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

Telling Stories About Who We Are

Recently, in our basement, I came across printouts of old emails from the 1990s, including some from a Mennonite acquaintance, Walter Sawatsky, who shared my interests in church history and Christian mission. I think he was in Japan. I was in Henderson. We were part of a group discussing Christian mission using an electronic bulletin board system from the days before email became available.

I came across Walter’s name again a few weeks ago by way of a review of a book he had written in 2017 (the link is below). Both the book and the review raise questions about the stories we tell to say who we are, and how far back and sideways those stories need to go.

It is an issue not only for telling stories from our own ancestry, it is also an issue for churches, perhaps especially where although we have a particular denominational history, we intentionally welcome people from widely diverse backgrounds. But if we really do invite others to help say who we are, do we still have an identity that is Presbyterian (and does it matter)? Should everyone just become part of the Presbyterian version of the Christian story, so we are

defined by our heritage, or by their joining does not the Presbyterian story grow into something new? And should not we welcome that?

It was a point that Rod Madill made in 1973, when he baptised our eldest daughter, here at Opoho. He used a bucket of blocks on the communion table to somehow illustrate that when someone joins the church, it is not just them who are changed, the church itself is also changed. I quite often think of Rod’s words when sitting in church today.

For some of us Christian mission has come to include this sense that Christian identity is something which grows, and is not confined to what the church was in a particular period in its history. Realising that we are part of something global, diverse and dynamic, requires rethinking who we are. It presents a personal and social, theological and political task which demands new frameworks for working through what we believe and do. It requires leadership, and the same sort of faith and openness that the people of God have had to wrestle with many times in history. It also requires patience and the acceptance of those who may find the

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idea unsettling (it should be less of a sin than it seems to be to be a bit behind the times in our thinking about God).

Sawatsky in his book was asking whether Mennonite churches should still define themselves primarily by their origins as Anabaptist groups who were persecuted during the Reformation. He makes a case for saying their sense of identity should include not only that story, and the story of Mennonite missions and churches around the world, but also stories told by Christians in general, even including the groups who were responsible for their persecution.

The reviewer of the book, Sarah Fergusson, is another Mennonite, and her own story includes the devastating effects of European settlement on the First Nations in North America of which she is also a member. She wants the Mennonite story to include the dark sides of colonialism and mission, as well as the abuse of creation. She would argue that we cannot say who we are without acknowledging the painful sides of our Christian and our human past: something that rugby teams and not just churches, are having to wrestle with when they find themselves entangled with conflicts and beliefs which have a power out of the past they did not expect.

For those of us who find ourselves in a Presbyterian church, Sawatsky and Fergusson's questions are a bit like asking whether Presbyterianism is something definitively defined by John Calvin, John Knox, and the Westminster Confession (a failed attempt to turn England Presbyterian which became a blueprint for Presbyterianism in Scotland and elsewhere). Or maybe its identity actually lies in a much larger story for which those people and their times represent but one set of events among many others of significance?

For me, Presbyterianism should also be about times and people before and after the events which produced its name. It includes the Celtic church with its openness to God in nature, the medieval church where the conciliar reform movement looks quite Presbyterian. It includes the early church where translating the story of Jesus across cultures into Greek and Latin raised issues which needed to be decided in councils. Presbyterianism is also

about what has happened and is happening in places like Ghana, Malawi, South Africa, Korea and Taiwan as well as New Zealand and Australia. It is a dynamic and ongoing story which grows, not shrinks, as it crosses cultures and epochs in history. It includes doubters and thinkers, and many who just need help to get through life. It is about heretics and eccentrics. It includes those on Israel Folau's list of sinners, even if our understanding of judgement may be rather different.

It is also not too difficult to include Mennonites in my Presbyterian story. I am among a number of New Zealanders who have enjoyed Mennonite hospitality in London. I know others for whom Mennonites have proved a profound and helpful influence, particularly through their commitment to peace, reconciliation, and restorative justice. I have discovered that Mennonites are very clear about their separation from any form of nationalism (there are no flags in Mennonite churches), and that North American Mennonites somehow avoided getting caught up in fundamentalist-modernist controversies where neither side has much understanding about what the other is really on about.

