

Opoho Signal

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Newsletter of the Opoho Presbyterian Church

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Remembering the role of women in the Bible narrative

March 2018

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Worship Services at Opoho:

Every Sunday at 10 am

Maundy Thursday, 29 March, 7 pm, Morrison Lounge

Good Friday, 30 March, 10 am

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

Women in the Bible

On Sunday 11 March we will be celebrating and remembering the role of women in the bible narrative – often unnamed, rarely given front row prominence, they nevertheless played a pivotal role in the stories of faith that we hear through the Old and New Testaments. As this is the closest Sunday to International Women’s Day (8 March 2018), it seemed an appropriate time to call to mind the daily and faithful contribution of women in the bible, especially to Jesus’ ministry and the early Christian church.

This hymn by John L Bell reminds us of some of the women. He was encouraged to write it after musing on a Sunday morning reading about Joseph’s death, and in the evening, a reading about Moses growing up. And as the preacher, he began the evening sermon saying: “I’m sorry to tell you that between this morning’s service and this evening’s service, five middle-eastern women have gone missing in this sanctuary.” He was speaking of course of Shiphrah and Puah, the defiant midwives, Moses’ sister Miriam, his mother and Pharaoh’s daughter – all of whom helped saved his life. Audacious women, Bell calls them, who need to be allowed to join the audacious men of scripture – all of whom model strength, defiance, daring and courage in the name of God.

Margaret Garland

There is a line of women, extending back to Eve
whose role in shaping history God only could conceive
and though, through endless ages, their witness was repressed
God valued and encouraged then through whom the world was
blessed

So sing a song of Sarah to laughter she gave birth
and sing a song of Tamar who stood for women’s worth
and sing a song of Hannah who bargained with her Lord
and sing a song of Mary who bore and bred God’s Word

There is a line of women who took on powerful men
defying laws and scruples to let life live again
and though, despite their triumph, their stories stayed untold
God kept their number growing, creative strong and bold
So sing a song of Shiphrah with Puah in her hand
engaged to kill male children they foiled the king’s command
and sing a song of Rahab who sheltered spies and lied
and sing a song of Esther, preventing genocide

There is a line of women who stood by Jesus’ side
who housed him while he ministered and held him when he died
and though they claimed he’d risen their news was deemed
suspect
till Jesus stood among them, his womanly elect
So sing a song of Anna who saw Christ’s infant face
and sing a song of Martha who gave him food and space
and sing of all the Marys who heeded his requests
and now at heaven’s banquet are Jesus’ fondest guests.

Words: John L Bell 2002

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## ***Parish Council Report***

The parish picnic at Fiona and Henrik’s place by the sea was a most pleasant way to relax together in a glorious setting. Thank you to our hosts for their generous hospitality.

We look forward to the baptism of Theodore John Mander on 11 March and we hope you can join us at worship on this special day for the Mander family.

Opoho Church hosted the Southern Presbytery’s Dunedin North Otago Resource Group during February. Kerry Enright, the planning team convenor, commented when he thanked us that:

*The setting was excellent... The food was superb. Healthy*

*and substantial and the pancakes entirely apt. A very big thank you... Opoho people [were] welcoming and engaging and friendly, from before the front door, to the musicians, to the servers, to the participants. A real sense of whole body help.*

So a big thank you to all who so willingly helped make the evening a success and in the process \$257.50 was added to our coffers.

The Presbyterian Church meets in General Assembly every two years. At our Parish Council meeting in February, we were asked to commission an elder for the next General Assembly, which is to take place in Christchurch in early October this year. Mary Somerville has agreed to be Opoho's Commissioner for 2018, and it will be her first experience of Assembly. We were also asked to put forward names for the Moderator of the Southern Presbytery for 2018-20, after the withdrawal of the only nominee; and for the Moderator of the General Assembly for 2020-2022.

A big thank you to an anonymous Opoho donor who paid for a gardener to come and prune the rhododendrons on the Signal Hill Road frontage. Their expertise and the willing hands of a few parishioners made such a difference to our gardens. Thank you to those who laboured in the drizzle to make our grounds enjoyable for us all.

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Thank you to members of the Property & Finance Committee and especially Alan Cloughley for water blasting the paths and walls and painting the deck. The exterior woodwork of the church and hall is scheduled to be painted in the next month or so.

As we prepare for the fair on Saturday 12 May, we are holding a working bee on the morning of Saturday 17 March. We hope to see as many as possible there, as the more people who come, the more will be done.

