

Ōpoho Signal

The newsletter of Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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Editorial – Fiat Lux/ Ao Mārama

My children have several favorite riddles. One such riddle is as follows: *What can fill a room but take up no space? The best “clues” are: It is hard to see but you can see when it is there. It can blind you or help you to see.*

I have been thinking about light lately. As we approach daylight saving, I think of summer and adventures in the sunshine. The deciduous trees have fresh leaves and my tulips may bloom soon.

In Genesis, after creating the heavens and the earth, God created light. And God saw that the light was good. Light is an important biblical theme from the outset. In scripture, light is variously associated with God, Jesus, truth, wisdom, goodness, and the triumph over darkness.

We learn about light a lot at Sunday School. Since returning to Ōpoho Church, the children and I have talked about making light, sharing light, hiding light under a bushel, lamps burning, guiding lights, and navigating by the stars. We have heard stories and songs about light. We have enjoyed many light-related activities and even built a few blanket forts so that we might shine lights inside.

It is natural that people should fear darkness. There is much vulnerability in darkness. When the world is darkest, people turn towards light. It is in darkness that the light of the Lord may triumph.

Light is a powerful symbol of home and comfort. From a candle in the window to light the way home to a lighthouse to guide us on a perilous journey, from a simple lamp to guide the way ahead, to a torch to check that the path is clear, there is safety in light.

Light has also long been associated with trust and transparency. I think of Diogenes lighting a symbolic lamp in the daylight to aid in his quest for an honest man. It might be argued that a light of truth is an important ingredient in any democracy.

Perhaps it is not surprising that many adults in the congregation also speak of light. This concept has begun to flicker its way into the Our Place Working Group. Many people have now discussed letting light into the church buildings. This relates to accessibility and openness. This also relates to a desire for a physical manifestation of the Church as a beacon of hope.

My grandmother used to say that we should shine our light brightly, but we should not shine it in other peoples’ eyes. As alluded to in the riddle, we need light to see but we can also be blinded by light.

It is my prayer that God's Church at Opoho continue to shine in the world around us. I pray that our light might be used to guide and to comfort. I hope that our light may never blind yet may shine incandescently so that people might be welcomed and inspired by the light.

*The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? **Psalm 27:1 NIV***

Julie Mander

Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 21 September. It was a cold and wet night so members were pleased that the meeting was relatively brief.

It was noted that Clair and Phillip Scadden (Matthew's parents) were moving to Renwick, Marlborough. A card will be sent to them, thanking them for their involvement with the parish and wishing them well for the future.

There was discussion about arrangements for the political candidates' meeting on 8 October with some useful suggestions for making the event even more informative and entertaining.

Gregor Macaulay on behalf of the Parish Council

Keeping in Touch at Opoho Church

Opoho Church has a website, www.opohochurch.org, where 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

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 to the editor, Gregor Macaulay, at gregor.macaulay@outlook.com

Property and Finance Committee Update

Another busy meeting on 13 September. Our budget is prepared for presenting to the Annual Meeting and we are looking at using some additional functions available in the Xero accounting system to increase efficiency in managing payments. We have the repair of the children's room external door happening this month, painting under way in the Morrison Lounge and the installation of a TV screen and camera which will allow for a visual connection between the church and Morrison Lounge. We have grounds working bee planned for Saturday 14 October from 9 to noon and a Property and Finance Committee grounds and building walkabout and review date set for Saturday 4 November, also from 9 to noon. We will be looking at what needs to be done, bright ideas, and gathering this information together for prioritising and looking at costings. We welcome you to join us on this walkabout.

Miriam Vollweiler
(Committee convener)

Donations to Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

Thank you to all those who participate in the life of our church and help make it possible to support its work. If you are not already an electronic donor through online banking and would like to donate in this way, the details are:

ANZ bank, Ōpoho Presbyterian Deacons' Court;
Account Number: 06 0909 0010868 000.