Both Presbyterians and Mennonites have strong interests in public not just personal ethics, and like other churches have to cope with the reality that different cultures see ethical issues differently, even when they share the same faith. Both have had the experience of being religious minorities under political pressure, though Presbyterians have had more experience of political power. Both have defined themselves against other traditions, yet have come to realize we are leaves from the same tree.

There is a lot to be said for these values and beliefs, but getting along with Mennonites has hardly been challenging. Nevertheless I have also discovered that it is possible to learn from the spirituality of other traditions, including Muslims and Jews. Yet I do have my limits. I cannot actually cope with everyone, and I need others who can fill those gaps. In fact, in churches, we should not expect people to be comfortable with everyone in general. There are issues of memory and personal safety, which need to be taken very seriously indeed, even if we believe the scope of God's love and

mercy goes way beyond what any one of us can be expected to offer. In some other cases, it may just be more about getting to know more about where other people are coming from, but not always. It may be helpful to be reminded that affirmation of the good diversity of creation is a collective responsibility, not something to take on on our own.

Perhaps Pentecost (Sunday 9 June) has something to say here. It has meanings which easily slip through our fingers, but, whatever else it is about, it is not about uniformity, and it is about something which both transcends and affirms our diversities.

However wide our recognition of God's work in the world, Mennonites and Presbyterians will still want talk about their founding experiences in Europe, though hopefully they will increasingly put that era in a wider perspective as they give voice to other stories which also need telling. We too will not be wrong to treasure the particular stories—like our waka, our mountain, and our river—which make us unique, but we would be wrong to stop there. Who we are is not only about where we have been, but where others have also been, and it is about who we are becoming.

Telling our stories is important, but the stories of others are also stories we need to hear, and in some way, they too are also stories about God.

John Roxborough

www.anabaptistwitness.org/journal_entry/walter-sawatsky-going-global-with-god-as-mennonites-for-the-21st-century/

John was part of Opoho in the 1970s while training for the Presbyterian ministry. Helped by some timely support from Maurice Andrew he then studied in Aberdeen and attended lectures from Harold Turner, who had been minister at Opoho in the 1950s. Later he was in Malaysia while on the Overseas Staff of the PCANZ, and then at the Bible College of New Zealand, now Laidlaw College. He and Jenny returned to Dunedin in 2000 when John joined the staff of School of Ministry. Trying to make sense of Presbyterianism and explain it to others is an ongoing challenge!

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## ***Parish Council Report***

### ***Opoho Church News***

- ❖ The biggie this last month (and prominent elsewhere in this *Signal*) is, of course, the fair. Parish councillors were wowed by the event and the efforts. So many people did so much. Somehow, about \$6000 was raised by our little church and a great day was had.
- ❖ The council noted the key roles of several people, including Fiona's primary place and the extraordinary clothing result after Miriam's networking, skills and energy. Margaret remarked on the number of helpers not actually members of the church or regular attenders. The fair is certainly some community event.
- ❖ Noted, too, was the bright and beautiful (and bold) sign attached to the Signal Hill Rd wall inviting the public to come and enjoy our garden. Thank you to the person who organised and donated the sign. The view is to develop a long-term vision for further garden development. On the basis of that, we can begin to make changes.
- ❖ The review process, because of Margaret's coming retirement from full-time ministry, is well underway. The council met on May 9 with the Rev Nancy Parker (a second time) and the Rev Geoffrey Skilton as the Southern Presbytery representatives helping with this. Parish councillors were led in a discussion on how they saw aspects of the health of our parish. The meeting with the congregation following worship on Sunday, 23 June is the next step. We hope as many parishioners as possible are able to attend.
- ❖ Margaret planned to attend an overnight retreat for women ministers in Wellington at the end of May.
- ❖ And to quote from Margaret's monthly report:  
"The deaths of Laurie Williams and Vetia Sheat have impacted us all, the events of 15 March have led to deep

questioning of who we are and how we are to respond, the Easter story has been heard in a new way because we have been shaken and stirred by loss and horror.