Following on from the Parish Council retreat late last year, Parish Council is setting up a small group to do some long term envisioning of our future as a parish. Please keep this group and all those who give of their time and talents to Opoho Church in your prayers.

This time of year offers a richness of extra worship opportunities: the North End World Day of Prayer service, the Lenten Wednesday Worship series, the Maundy Thursday evening service, the Good Friday morning service and the Easter Dawn service at Mt Cargill. I am not a morning person, but the service at Mt Cargill as the sun rises behind the end of the peninsula is certainly worth getting up early for.

***Tui Bevin***

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News from the Parish, and from the Wider Church

- ❖ Welcome home to those who have recently returned from travels around New Zealand, and around the world. We are delighted to see you safely home. To those who are away from Dunedin, we keep you in our prayers, and look forward to your safe return, when the time is right!
 - ❖ We remember in our prayers the families of the Rev Robin Smith and of Gordon Evans, who have died recently.
 - ❖ We send our best wishes with Ned Spencer, who has moved to Christchurch. Having completed his BSc in Economics, he has landed a job at Ernst & Young as an infrastructure analyst. He will be coming home in May to graduate, so you can ask him what that means, then!
 - ❖ Congratulations to Sir Lloyd Geering, who celebrated his 100th birthday on 26 February. Lloyd was the minister of this parish from 1945 to 1950. In his autobiography he writes that the parish consisted of two long parallel streets with other smaller streets in between. The implication was that he walked the streets doing his pastoral visiting. When he attended the parish centenary, he still remembered where some of the people lived. Sadly, his wife Nancy died while he was the minister here. A memorial plaque is in the Morrison Lounge. Neither Lloyd nor any members of the parish had any inkling, nearly 70 years ago, what his future was to be.
 - ❖ Congratulations also to Judy Rodda, who swam 1500 metres among the white caps in Otago Harbour, during the recent Masters Games (without drowning, she adds!), and was awarded the Gold Medal in her age group.
- And to Hamish Spencer and John Stenhouse, who are two of the three co-authors of the newly-published book "Eugenics at the Edge of Empire". You can read more at <https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/campus/university-of-otago/prominent-nzers-once-keen-eugenics>

or listen at

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018632493/professor-hamish-spencer-eugenics-at-the-edge-of-empire>

- ❖ Alaina O'Byrne has written from Vancouver, sharing the excitement (before the thaw...) of a late, and deep (30cm) snowfall. The family are all doing well, and very busy. Arthur says he thinks everyone should go to visit them, a sentiment which is echoed by Colin, Alaina and Cole!

from our Correspondents

Please do pass on to Andrea Johnston any news and snippets you come across, for inclusion in Parish News.

Andrea's contact details are on Page 17.

Property and Finance Update

Current offerings: \$34,852.

Budget: \$36,180 (to the end of December 2017).

This is a shortfall of \$221 per month.

Most members of the congregation recognise that our funding is almost entirely from regular giving, and the budgeted offerings amount is the minimal giving we need to balance the books. We do not have a system of forward pledging and instead rely on bringing the figures before the congregation and requesting ongoing committed regular giving, and your review of your giving on an annual or semi-annual basis.

For people who wish to start regular giving, the bank details for direct credit and internet payments are:

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

Name of Account: Opoho Presbyterian Deacon's Court Inc

Account Number: 06 0909 0010868 00

If you experience any problems setting up payments, please contact Brian Cunningham 473 7204.

Mark Bevin

*Dunedin North Otago Resource Group Meeting
at Opoho Church*

On Tuesday 13 February, the Dunedin North Otago Resource Group of the Southern Presbytery met at Opoho Church for an evening of food, sharing and learning together.

We began the evening with an amazing meal and fellowship as over 40 people gathered to share food and fellowship before the speakers. It was hard to tear ourselves away to move into the church for the next part of the evening. The Rev Margaret Garland welcomed us to Opoho church with devotions based on a liturgy by Dorothy McRae-MacMahon.

After the initial welcome the Rev Kerry Enright, the convenor of the DNO Resource Group planning team, welcomed our first speaker the Rev Doug Gay, who is a Lecturer in Practical Theology at the University of Glasgow. Doug spoke wisely and with much care about “*Innovation, Culture and Mission*” – in the early church of Scotland and churches of today. It brought a new perspective to us about the history of the Church of Scotland in New Zealand, and how the heritage of the church in Scotland continues to play a part in the innovation, culture and mission of the Presbyterian Church in this region.