Please put your name and the word Donation in the data fields. It would be helpful if you could let our Treasurer, Judy Rodda, know, so that receipts for charitable donations can be sent to you. Her email is Judith L Rodda [opoho
pcbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:opohopcbusiness@gmail.com)

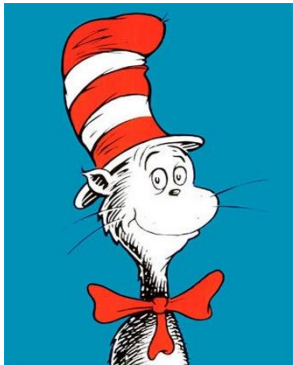
As well as regular outgoings there are maintenance items on the building and grounds which we will be seeking to raise funds for over the next few years. If you are interested in supporting these, please be in touch.

We acknowledge that people's circumstances are personal, and that they vary over time and with things that happen in our lives. It is important to know that there will be times when it is appropriate to reduce your giving to the church, and you do not need to apologise for doing that.

The income and expenditure of the church is examined each month by the Property and Finance Committee and reported to the Parish Council. The church's financial year runs to the end of June and an annual budget is presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Thank you.

Property and Finance Committee

Our Dunedin Electorate Political Forum



This is a reminder about our Dunedin electoral political forum on Sunday 8 October from 7 p.m. sharp.

The history of these successful meetings goes back at least to the early 1990s. Pete Strang did an excellent job chairing them in those early days.

I took over during that decade, and we've consistently attracted large numbers. The meetings were originally in the hall but shifted to the church where the acoustics and seating arrangements are much better.

I'm asking various people for some specific help on the night. They and others from the congregation are more than welcome to **wear a silly hat** (like me in my Dr Seuss attire) and a **name badge** if possible. The idea is that there is a good sprinkling of us around, and identifiable, to welcome members of the public and be there to answer any questions.

Special thanks to John Roxborough and Blair Mason (Miriam's son) and the finance and property committee for setting up the visual link to the Morrison Lounge. We should be much better prepared for any overflow this time.

We will also have a low-key koha collection for cash or non-perishable goods for the Presbyterian Support Foodbank for those who would like to contribute.

Philip Somerville

Operation Cover Up

Knitting continues for Mission Without Borders to provide woollen blankets and clothing to cold parts of the world where such goods are not so available.



There is wool in the bag in the church that folk can take for more squares. Wool only please (no acrylic). Any queries please contact me at 027 473 6026 or weavermariane@gmail.com

Marian Weaver

Fellowship Group

Sun, thunder, lightning, and hail were all part of the September meeting so it seemed appropriate that we were sharing memories of “where was the coldest place we had lived in our lives and how we kept warm”. Putting a glass of water out overnight in the hedge with a twig in it – this was how Evelyn’s children made ice blocks in winter living down Leith Valley way. Chris recalled living in Tuapeka on the family farm and snow raking sheep with her father. Coal ranges, woollen blankets, warm kitchens and frigid bedrooms were a theme. As usual we celebrated September birthdays, and this time it was Val’s and a large bunch of Spring daffodils seemed appropriate. There will be no meeting in October as Chris and Miriam are away. However, Gaynor has invited Fellowship members to her musical event in Summerset in October.

Miriam Vollweiler and Chris Young

Cheese and Corn Chowder

Another recipe from the Fellowship Group’s Soup Kitchen in August – contributed by Marion Rae.

Combine in a saucepan

½ cup water

2 cups diced potatoes

1 cup diced carrot

1 cup chopped celery

1 tsp salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Add

1 tin of cream-style corn.

Simmer a further five minutes and add

1½ cups milk

⅔ cup of grated cheese

Stir until the cheese melts and chowder is heated through. Do not boil.



This recipe came from the *More -With –Less Cookbook* first published in 1976 by the Mennonites in America. This collection of 500 recipes collected from Mennonite families was the idea of Doris Longacre who with her husband had been Mennonite missionaries in Indonesia during the early 70s. Sadly she died from breast cancer at the age of 39 before her second book, *Living More-With-Less*, was published. Our family has been enjoying this soup for about 40 years. It is great on a cold winter’s night. I have made adjustments over the years and use skim milk and Edam cheese – and a few flakes of chilli add a bit of zing. This recipe serves four.

The Longest Word

During Chat Time on 27 August, Clare challenged the children to find the longest word in the dictionary. They didn't report back, but that evening the *Signal* editor was sent this word: *hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia*. At 36 letters and 15 syllables, it may be the second or third longest word in the English language. A noun, it is defined in the Collins dictionary as *the name given to the phobia of long words*. There are apparently some longer words, but they are generally artificially contrived – and are unlikely to be used in ordinary conversation or writing.