“The good news is there for us as well – the coming together of community, the delight of our children in worship, the positivity of review, the fun of the fair and the energy and time that was devoted to making it a success.”

*Wider News*

- ❖ The council has received a paper from the national church on euthanasia, a challenging issue which the council will consider at its next meeting. This is of relevance as the End of Life Choice Bill makes its way through Parliament. We’d be keen to make an opportunity for people to come together to discuss this in the next few months.

**Philip Somerville**



*Property and Finance, May-June 2019*

First the good news

- ❖ We had a stunning result from the fair. \$6000+. And it was fun with a real flow to the day, people staying and soaking up the ambience and spending money. Special thanks go to Fiona Stirling, Christine Cleugh and their team
- ❖ We have had two donations towards the church- in appreciation of the newsletter and just having us in the community. Neither are churchgoers. Thank you very much.
- ❖ Our volunteer gardener and “clothes-seller extraordinaire” continues to maintain the rejuvenated gardens, and has now erected the sign welcoming the community to enjoy

the garden. Thanks Miriam. Your energy is infectious- let’s hope everyone catches a little dose!

- ❖ Thanks go to the treasurer and envelope secretary for the big job of getting the receipts out. The envelope system is now being discontinued and it is incredible to note that Jenny Bunce has been our envelope secretary for 22 years, one of those quiet behind the scenes roles that just happens seamlessly thanks to personal commitment and energy. It is difficult to thank her enough.

And the other news

- ❖ We are in the midst of a parish review and it would have been gratifying if we could say that we had met our budget for the year. Sadly this is not the case. One of our key hopes was for a grant of \$6000 from the Synod of Otago and Southland to support the hall heating and church painting that we completed last year. Synod was only able to allocate \$2600, and this, along with a shortfall of offerings of about \$3500, means we continue to deplete our reserves.
- ❖ This has implications for us all in our giving, and for the parish in planning ahead. Please keep the finances in mind in your prayers and plans as we undergo the parish review in response to the minister’s impending retirement.
- ❖ We have not solved the case of the missing heater that disappeared from the Morrison lounge a couple of months ago. We found a replacement in items left for the Fair but it has yet to be checked by an electrician. Does anybody know anything that might help track down the original?

Last but not least, a reminder of details for regular giving:

ANZ Branch: Otago University, P.O. Box 6374, Dunedin North 9030

Name of Account: Opoho Presbyterian Deacon’s Court Inc

Account Number: 06 0909 0010868 00

If you set up a new automatic payment, or if you experience any problems, please contact Brian Cunningham, phone 473 7204 or email: [briancunningham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:briancunningham@xtra.co.nz)

Thanks for everything you do.

**Mark Bevin**

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Fair Results 'On The Day'

Stall	Total
Baking	225.70
Plants / Veges / Linen	342.70
Jams / Preserves	548.70
BBQ	201.00
White Elephant	786.70
Crafts / Puzzles	90.90
Donation	200.00
Toys / Games	248.10
Books	750.90
Morning Tea	44.00
Soup	170.60
Coffee	199.00
Clothes	2013.80
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From the Fair

I suppose I am biased, but I think the Jam Stall is a great place to watch people.

There are those who come back every year to get their exact favourite jams; there are those who are keen to try something they have never had before; there are those who don't like jam but think they'll just try one jar; there are those who used to make this kind or that; or whose mom made a special jam. Some of them tell me where to get fruit for next year.

This year a little girl, about the same height as the table, peered up at the jars that were left and asked me, "Which is the best jar of jam?" We discussed the red plum jam, the pale pink quince, and gooseberry. She decided on a \$5 jar of pretty red plum jam. "Is it more than four dollars?" she asked anxiously. "It is exactly four dollars," I said, scraping off the price tag. We put it in a nice bag, and she handed over her coins, and then she smiled up at me happily. "It's for Mother's Day," she confided. This jam seller might have had something in her eye.

Another nice thing was seeing our young adults come home.