Margaret Garland and Tui Bevin spoke next about some of the things happening at Opoho; different avenues of mission within and moving outward from our church. The Bible Book A Month study group is moving through the bible, for those who seek to read the bible and grow more in its wisdom. Wednesday evening services, preceded by a meal, attract many through the year. Finally they spoke of the Psalm Writing evenings where folk meet to share Psalms they have written. Tui and Margaret then each shared a Psalm they had written.

The final speaker was the Rev Alan Judge, who talked about what is happening in our Southern Presbytery. This included information about the upcoming General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, to be held in Christchurch in October this year.

The people of Opoho church were gracious in their welcome and the

food was some of the best we have ever had at a Dunedin North Otago event. You can read some of Kerry Enright’s ‘thank you’ comments in Tui’s Parish Council Report.

The evening ended with a blessing and conversation continued as folk made their way home.

Mary Somerville

Mary is an elder at Opoho Church, and a member of the DNO Resource Group planning team.

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***Working Bee***  
***Saturday 17 March 9 am until 12.30 pm***

Our next working Bee is Saturday 17 March, from 9 am to 12.30 pm, and we need as many people as possible.

This will be the third session in February/March as we attempt to bring the luxuriant growth under control, and attend to some overdue interior cleaning. Gardeners, cleaners, and morning tea makers all needed.

Apart from the lawn mowing, and the small group who keep the Farquharson street frontage tidy and loved, we do not have any regular grounds maintenance. Thus we rely on working bees and since two per year is not really coping with the needs, we are hoping that four will do so!

**Mark Bevin, Property & Finance**

***Lenten Choir***

Would you like to sing as part of worship on Palm Sunday (25 March) or Easter Sunday (1 April)?

Please join the Lenten Choir!

We will practice each Sunday in March, after church - at about 11.30 am.

For information contact Abby Smith: email [abby.smith@otago.ac.nz](mailto:abby.smith@otago.ac.nz) or phone 473-0150.

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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-Mar	Jane Bloore Jenny Bunce	Cunninghams	Marian Weaver	—	David Murray	Jane Bloore	Activities at back of church	Christine Cleugh	Jane Bloore
11-Mar	Judy Rodda Marian Weaver	Jane Bloore Gregor Macaulay	Jenny Bunce	Marian Weaver	Mark Bevin	Jane Bloore		Christine Cleugh	Jane Bloore
18-Mar	Tui Bevin Jenny Roxborough	John Stenhouse Marian Weaver	Maurice Andrew	—	Gaynor Haig	Allison Mulder		Mulders	Cunninghams
25-Mar	Abby Smith Hamish Spencer	Andrew Smith Mike Garland	Daniel Larsen	—	Music Group and Choir	Allison Mulder		Mulders	Cunninghams
1-Apr Easter Day	Jane Bloore Jenny Rodda	Michael Ovens John Somerville	Gregor Macaulay	—	David Murray	Jane Bloore	Activities at back of church	Chris Young	Jane Bloore
8-Apr	Hospital Chapel Service 10.30am. No morning service at Opoho								
15-Apr	Tony Parry Bronwen Strang	Shona & Philip Somerville	Tui Bevin	—	Gaynor Haig	Shona Somerville		Bronwen Strang	Shona & Philip Somerville

Thank you so much to all who contribute now, and have contributed in the past, to these activities.

Gardeners and Working Bee helpers: An especial thanks to those who keep on with the work of maintaining the church grounds; and to those who regularly and tirelessly come along to Working Bees.

On that note - our next **Working Bee** is on Saturday 17 March. See the notice on Page 9.

The Girl Child Who Refused to be Missing

The sun slipped behind Silver Peaks.
It was evening.

A girl child was there. *I want to go
to church with you, she'd said.
I don't want to stay home.*

There were women, one pregnant,
another the preacher. There were men.
The girl child did not know
they were only men
at that last but first table.
She had not seen da Vinci's tableau.

In the room up the stairs she sat on Morfar
as they squeezed around the table:
a bowl and water, candles and coins,
glasses and cloths, bread and 'wine'.
They sang: *Tama ngakau marie,
tama a te Atua, tenei tonu matou,
arohaina mai.*

There was silence.

Into the silence erupted a short, sharp fart.
*That was me, owned up the girl child's
two-year-and-ten-month voice.*

The girl child shared supper:
fragrant fresh bread
'wine' from kitchen glasses.
She spoke again into silence,
I want some more.

No-one left quietly. Instead
they ate more bread,
drank more 'wine' and chatted
about how the last supper
was incomplete

without women, without children.