A later message suggested adding an 'a' in front of the 36-letter word and making it into an adjective (and a potential haiku!) by adding 'istic' to create *ahippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobic* – it would describe someone who isn't afraid of very long words.

Possibly more useful is the take-home message from Chat Time that short words can be very important – such as me, us, God, love, and peace.

A Rainbow Table

During the service on 10 September, Abby Smith challenged the children to decorate the communion table with Post-it notes in a range of colours while the congregation sang three verses of Colin Gibson's 'Rainbow' song about colour and variety ("declaring God's delight / in the multitudinous colours / of a multifarious world"). They then worked at the back of the church on creating three 'stained glass windows' with more Post-it notes. Here are the end products:



Photo Abby Smith

An Eco Talk for the Season of Creation

This is an edited version of the talk Benjamin Thew gave during the service on Sunday 17 September.



An activity which I enjoy is native restoration. One Christian organisation that I do this through is A Rocha.

A Rocha means “the rock” in Portuguese. In 1983, a small seed was planted in the dry, sandy soil of southern Portugal: an innovative mission to protect and restore an ecologically significant area of wetland in God’s name. This year celebrates 40 years of roots in the soil: first in Portugal, now in landscapes on six continents in over 20 countries.

After a couple of years’ hiatus, the A Rocha group in Dunedin was relaunched in 2016. The group is organised by the Rev. Selwyn Yeoman. The group began work on a stream and wetland restoration project at Tirohanga Camp, planting flaxes and grasses along the stream banks.

Work has also included clearing weeds and planting native trees on the site of the camp’s waste-water dispersal field, which is located on the hillside overlooking the camp buildings.

The species that have been planted are cabbage trees, various coprosmas, five finger, horopito, kanuka, kahikatea, kowhai, lemon wood, rimu, silver beech, totara, and wineberry.

The trees are funded by Trees That Count. They will all exceed 5m in height and will be good for capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide. They will also bring back birdlife.

Planting native trees has its challenges with the usual pests. Although a very large pest at Tirohanga is wild deer that feed on the plants. The deer do not like horopito plants which are also known as pepper trees, so more of these will be planted. (Perhaps the deer have a salty palate!)



A recent project has been installing educational signage in front of a selection of native trees. These were funded by the Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland, and the illustrations were prepared by Sandra Morris, a highly regarded nature writer and

artist recently appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for her work. An added feature is the inclusion of QR codes so that walkers with a phone can immediately access more information from the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network site.



Dunedin A Rocha group at Tirohanga Camp working bee – Benjamin at far right

A Rocha are also involved with Save the Otago Peninsula working bees to form the future forest on the slopes of Hereweka/Harbour Cone. Planting will help stabilise the slopes, minimising erosion and therefore improving water quality in Smiths Creek, a freshwater creek which runs out into the Harbour. This will enhance the habitat of native whitebait species.

Native restoration is an ongoing project. Once the plants are in the ground they need to be protected from pests. This includes putting cages around the plants and plant releasing needs to be done by pulling long grass away from the base of the plants so that they don't get smothered.

I enjoy attending A Rocha events as it is a chance to meet new people, share a devotion and to care for creation by restoring ecosystems.

The Opoho Millennium Banner

Last month the Millennium Banner, made in 1999-2000, was taken down from the back wall of the church while a CCTV connection between the church and the Morrison Lounge was being created, and Shona Somerville volunteered to dust and clean it. Shona also found an article about the banner by Tui Bevin; a lightly edited version follows.