Abby

The fair means money, but there were many people socialising with each other in church, hall and garden, more than before. I also observed my friends still selling as in other years. In the church the town crier sold more clothes than ever. The white elephant man and woman sold pots and pans. I got my yearly hug from the plant woman. The sweet jam woman earned a lot of money. The soup woman wiped up what was spilled. The coffee man made beautiful smells.

Gisela

As I arrived at the Church Fair with no 'stall responsibility', Margaret asked me to take some photos during the Fair. So, even being 'electronically-challenged' (as I am told... 'grin' from me), I took Margaret's camera and started walking around shooting shots of people having a grand time! There were smiles everywhere! There

Opportunities for Service, June 2019

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

Sunday	Morning Tea	Door Duty	Readers	Prayers	Music	Hall Cleaning	Church Cleaning
Jun 2019							
2-Jun	Bronwen Strang Tui Bevin	John & Mary Somerville	John Stenhouse	—	David Murray	Jane Bloore	Meegan Cloughley
9-Jun	Jane Bloore Jenny Roxborough	Mike Garland John Stenhouse	Marian Weaver	—	Mark Bevin	Jane Bloore	Meegan Cloughley
16-Jun	Meegan Cloughley Christine Cleugh	Jane Bloore Gregor Macaulay	Jane Bloore	—	Gaynor Haig	Shona & Phillip Somerville	Gregor Macaulay
23-Jun	Tony Parry Marian Weaver	Michael Ovens Andrew Smith	Gregor Macaulay	John Roxborough	Mark Bevin	Shona & Phillip Somerville	Gregor Macaulay
30-Jun	Brian Cunningham Bronwen Strang	Shona & Phillip Somerville	Jenny Bunce	Andrew Smith	Music Group	Bronwen Strang	Fiona Stirling
Jul 2019							
7-Jul				—	David Murray	Bronwen Strang	Fiona Stirling

Opportunities for Service - July 2019 will be distributed later this month.

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were many people that I knew and did not know all enjoying themselves as they rummaged around the Church Hall, Morrison Lounge, Church Sanctuary, and the deck and garden off the Morrison Lounge. The musical performer was singing and playing, children were dancing and tired 'Fair goers' were relaxing with a cuppa and something they had just bought to eat...while they tapped their toes to the music. I also greeted many people from the stairs leading into the Sanctuary and directed them to the Church Lounge and Hall. A number of people commented to me how wonderful the 'set-up' of the entire Fair was and having the clothing so beautifully displayed in the Church Sanctuary was delightful. In fact, people mentioned they enjoyed having the changing areas at the front of the Sanctuary. I did wonder if that would have ever happened during my time at a Methodist Church in the States! I watched children playing with 'new' used toys and parents looking for 'cheap' treasures! I must admit that the wonderful smell of sausages from the John's barbie enticed me to take photos of Ned and John, and walk away with a mouthful of joy! But, where oh where were the onions? Judy and I certainly contributed our pocket money to the 'cause' and went home with some very useful items (thanks to Mary and John for donating their BIG pot)! I hope my photos have captured the spirit and intent of the Fair... community outreach, fun, laughs, full bellies and those amazing smiles!

**Kirk**

Usually there is a bit of a queue at the entrance to the hall - this year one man was there before 10 am, claiming his spot as first in line. We chatted and made sure he had a seat and a water. But there was another queue from the garden - waiting to the dulcet tones of Philip on sax and guitar and clarinet as well as a keyboard (not all played at the same time!). And there was another queue into the church - they streamed in from all quarters - how very disorderly! And wonderful!

**Margaret**

Tony Parry is the king of White Elephant pricing. He had one person try to secure an item for a price Tony thought was just too

cheap. No sale. The person, however, returned later to try to secure the purchase. Too late. Tony had sold it for the better, reasonable price in the meantime.

Lovely to see former youth group members from the early 2000s back to visit the fair, some now with a few of their own children in tow.