Tui Bevin

Tui wrote this poem after Rosalie attended the 2015 Maundy Thursday service in the Morrison Lounge, here at Opoho Church.

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## *Palm Sunday*

No donkey this time  
but a borrowed Honda 550,  
Jesus riding into town  
with a black leather jacket,  
jeans frayed at the knees,  
and L-O-V-E tattooed  
on the knuckles of his right hand.

Those who saw him  
said his smile was like the sun,  
warming shadowed corners  
and causing the way to blossom  
unexpectedly.

Those who saw him told  
of all the light left over  
to be taken home and set  
in eyes, in hearts  
and at windows for strangers.

It was like a miracle,  
they said.

The rest of us missed it.  
We were in another part of the city,  
waiting for the Messiah.

**Joy Cowley**

No 46 in *Aotearoa Psalms Prayers of a New People*, Pleroma  
Christian Supplies

## *Opoho Church Picnic 2018*

Anxious weather-watchers may have wondered how Saturday 10 February would turn out, but in the end it was glorious. For the second year in a row, about 20 of us, young and old, headed out to Tumai in lovely sunshine, thanks to the generous invitation of Fiona Sterling and Henrik Møller.

If you have not been there, you will not know what a fabulous place it is, and how they have transformed a bare piece of hillside into an oasis of growing things. Many hours of back-breaking labour must have gone into planting, nurturing, and transporting the thousands of natives that now flank the hillside. Atop the hill stands a sensitively designed home, which makes the most of the stunning views out to sea across the mouth of the Pleasant River. Last, but by no means least, there is a veggie garden that would make Monty Don envious!

On our arrival at this estuary Eden, we were greeted by Henrik wielding a welcome pot of coffee. Some just soaked up the view, while others, caffeined-up, took to the rising tide in kayaks, to work up an appetite for lunch.

Warned of Mark Bevin's 'unorthodox' methods of competition, John Barclay kept a careful eye out for where his fellow kayaker attempted to hitch a tow, but the threat of a race subsided when blisters appeared on delicate hands, unused to wet paddles. However, the spirit of competition was bound to appear elsewhere, and erupted in games of petanque, where the slightly uneven grass made the game a challenge for all!

In between, we enjoyed a wonderful pot-luck lunch, with meat provided and excellently BBQ-ed by Henrik. When, after playing, sitting, or paddling, we sadly headed home, we were all hoping that Opoho has now established a new 'tradition'.

***John and Diana Barclay***

John and Diana are in Dunedin for John's sabbatical leave, for the third time. They were here first in 2000, then in 2009-10, but of course this one was nicely timed to miss a freezing British winter and to enjoy the best Dunedin summer for years! They are normally based in the north-east of England, where they teach at Durham University.

## *Fundraising*

A critical contributor to our financial balance is the annual fair and this year is no exception. Please get behind this as much as possible.

This year there is no art exhibition and sale of art-works, and we need ideas both for fundraising, and especially a willingness to get behind an idea – coordinate and /or help.

What ideas do you have? Have you seen anything that has been successful, fun, not actually costing the parishioners more than it raises, and that, most importantly, you would like to be personally involved in?

Some of the ideas floated so far:

Concert(s); Quiz evening(s); Community dinner with the "blokes" cooking and serving the meal - \$40 a head.

3 projects raising about \$3-400 each will compensate for the absence of the art exhibition. Please put your thinking caps on.

***Mark Bevin, Property & Finance***

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Knox Christchurch and Opoho - together in dialogue on climate change.

On Sunday 29 April expect some visitors at Opoho from Knox Church in Christchurch. On the following weekend some of us plan to head north to share a day with the people of Knox. Together in the morning service we plan to offer a shared liturgy with song and poetry and reflection on the impact of climate change and our response as Christian community. In the afternoon we will hear from Bronwyn Hayward, a political scientist at Canterbury University on her book *Sea change: climate politics and New Zealand*. There will be a panel of local people who bring differing perspectives and experiences to share. There will be plenty of time for discussion as well.

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### *Early Christianity and the Survival of the Poor*

On Tuesday 20 March at 5.15 pm at Archway 4 lecture theatre, Professor John Barclay will speak on 'Early Christianity and the Survival of the Poor'. All are very welcome.

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Bible Book A Month Discussions

7.30 pm Thursday 1 March ~ Joel

7.30 pm Thursday 5 April ~ Amos

The March Bible Discussion is on the book of Amos.

