spencer	—	Gaynor Haig	Jane Bloore		Andrew Smith	Jane Bloore

II. WE BELIEVE we are one body. In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class (Galatians 3:28) ... THEREFORE, WE REJECT misogyny, the mistreatment, violent abuse, sexual harassment, and assault of women that has been further revealed in our culture and politics, including our churches, and the oppression of any other child of God...

III. WE BELIEVE how we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner is how we treat Christ himself. (Matthew 25: 31-46) ... THEREFORE, WE REJECT the language and policies of political leaders who would debase and abandon the most vulnerable children of God. We strongly deplore the growing attacks on immigrants and refugees...

IV. WE BELIEVE that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Truth-telling is central to the prophetic biblical tradition... THEREFORE, WE REJECT the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political and civil life...

V. WE BELIEVE that Christ's way of leadership is servanthood, not domination... THEREFORE, WE REJECT any moves toward autocratic political leadership and authoritarian rule. We believe authoritarian political leadership is a theological danger that threatens democracy and the common good—and we will resist it...

VI. WE BELIEVE Jesus when he tells us to go into all nations making disciples (Matthew 28:18). Our churches and our nations are part of an international community whose interests always surpass national boundaries. The most well-known verse in the New Testament starts with "For God so loved the world" (John 3:16)... THEREFORE, WE REJECT "America first" as a theological heresy for followers of Christ. While we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others as a political goal. We reject domination rather than stewardship of the earth's resources...

Our urgent need, in a time of moral and political crisis, is to recover the power of confessing our faith. Lament, repent, and then repair. It is time for a fresh confession of faith. Jesus is Lord. He is the light in our darkness...

***Tui Bevin***

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***Psalm Writing Group***

***6.30pm - 8 pm Wednesday 14 November***

***Morrison Lounge, Opoho Church***

This group has been going for some time and it was wonderful to welcome new people at our September meeting. Some of the psalms are up on our website if you would like to read them.

<https://www.opohochurch.org/psalms>

We continue to explore and expand our understanding of the psalms both scriptural and contemporary. Currently our collection stands at 29 psalms on a wide range of topics.

One certainty that has come through is that you need to read the psalms of the Bible in order to write psalms. The rhythms and the conversations held with God are fascinating and continually provide inspiration for those of us who would walk that same path in today's world.

Come along - even if you want to just listen and observe; you are most welcome.

Bring some of your favourite takeaways – we eat together first and then reflect on new psalm offerings together.

***Margaret Garland***

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*From Thomas Merton*

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

***Thomas Merton, Trappist Monk***

From "Thoughts in Solitude"

*A Celtic Prayer*

During the month of October, our Wednesday Worship series focussed on the passage from 1 Corinthians 13: 13

And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

On 10 October, Andrew Smith closed with this Gaelic prayer:

*The Three*

In the Father's name,

And in the Son's name,

In the Spirit's name,

Three the same, One in name;

Father be my friend,

And Son be my friend,

Spirit be my friend,

Three to send and befriend.

God my holiness,

Christ my holiness,

Spirit holiness,

Three to bless, holiness.

Help of hope the Three,

Help of love the Three,

Help of sight the Three,

And my knee stumbling free,

From my knee stumbling free.

### *Community Advent Service*

Each year, on the fourth Wednesday of November, a service is held for the community of the North End where we celebrate the coming of Advent. This year, on 28 November, the service will be held in the church at 2 pm, with afternoon tea to follow in the hall.

All of the local rest homes are invited, as well as the local churches and the neighbourhood.

We do ask the congregation to supply the afternoon tea – or, as we say, ‘bring a plate.’ Christine Cleugh and her team will be organising this and we thank them in advance.

If you know of anyone who might like to come along please ask them, and it is good to have a few people on hand to welcome and support the visitors. We will have Liberton School children and staff joining us again this year.

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### *Christmas Services*

It is always helpful to know what is coming up in the busy Christmas time at the church and so all the December services are included in the calendar.

Advent begins this year on Sunday 2 December and, because of the timing, we end up with a service on each of 23, 24 and 25 December. We plan to have a choir on Sunday 23rd and on Christmas Day, to share with us the joy of some different carols for Christmas.

The Children’s Service on the evening of Sunday 2 December will be a celebration of the story of the birth of the Saviour Jesus and as usual will be followed by sharing food – a special time and all are welcome.

We will also be supporting the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal – this year the appeal is focusing on the United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development with the theme ‘Be the lifeline!’ – a common response to the work of CWS. Envelopes will come out with the December/January Signal – please do consider giving support to this very important work.

**Margaret Garland**

### *Bible Book A Month Discussions*

*7.30 pm, Thursday 1 November ~ Zephaniah*

*7.30 pm, Thursday 6 December ~ Haggai*

The next Bible Discussion is on the book of Zephaniah.

We meet at 7.30 pm at 129 Signal Hill Road and everyone is welcome, even if you can only make an occasional evening, or are new to the Bible.

Please read the month’s book beforehand if possible. For more information please ask Margaret the minister, or John Stenhouse the discussion leader.

**Tui Bevin**

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### *Movie Group*

The next Movie Group meeting is on Thursday 8 November at 7 pm, at 49 Signal Hill Road. Details of the month’s movie will be included in the Sunday notices.