**Shona**

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Synod of Otago and Southland 2019

Mary and John Somerville and Andrew Smith travelled to Camp Columba at Pukerau for the 2019 meeting of Synod on Saturday 13 March. The meeting started early in the day as Nyalle Paris, the retiring moderator of Synod needed to get back to Invercargill for another event. The new moderator of Synod is Mark Heslip of Lumsden Balfour Kingston (LBK) parish. Mark is an elder and youth pastor for the LBK parish.

We met at Camp Columba to acknowledge 75 years of Easter camps held at Pukerau, the current site established in 1957. Camp Columba continues to develop as an adventure camp running its own programmes on site. There was time to look around the campsite, and the generous Southern hospitality allowed people to mingle and converse over food.

Among the reports Kevin Ward presented the reports for the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (KCML), the Presbyterian Research Centre (PRC), and the Council of Knox College and Salmond College. The task group of the Council of Assembly reviewing KCML and the PRC for General Assembly 2020 was acknowledged, and prayer was offered for the governance of Knox and Salmond Colleges as they face the controversy of rape and sexual crisis in university halls of residence. It was moved that a message expressing the Synod's concern and support for the Colleges be sent.

Andrew Smith

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### *Snippets from Margaret*

#### **Task Group to Review Theological Education and Leadership Training.**

The Council of Assembly has appointed a task group to look at the roles of the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership and that of the Presbyterian Research Centre in the education and support of the Presbyterian Church in NZ. This follows on from the Pre Change paper issued earlier this year which has been put aside due to strong feedback on process and content. This time there will be consultation, time to consider and a recommendation made to the 2020 General Assembly. The Terms of Reference are available in the Morrison Lounge as are the details about the Task Group. These people are:

Rev Simon McLeay of Tauranga (Convener)  
 Rob McIntosh of Lower Hutt  
 Rev Erin Pendreigh, Mission Advisor Southern Presbytery,  
 Balclutha  
 Sharon Searle, Tauranga  
 Caren Rangī of Napier, ONZM

#### **Mid-Winter Lunch**

On Sunday 30 June we will gather after the morning service for a mid-winter shared lunch. Bring your favourite winter dishes to share, as we gather in the lovely warm hall to share not only food but good conversation and fellowship. Help with setting up and serving would be appreciated.

#### **'Make a Difference'**

is a Kids Friendly initiative inviting children throughout NZ to enter into a *Love Reaches Out* competition, with this year's theme being 'I can, you can, we can'. Entries can either be art work or written and more details for ideas and approaches are available here - <http://www.kidsfriendly.org.nz/growing-great-entries-for-make-a-difference/> It is open to those from pre-school to year 8. Entry forms and poster are in the Morrison Lounge.

**Margaret Garland**

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Sunday 26 May, Morning Worship at Opoho

Sunday 26 May was a wonderful gathering of the creativity of the people of Opoho in word and music. The full service, with psalms, hymns and prayers from those who are, or who have been part of the Opoho congregation, is now up on the website under sermons.

www.opohosermons.blogspot.com/2019/05/service-of-worship-opoho-church-sunday.html

During the service, mention was made of The Pentekon Bible, by the Rev. Dana Livesay. Here it is:

God made,
 Adam bit,
 Noah arked,
 Abraham split.
 Joseph ruled,
 Jacob fooled,
 Bush talked,
 Moses balked;
 Pharaoh plagued,
 people walked.
 Sea divided,
 tablets guided,
 Promise landed.
 Saul freaked,
 David peeked,
 prophets warned,
 Jesus born.
 God walked,
 love talked,
 anger crucified,
 hope died.
 Love rose,
 Spirit flamed,
 Word spread,
 God remained.

With permission, from "Top of the Morning" Book of Incredibly Short Stories, selected by Brian Edwards. Tandem Press 1997.

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*Last Thursday*

Did you hear what happened  
when we met the other night  
in the upper room around the long table?

It was the same motely lot  
called together by the priest  
but this year, three chairs were empty.

Why hadn't the others come?  
Couldn't they face claiming their commitment,  
and their place in God's unfolding story?

Darkness fell, and as we each spoke  
of our dreams for following the Messiah  
the girl child lit another candle:

I wanted to make a difference  
Philip wanted to be in community  
and Simon wanted an exciting life.