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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*Continuing Psalm Writing for Today*

*6.30pm - 8 pm Wednesday 17 April*

Throughout 2017, a group has been looking at Psalms in all their biblical and modern day shapes and sizes, and we have penned new psalms. Some have been printed in previous issues of the *Signal*, and there are more to come!

We will meet next on Wednesday 17 April at 129 Signal Hill Road, with shared takeaways for tea. Please RSVP to Margaret or Tui that you are coming, by 4 pm that day.

It is not too late to decide to come along - you might have a psalm to share or perhaps you would like to simply sit in, and join in the conversation. If you have any questions, or would like to come along this month, please talk to the Minister.

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Movie Group

The next movie group meeting is on Thursday 8 March at 7.00 pm, at 1 McGregor Street. Details of the month's movie will be included in the Sunday notices, closer to the time. Contact Shona Somerville for information, email shonahsomerville@gmail.com phone 473-8862.

Journey to Easter: the Lent Wednesday Worship Series

7 March ~ My love came through the city

14 March ~ The Paschal Way

21 March ~ Body Language

This is the fourth year of sharing in Wednesday Worship and there has been a wide range of topics and approaches. This year for Lent we are exploring the relationship with, the dialogue between scripture and some contemporary New Zealand writing under the banner of 'Journey to Easter'. We are mainly using the lectionary Gospel readings alongside the works of Andrew Norton, Shirley Murray, James K Baxter, Joy Cowley and Susan Jones.

Whether you have been before or not, can I encourage you to come along this Lent and join us in what is always a challenging time of discovery and reflection in our church year.

The light meal is at 6.30 pm and the service begins at 7 pm.

Margaret Garland

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*Interfaith Matters*

An interesting public meeting is planned for the afternoon of Saturday 24 March. Dr Maureen Sier, who is the full-time Director of Interfaith Scotland, will be in Dunedin and has offered to speak on "*Finding faith in a secular world: How interfaith engagement is revolutionising religion*". I will be able to tell you more of this (venue, time etc) closer to the date, but maybe mark it on your calendar now.

**Bronwen Strang**

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Deadline for next *Opoho Signal* - Thursday 15 March

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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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| <b>Calendar for early April</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| The calendar for March is on the back page. |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1 April ~ Sunday                            | 7 am: Combined Easter Dawn service. Mt Cargill<br>10 am: Worship with Holy Communion and Choir. Rev Margaret Garland                                                       |
| 4 April ~ Wednesday                         | 8 pm: Property & Finance Committee meeting                                                                                                                                 |
| 5 April ~ Thursday                          | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Amos</i><br>129 Signal Hill Road                                                                                                      |
| 8 April ~ Sunday                            | 10.30 am: Worship at Hospital Chapel<br>11.30 am Pastoral Care & Community Committee meeting in Margaret's study<br>5 pm: Children's Easter Service with tea in the Church |
| 12 April ~ Thursday                         | 7 pm: Movie Group                                                                                                                                                          |
| 15 April ~ Sunday                           | 8.15 am: Pastoral Carers' breakfast<br>10 am: Worship: Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                                |