The idea of the Millennium Banner to celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the Opoho community at the end of the twentieth century came from the Rev. Sa Si'itia-Asi following an arts and crafts fundraising tour and worship service at Opoho Presbyterian Church. The first meeting about the banner was held on 10 July 1999 and was attended by Albert Moore, Sa Si'itia-Asi, Kirsten Westerskov and Vetia Sheat. Kirsten Westerskov presented a concept design she had made based on the rays of the sun radiating out from Signal Hill and this was adopted and developed. Marion Strang, with help from Tui Bevin, coordinated the various church and community groups involved in the banner and filled in the gaps. Eventually over 200 children and adults from the Opoho community were involved in the making of the banner. The finishing of the banner by Shona Somerville and Ina Simpson took many hours. Alan Cloughley hung the banner in the church. The banner was dedicated by the Rev. Sa Si'itia Asi on Sunday 14 May 2000. The banner created much interest and individuals and groups, and classes from Opoho School came to view it. Marion Strang and Kirsten Westerskov made cards with pictures of the banner for parishioners to purchase. Articles about the banner were written by Diane Gillian-Weeks and, with her photographs, appeared in *The Star* on 10 May 2000, *Crosslink* in June 2000 and *Harvest Field* in August 2000 although only one of the eight names accompanying the photograph was spelt correctly in the *Harvest Field* article! *The Otago Daily Times* interviewed some of the key workers and their article and photograph appeared on 11 May 2000. The banner also featured as a news item on Channel Nine television with Tui Bevin being interviewed (because she was less reluctant than the others!).

Marion Strang also wrote an account of her memories of the Opoho Millennium Banner in September 2009 and it was printed along with a version of this introduction in the *Opoho Signal* in October 2009.

This account was written later in 2000 by Tui Bevin with the help of Kirsten Westerskov and finished in November 2009 in light of the Opoho Church Centenary, which prompted the recording of memories for the future.

Guide to the Panels on the Opoho Millenium Banner



See diagram above for numbering. The numbers begin at the bottom left-hand panel, with the numbering going from outside to inside in each panel, and going around the panels clockwise from left to right of the banner

1. **Church Building, the Minister (Sa), and parishioners** by Marion Strang, Ina Simpson, Merv Edmunds and Kirsten Westerskov
2. **League of Mothers** by Nell Millar, Elizabeth Simpson and Nan McGarry
3. **Cradle Roll** by Edna King
4. **Arts and Crafts** by Ina Simpson, Jack Simpson and Marion Strang
5. **Sunday School** by Shona Somerville
The names of the children attending Sunday School in 1999 and those of Sunday School age in the church community were printed in stars inspired by the Millenium material. The children were seen as precious stars that would shine light into the future.
6. **Botanic Garden** by Kirsten Westerskov
7. Senior Youth Group Photographs of activities and members wrote their names. Coordinated by Jenny Bunce
8. **Alhambra Sports Ground** Some of the sports played at Alhambra are depicted. The scene is at night to show the Otago 150th Anniversary Fireworks which were very visible from the ground. by Marion Strang and Tui Bevin
9. **Junior Youth Group** by Agnes Oliver, Tui Bevin and Kirsten Bevin
The patchwork shows people journeying onwards and upwards to Mount Cargill which is the peak on the skyline with television transmitter as seen from Opoho. The names of the children attending Junior Youth Group in 1999 are embroidered along the bottom.
10. **Association of Presbyterian Women and Mission Support** by Rayben Malasa, Margaret Robertson and Edna King

11. **Friendship Group** by Mignon McPhail
The Scrabble letters and cards represent the activities of the group that met weekly in the Morrison Lounge.
12. **Music** by Edith Bond
The pictures represent music in worship, the adult and children's choirs and music group at church; and music groups in the Opoho community such as the recorder group, the strings group etc.
13. **Opoho's Name** by Tui Bevin
The origin of the name Opoho as described in *On the Slopes of Signal Hill* by E.W. Blair and E. Kerse, Otago Heritage Books (1998) says: O-poho simply means "Poho's place" after Poho an 18th century Ngatiwairua chief, and reminds us of the 800-900 years of Maori presence in the area before the arrival of European settlers.
14. **Cross and Signal Hill Monument** by Sa Si'itia-Asi and Peter Strang
The panel was inspired by our church's mission statement and our commitment to make Jesus Christ known as the light of Christ shines into us and we reflect it out into the community around us.
The cross is suspended over the Signal Hill Monument which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Waitangi, however the monument was not constructed until the 1950s due to World War 2. It incorporates a piece of rock from Edinburgh Castle, an anniversary gift from Scotland. Bronze figures symbolize the past and the future.
15. **Church Groups** by Albert Moore and Kirsten Bevin
Discussion around the table represents the many study groups, courts, and committees of Opoho Church.
16. **Alpha Study Group** by Sa Si'itia-Asi
Represents the Alpha programme run in the parish and the mini Alpha run by the North End parishes in 1999.
17. **Northern Cemetery** by Merv Edmunds and Marion Strang
Features Larnach's tomb and the tall needle spire of the grave of Hattie Arthur, Peter Strang's mother. The fences around the graves have symbolic designs.
18. **Opoho Scouts** by Fiona Stirling and Shona Somerville
The scarf of the Scouting Opoho group is used with various scout badges from different times.
19. **University of Otago and Knox College** by Kirsten Westerskov
Coats of arms by Carol Thorley and the trenches, trees and Knox buildings.
20. **Time Out Club** by Hana Mauigoa
Photographs depicting the children and activities of the club.