Movie nights are an opportunity for people to gather in someone’s home, to watch a movie together, and afterwards reflect together over a cup of tea or coffee, on anything that particularly struck them as they watched. All are welcome.

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### *Reminders!*

#### **Sunday 11 November**

*2.00 pm Ross Home Service led by Opoho Church*

#### **Wednesday 28 November**

*2.00 pm Community Advent Service*

*followed by afternoon tea.*

#### **Sunday 2 December**

*5.00 pm Children’s Service for Advent, with tea.*

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*Remembering Parihaka  
Seeking Peace in a Troubled World*

*The Peace Signed*

**Passing the Peace in our Service**

Each Sunday we take time to share the peace of Christ with each other. Jesus himself uses these words with his disciples and we too say them to remind ourselves of our commitment to peace and to each other as the community of Christ.

This is how we share the peace in New Zealand Sign Language.



The peace of Christ be with you



and also with you.

**Margaret Garland**

*Invitations from the Flagstaff Community Church*

*Hikoi of Peace - Sunday 4 November*

Meet at the top carpark at the Botanical Gardens at 12 noon, with walking shoes, a picnic and an umbrella if it's wet. The Hikoi will begin at 12.30 with a short walk through the bush to the headstone in North Cemetery.

A group will also walk to the top gardens from the Rongo Stone on Portsmouth Drive. If you want to join this Hikoi meet there at 11 am.

During the hikoi there will be stories about Parihaka, waiata and karakia.

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*Public Lecture - Guest Speaker: Mr Mouhannad Taha*  
*2.30 - 4 pm, Sunday 11 November,*  
*Wakari Church, 9 Centennial Avenue, Wakari*

Mr Mouhannad Taha is from the ancient city of Damascus, Syria. Mr Taha emigrated to New Zealand because of the war in Syria. The family has now settled here in Dunedin, where several others of their extended family also live, and Mr Taha is an enrolled Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

In his presentation, Mr Taha will share some of his story with us, a story of Syria, of conflict and loss, but also a story of peace and new beginnings in New Zealand.

Mature audiences only (not suitable for children).

A koha will be taken which will go towards Dunedin Night Shelter.

## *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

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[marg.garland@gmail.com](mailto:marg.garland@gmail.com)



<b>Opoho Calendar, 13 December to Christmas Day</b>	
The calendar for November and early December is on the back page.	
13 December ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting with dessert. 39 Grandview Crescent
16 December ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland. Advent 3: Joy. Family Service
23 December ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland. Advent 4: Love. Nine Lessons and Carols with the Choir
24 December ~ Monday	11.30 pm: Christmas Eve Service by candlelight. Rev Margaret Garland
25 December ~ Tuesday	10 am: Christmas Day Service. Rev Margaret Garland

<b>Lectionary readings, 1 to 25 November in Year B, the Year of Mark</b>			
<b>Thursday 1 November - All Saints</b>			
Wis Sol 3: 1-9 or Is 25: 6-9	Ps 24	Rev 21: 1-6a	Jn 11: 32-44
<b>Sunday 4 November - 24th Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
Ruth 1: 1-18	Ps 146	Heb 9: 11-14	Mk 12: 28-34
<b>Sunday 11 November - 25th Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17	Ps 127	Heb 9: 24-28	Mk 12: 38-44
<b>Sunday 18 November - 26th Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
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
<b>Sunday 25 November - Reign of Christ</b>			
2 Sam 23: 1-7	Ps 132 1-12, (13-18) or Ps 93	Rev 1: 4b-8	Jn 18: 33-37
<b>Readings, 2 to 9 December in Year C, the Year of Luke</b>			
<b>Sunday 2 December - 1st Sunday in Advent</b>			
Jer 33: 14-16	Ps 25: 1-10	1 Thes 3: 9-13	Lk 21: 25-36
<b>Sunday 9 December - 2nd Sunday in Advent</b>			
Bar 5: 1-9 or Mal 3: 1-4	Lk 1: 68-79	Phil 1: 3-11	Lk 3: 1-6

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**Deadline for next Opoho Signal - Friday 16 November**  
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**Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in November  
and early December**

1 November ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Zephaniah</i> . 129 Signal Hill Road
4 November ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship Holy Communion: Rev Margaret Garland with Adam Currie
8 November ~ Thursday	7.00 pm: Movie Group 49 Signal Hill Road
11 November ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship: Rev Margaret Garland  2 pm: Ross Home Service led by Opoho Church
14 November ~ Wednesday	6.30 pm: Psalm Writing BYO Takeaways Morrison Lounge
15 November ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Parish Council Discussion Meeting
16 November ~ Friday	Deadline for the December / January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
18 November ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship: Rev Margaret Garland. Baptism of Fergus Ranby
25 November ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship. Opoho Parish Council
28 November ~ Wednesday	2.00 pm: Community Advent Service. Rev Margaret Garland
2 December ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship Quarterly Communion: Rev Margaret Garland. Advent 1: Hope  11.30 am: Pastoral Care & Community Committee, Minister's Study  5pm: Children's Service for Advent, with tea
6 December ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Haggai</i> . 129 Signal Hill Road
9 December ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland. Advent 2: Peace
The calendar from 13 December to Christmas Day is on P. 22	

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