| <b>Lectionary readings, 4 March to 1 April 2018<br/>in Year B, the Year of Mark</b> |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
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| <b>Sunday 4 March - 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>                                          |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Ex 20: 1-17                                                                         | Ps 19                                          | 1 Cor 1: 18-25                                 | Jn 2: 13-22                                                                                    |
| <b>Sunday 11 March - 4th Sunday in Lent</b>                                         |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Num 21: 4-9                                                                         | Ps 107: 1-3,<br>17-22                          | Eph 2: 1-10                                    | Jn 3: 14-21                                                                                    |
| <b>Sunday 18 March - 5th Sunday in Lent</b>                                         |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Jer 31: 31-34                                                                       | Ps 51: 1-12 <i>or</i><br>Ps 119: 9-16          | Heb 5: 5-10                                    | Jn 12: 20-33                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 25 March - Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday</b>                              |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| None <i>or</i><br>Is 50: 4-9a                                                       | Ps 118: 1-2,<br>19-29 <i>or</i><br>Ps 31: 9-16 | None <i>or</i><br>Phil 2: 5-11                 | Mk 11: 1-11 <i>or</i><br>Jn 12: 12-16<br><br>Mk 14: 1- 15: 47 <i>or</i><br>Mk 15: 1-39 (40-47) |
| <b>Holy Week</b>                                                                    |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| <b>Monday 26 March</b>                                                              |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Is 42: 1-9                                                                          | Ps 36: 5-11                                    | Heb 9: 11-15                                   | Jn 12: 1-11                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 27 March</b>                                                             |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Is 49: 1-7                                                                          | Ps 71: 1-14                                    | 1 Cor 1: 18-31                                 | Jn 12: 20-36                                                                                   |
| <b>Wednesday 28 March</b>                                                           |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Is 50: 4-9a                                                                         | Ps 70                                          | Heb 12: 1-3                                    | Jn 13: 21-32                                                                                   |
| <b>Maundy Thursday - 29 March</b>                                                   |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Ex 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14                                                           | Ps 116: 1-2,<br>12-19                          | 1 Cor 11: 23-26                                | Jn 13: 1-17, 31b-35                                                                            |
| <b>Good Friday - 30 March</b>                                                       |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Is 52: 13-53:12                                                                     | Ps 22                                          | Heb 10: 16-25<br><i>or</i> Heb 4: 4-16, 5: 7-9 | Jn 18: 1- 19:42                                                                                |
| <b>Holy Saturday - 31 March</b>                                                     |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Job 14: 1-14 <i>or</i><br>Lam 3: 1-9, 19-24                                         | Ps 31: 1-4,<br>15-16                           | 1 Peter 4: 1-8                                 | Mt 27: 57-66 <i>or</i><br>Jn 19: 38-42                                                         |
| <b>Easter Dawn - Sunday 1 April</b>                                                 |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Ex 14: 10-31,<br>15: 20-21                                                          | Ps 114                                         | Rom 6: 3-11                                    | Mk 16: 1-8                                                                                     |
| <b>Easter Day - Sunday 1 April</b>                                                  |                                                |                                                |                                                                                                |
| Acts 10: 34-43<br><i>or</i><br>Is 25: 6-9                                           | Ps 118: 1-2,<br>14-24                          | 1 Cor 15: 1-11<br><i>or</i><br>Acts 10: 34-43  | Jn 20: 1-18 <i>or</i><br>Mk 16: 1-8                                                            |

## Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in March

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| 1 March ~ Thursday                                   | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Joel</i><br>129 Signal Hill Road                                                                                 |
| 2 March ~ Friday                                     | 7 pm: World Day of Prayer. St Mark's, Pine Hill                                                                                                       |
| 4 March ~ Sunday                                     | 10.00 am: Worship with Quarterly Communion.<br>Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                   |
| 7 March ~<br>Wednesday                               | 6.30 pm: light meal at the back of church<br>7 pm: Wednesday Worship: Journey to Easter.<br><i>My Love came through the City</i> by James K<br>Baxter |
| 8 March ~ Thursday                                   | 7 pm: Movie Group. 1 McGregor Street (use the<br>door down the driveway).                                                                             |
| 11 March ~ Sunday                                    | 10 am Worship with baptism of Theodore John<br>Mander. Rev Margaret Garland                                                                           |
| 14 March ~<br>Wednesday                              | 6.30 pm: light meal at the back of church<br>7 pm: Wednesday Worship: Journey to Easter.<br><i>The Paschal Way</i> by Joy Cowley.                     |
| 15 March ~ Thursday                                  | 7.30 pm: Parish Council discussion meeting.<br>Morrison Lounge<br>April <i>Opoho Signal</i> deadline                                                  |
| 17 March ~ Saturday                                  | 9 am to 12.30 pm. Working Bee at the church.                                                                                                          |
| 18 March ~ Sunday                                    | 10.00 am: Worship. Rev Peter Wishart                                                                                                                  |
| 21 March ~<br>Wednesday                              | 6.30 pm: Light meal at the back of church<br>7 pm: Wednesday Worship with Communion:<br>Journey to Easter <i>Body Language</i> by Susan<br>Jones.     |
| 25 March ~ Sunday                                    | 10.00 am: Worship for Palm Sunday with Music<br>Group & Choir. Rev Margaret Garland.                                                                  |
| 28 March ~<br>Wednesday                              | 2.00 pm: Fellowship Group. Morrison Lounge<br>Speaker: Diana Barclay about weaving.                                                                   |
| 29 March ~ Thursday                                  | 7 pm: Maundy Thursday service in the Morrison<br>Lounge. Rev Margaret Garland                                                                         |
| 30 March ~ Thursday                                  | 10 am: Good Friday Service. Rev Margaret<br>Garland                                                                                                   |
| The calendar for the early part of April is on P. 18 |                                                                                                                                                       |

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