21. **Tannock Glen and Opoho Nursery** by Vetia and Norman Sheat and Marion Strang
Features rhododendrons which have been cultivated by Jim Bond who has been generous to the church, community and the Botanic Garden with the gifts of his plants.
22. **Ballet and Highland Dancing** by Margaret O’Cain and Shannon Clarke
23. **Opoho Bowls** by Ina Simpson
This panel represents both the indoor and outdoor bowling clubs in Opoho.
24. **Opoho School** co-ordinated by Jenny Clarke, principal.
The staff and pupils at Opoho School in 1999 wrote their names around the school’s logo.
25. **SPCA and Animal Haven** by Marion Strang
26. **Opoho Play Centre** co-ordinated by Anna Fitchett
27. **Opoho Suburb on the Slopes of Signal Hill**
Along the bottom is embroidered (by Tui) the Opoho Presbyterian Church’s mission statement. This statement had been developed by the parish during the ministry of the Rev. Dana Livesay and states: *“The God we gather to worship calls us to share the good news Jesus Christ brought us and to help each other become part of what God is doing around us being actively involved in the life of our community and nurturing each other in a fellowship of accepting love.”*



The banner in 2000 held by Tui Bevin, Kai Westerkov, Marion Strang, Kirsten Westerskov, Shona Somerville. Sa Si 'itia-Asi (Minister), Vetia Sheat, and Ina Simpson.

Grounds Working Bee



We have a grounds working bee planned for **Saturday 14 October 9 a.m.-12 noon** inclusive of morning tea – bring garden trowel, spade, secateurs, loppers etc. for tidying up and planting of some shrubs. Morning tea and time for a chat a key part of the event.



Strength and Balance Class

Tuesdays at 1.30 pm, Opoho Church hall

Join us to improve your strength and balance. Falls are not a natural part of ageing. Falls ARE preventable! Steady As You Go© has been shown to provide continuous improvements in strength, balance, mobility, flexibility, and coordination.

When: Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM

Where: Opoho Presbyterian Church, Signal Hill Road

Cost: \$3 per class (*you are welcome to just turn up!*)

Want more information: text Chris on 027 3900257

Christmas Craft Fair at Opoho, 2-3 December

Christmas is coming!

We plan a Christmas Craft Fair for early December, with handmade, homemade, special crafts and art.

If you or someone you know would like to sell their art/craft with us, please get in touch with Abby Smith

abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com or 027-606-3552.

We will be in touch later on to ask for help with other bits and pieces (wrapping, cups of tea, background music).

Abby Smith



Interfaith Matters

This is a little heart-warming story I would like to share ...

On Tuesday 14 September, I was in Oamaru with an old school friend who had had a stroke about six months ago. This has quite affected her mobility.

If you remember mid-September, the whole country received a real battering from the wind. We had bought her groceries which I was carrying and we needed to cross the road to meet up with another friend who was charging the car. I was trying to support her with my free arm, but we were making very heavy weather of it. I realised we were in danger of being blown over and so we attempted to turn around and retreat.

Suddenly there beside us was a group of lovely young people with the closest young woman saying, "Let me help you." She took my friend's other arm and we were on our way safely. One of the young men went into the middle of the road and directed the traffic away from us. I realised they were wearing name badges and the young woman's said Sister X – immediately the label Latter Day Saint or Mormon came to me and it all made sense. Their lovely white dresses and the young men's suits were not what labelled them, but their behaviour. We thanked them very much and we all went our own ways.