We all chatted and laughed  
shared the jugs of 'wine'  
and loaves of sweet smelling bread

but then, as we each confessed the cost  
the girl child snuffed out another candle  
until only one was left to carry the light:

I hadn't expected to give up everything I owned  
Philip couldn't face being rejected by the world  
Simon hadn't expected to give up the sword.

But we were left with that one candle  
and the memory of the joy and wonder  
on the girl child's face as she spread the light

to carry on, to go out into the world  
and face what would happen next.  
It had to be enough.

**Tui Bevin***Harvest Thanksgiving Psalm*

Our table overflows  
freshly cooked plaited breads  
carrots and apples  
tomatoes and peas  
Parsnips and pumpkins  
rhubarb and nuts  
cereals and tins  
crackers and rice  
a vase of wildflowers.

We give thanks  
for our many blessings  
for the fruits of the garden  
for peace and hope  
for the wonders of creation.

We celebrate  
enjoying food together  
the children settling on the floor  
around a basket of breads  
and nuts and vegetables.

We share  
the fruits of our gardens  
and the labour of hands  
with the foodbank  
the night shelter  
the homeless  
the newcomer  
those in need

The age-old words of Deuteronomy remind us  
to be grateful for all we receive  
to celebrate in community  
to share what we have

It is no more difficult than that.

Thanks be to God

**Tui Bevin**

*Dunedin North Otago Resource Group*

**Tuesday 9 July, at Opoho Church**

The next meeting of the Dunedin North Otago Resource Group will be at 6 pm on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at Opoho Church. \$10 for the evening meal.

The speaker will be the Hon. Dr David Clark.

RSVP for catering purposes to [admin@knoxchurch.net](mailto:admin@knoxchurch.net) by Friday 5 May 2019. Remember that everyone is welcome at these events, not just ministers and elders.

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Fellowship Group

This group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2 pm, in the Morrison Lounge.

This month, on Thursday 13 June, we will talk about favourite books and authors.

Margaret Garland

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*Bible Book A Month Discussions*

The June Bible Discussion is on the book of Luke.

At this rate and giving ourselves Januaries off, we'll read the Bible's final book, *Revelation*, in August 2021. Why not join us for some or all of the 27 books of the New Testament – you never know what you might discover along with way.

We meet at the Bevins' home, 129 Signal Hill Road at 7.30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month and it is helpful, but not essential, to have read the month's book first.

6 June ~ Luke

4 July ~ John

1 August ~ Acts

**Tui Bevin**

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Operation Cover Up

Knitting season is under way and there is still time to make squares and/or sew them into blankets.

Please use wool, not synthetic, as wool has more warmth.

Cast on 40 stitches in double knitting, knit 40 rows (or 20cm) in garter stitch and cast off. For other wool weights adjust to make 20 x 20cm squares.

A bag at the back of the church is topped up with wool if you need some.

Money for shipping costs also gratefully accepted.

Contact Marian: weavermariane@gmail.com 027 473 6026

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*Interfaith Matters*

It has been suggested that future Interfaith meetings begin with a prayer or spiritual element from the host, so we begin to understand and appreciate more about each other. This is as well as having a spiritual theme to comment briefly upon by everyone should they wish. Consequently the meeting will start earlier – at 2 pm instead of 2.30 pm. The theme for April still hasn't been used because of so much "business" to cover and lack of time. This is to tell the group something of a parable or proverb from our faith that we hold as important (ha - briefly!)

The next meeting will not be on the first Sunday of the month – because of the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of the University of Otago and the Multifaith service at Knox Church on the morning of the 2nd of June. Instead it will be on Sunday 9 June at 2 pm, at the Baha'i Centre, 196 Shetland St, Wakari.

**Bronwen Strang**

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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

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 or to Margaret marg.garland@gmail.com

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### **Deadline for next Opoho Signal - Thursday 20 June**

Please send all material for the *July* edition to:

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| <b>Lectionary readings, 2 June - 28 July 2019<br/>in Year C, the Year of Luke</b> |                       |                                    |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 2 June - 7th Sunday of Easter</b>                                       |                       |                                    |                        |
| Acts 16: 16-34                                                                    | Ps 97                 | Rev 22:<br>12-14, 16-<br>17, 20-21 | Jn 17: 20-26           |
| <b>Sunday 9 June - Pentecost</b>                                                  |                       |                                    |                        |
| Gen 11: 1-9                                                                       | Ps 104:<br>24-34, 35b | Acts 2: 1-21                       | Jn 14: 8-17<br>(25-27) |
| <b>Sunday 16 June - Trinity</b>                                                   |                       |                                    |                        |
| Prov 8: 1-4,<br>22-31                                                             | Ps 8                  | Rom 5: 1-5                         | Jn 16: 12-15           |
| <b>Sunday 23 June - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                |                       |                                    |                        |
| 1 Kgs 19: 1-4,<br>(5-7), 8-15a                                                    | Ps 42 & 43            | Gal 3: 23-29                       | Lk 8: 26-39            |
| <b>Sunday 30 June - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                |                       |                                    |                        |
| 2 Kgs 2: 1-2,<br>6-14                                                             | Ps 77: 1-2,<br>11-20  | Gal 5: 1,<br>13-25                 | Lk 9: 51-62            |
| <b>Sunday 7 July - 4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                 |                       |                                    |                        |
| 2 Kgs 5: 1-14                                                                     | Ps 30                 | Gal 6: (1-6),<br>7-16              | Lk 10: 1-11,<br>16-20  |
| <b>Sunday 14 July - 5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                |                       |                                    |                        |
| Amos 7: 7-17                                                                      | Ps 82                 | Col 1: 1-14                        | Lk 10:<br>25-37        |
| <b>Sunday 21 July - 6th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                |                       |                                    |                        |
| Amos 8: 1-12                                                                      | Ps 52                 | Col 1: 15-28                       | Lk 10: 38-42           |
| <b>Sunday 28 July - 7th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                |                       |                                    |                        |
| Hos 1: 2-10                                                                       | Ps 85                 | Col 2: 6-15,<br>(16-19)            | Lk 11: 1-13            |

**Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in  
June and early July 2019**

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| 2 June ~ Sunday    | 10.00 am: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland<br>11.30 am: Pastoral Care and Community Committee Meeting, Minister's Study       |
| 5 June ~ Wednesday | 7.30 pm: Property and Finance Committee                                                                                         |
| 6 June ~ Thursday  | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month, <i>Luke</i> , 129<br>Signal Hill Road                                                         |
| 9 June ~ Sunday    | 10.00 am: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland.<br>Pentecost, Quarterly Communion, Sunday School                                  |
| 13 June ~ Thursday | 2 pm: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge, talking about favourite books and authors.<br>7 pm: Movie Night at 49 Signal Hill Road |
| 16 June ~ Sunday   | 10.00 am: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland.<br>5 pm: Children's Service for Pentecost, with tea                               |
| 20 June ~ Thursday | 7.30 pm: Parish Council Discussion Meeting<br>Material due today for July <i>Opoho Signal</i>                                   |
| 23 June ~ Sunday   | 10.00 am: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland.<br>11.15 am: Congregational Meeting with Review Team                              |
| 30 June ~ Sunday   | 10.00 am: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland.<br>11.30 am: Shared Mid-Winter Lunch                                              |
| <b>July</b>        |                                                                                                                                 |
| 3 July ~ Wednesday | 6.30 pm: Psalm Writing with takeaways. 129<br>Signal Hill Road                                                                  |
| 4 July ~ Thursday  | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month, <i>John</i> , 129<br>Signal Hill Road                                                         |
| 7 July ~ Sunday    | 10.00 am: Worship, the Rev. Margaret Garland<br>Holy Communion                                                                  |
| 9 July ~ Tuesday   | 6.00 pm: Dunedin North Otago Resource Group meeting at Opoho Church. Speaker: the Hon. Dr David Clark                           |
| 11 July ~ Thursday | 2 pm: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge.<br>7 pm: Movie Night at 49 Signal Hill Road                                            |

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