It was a delightful experience and they were wonderful ... actually it was a delightful **nurturing** experience.

Bronwen Strang

Poems Prayers Psalms & Prose – Ōpoho Writers' Group

Wednesday 15 November, 7 p.m.

Marine Science tea room,
first floor, **310 Castle Street.**
Last meeting for 2023.

Please bring something to read to the group. It could be by you, or by someone else. It could be new or old. It could be finished or still in draft form. It could be poetry, psalm, prose, prayer, or something



else. You could bring one or two (or even three) items to share. We try to be flexible and kind, providing only the feedback you ask for.

We are an open group. Anyone can join us if what we do would be fun or useful or helpful. Though we are a bit churchy.

Directions:

310 Castle Street is a square brick building (the old nurses' home) located almost on the corner of Frederick Street and the one-way south, between Cumberland and Hayward Colleges. You can park (legally!) in the spots between Cumberland and Marine Science. There is an entry on the south side of the building, facing Cumberland's front door. A large propellor is stuck to the wall next to it, so you can't miss it!

I will meet you there at 7 and let you in. Margaret, Andrew and I often run a car-pool from the northern end. We try to be finished by 8 p.m.

The tea room has cups, plates, a few spoons, tea, Milo, coffee-like powder, three kinds of milk, sugar, and hot water. Sometimes some of us bring a small plate of something to share, if we have extras around the house.

You can reach me on 027 606 3552 if there is any problem or question.

Abby Smith

Lectionary for October and November

Sunday 1 October - 18th Sunday after Pentecost			
Ex 17: 1-7	Ps 78: 1-4, 12-16	Phil 2: 1-13	Mt 21: 23-32
Sunday 8 October – 19th Sunday after Pentecost			
Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Ps 19	Phil 3: 4b-14	Mt 21: 33-46
Sunday 15 October – 20th Sunday after Pentecost			
Ex 32: 1-14	Ps 106: 1-6, 19-23	Phil 4: 1-9	Mt 22: 1-14
Sunday 22 October – 21st Sunday after Pentecost			
Ex 33: 12-23	Ps 99	1 Thes 1: 1-10	Mt 22: 15-22
Sunday 29 October – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost			
Deut 34: 1-12	Ps 90: 1-6, 13-17	1 Thes 2: 1-8	Mt 22: 34-46
Wednesday 1 November – All Saints			
Rev 7: 9-17	Ps 34: 1-10, 22	1 Jn 3: 1-3	Mt 5: 1-12
Sunday 5 November – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost			
Josh 3: 7-17	Ps 107: 1-7, 33-37	1 Thes 2: 9-13	Mt 23: 1-12
Sunday 12 November – 24th Sunday after Pentecost			
Josh 24: 1-3a, 14-25	Ps 78: 1-7	1 Thes 4: 13-18	Mt 25: 1-13
Sunday 19 November – 25th Sunday after Pentecost			
Judg 4: 1-7	Ps 123	1 Thes 5: 1-11	Mt 25: 14-30
Sunday 26 November – Reign of Christ			
Ez 34: 11-16, 20-24	Ps 100	Eph 1: 15-23	Mt 25: 31-46

Presbyterian Support Food Bank



Winter might officially have passed, but it's still a tough time for some. You can bring goods (nothing frozen or perishable) to church on any Sunday or you can make a cash donation for the

Food Bank via their website www.psotago.org.nz. Non-food items such as toiletries are also acceptable.

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

1 October ~ Sunday	8.30-9.30 a.m.: Pastoral Visitors' breakfast, Morrison Lounge 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, World Communion Sunday
8 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Paul Ranby 7 p.m.: Dunedin electorate political forum, in the church
11 October ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
14 October ~ Saturday	9 a.m.-12 noon: Working bee in grounds
15 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, followed by Annual Meeting
19 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 October ~ Friday	Material due for November <i>Ōpoho Signal</i>
22 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
23 October ~ Monday	Labour Day – public holiday
26 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
29 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
5 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
8 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Jane Bloore, Remembrance Sunday
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>Ōpoho Signal</i>
26 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

Note: There will be no Fellowship meeting in October.

Deadline for next *Ōpoho Signal* – Friday 20 October

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