

*Opoho Signal*  
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*via email*

# Opoho Signal

## Newsletter of the Opoho Presbyterian Church

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*This month we begin our celebration of  
the 'Season of Creation'*

## September 2017

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***Worship Services at Opoho:***

**Every Sunday at 10 am**

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

## September Editorial

Once upon a time - lots of good stories start that way - well, at this time of this story, there was a Sunday School teacher who was coming up with a Sunday School lesson. Poring over the lectionary readings, she was a bit worried that the topics were both too complicated and too much for the age group she was going to be teaching. Pentecost. Tongues of Flame. Speaking in tongues. All people hearing their own language. No-one was set apart for any reason. Everyone was touched and full of the explosive power of the Holy Spirit.

And then, from the depths of her own childhood, a song slid between the neurons and rose to the surface of her consciousness; she began to hum..."red and yellow black and white, they are precious in His sight ... Jesus loves the little children of the world...". To quote Sheldon from The Big Bang Theory: BAZINGA! The teacher loved playing with modelling clay and homemade flour, and water clay would be FUN to make and the colours could be created from her stock of cake decorating colours... On a roll, and the idea took shape and form... except – wait some gluten intolerance might make using the clay impossible for some of the children. Off to Dr Google and researching other varieties of clay...hmmm rice flour, could do that...

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right, new plan, rice flour clay and away the happy teacher went - still humming the tune happily.

Clay made and coloured. Wickedly cool, multi-coloured red and yellow and black and white, a variety of people in poses of praise! Cut out some paper tongues of flame for the children to attach to the heads and she had her lesson sorted.

Later in the evening, the Sunday School teacher found the figures were still not quite dry enough to stand and so she popped them into her oven for a short period of baking. Hmmm, still not quite dry after an hour at a low temperature. Feeling very satisfied that all would be well, she chose to turn off the oven and leave them to cool as the oven cooled overnight, ready to gather them up to go to church the next morning.

The next morning - aka Sunday - was bright and cheery as was our Sunday School teacher as she wandered into the kitchen to extract her creations from the oven. OMG literally! The people of praise now resembled a chaotic mass of lumpified colour! Panic short and swift!!! Jump into action and get a new activity sorted for the children! Feel sorry for herself that her plan was foiled. New plan was done, but nowhere near as much fun, sigh.... Take the colourful lumps to show the children – maybe they would see even adults make mistakes and that is ok too.

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Mistakes, hmmm, maybe God was showing her it was not a mistake to see the world as a colourful lump of humanity! Maybe, it is better not to see one colour but to see all colours and have them so intertwined that we are one and the same, not one colour, but all colours! Maybe, just maybe, her God's sense of humour was shining forth and helping her to see that plans are meant to be changed and even in the midst of lumps of colourful clay God does speak to us.

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The Sunday School teacher is me, and I am an expat of North America, specifically the Southeast, so after 23 years in New Zealand I can still claim to be full of GRITS - an acronym for Girl Raised In The South. I am known as Judith Lynn Rodda, formally, or Judy Rodda, or Nathan and Emma's Mom, or Kirk's wife. I am a PPK, also an acronym, for Presbyterian Preachers Kid - my dad being a minister for the past 60 years I think it is now. I have been a member of Opoho parish since 2006 and Knox parish prior to that, from 1995 to 2006. I was ordained an Elder in 1997 and only recently here at Opoho took up active duty on the Parish Council. I cannot imagine my life without a relationship with God. I love hugs, and bad verbal puns. And, I love life amongst 'these friends of mine' in Opoho and Dunedin (while residing in the sunnier suburb of Andy Bay with a pretty good view of the ocean :-D )

***Judy Rodda***

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### ***Parish Council Report***

Opoho Church has just participated in the minister's three yearly Ministry Development Review, and I am delighted to report that this was a positive experience for all concerned. This means that Margaret now has a Certificate of Good Standing from the PCANZ for the next three years.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 24 September after church. The reports for the meeting will be available beforehand. We encourage everyone to attend. The budget for the coming year was discussed at the August Council meeting, during which we were warmed by a newly donated heater. Thank you to the generous donor.

Thank you to Maurice Andrew and Simon Rae who stepped in for Margaret to take a service at Ross Home, which was appreciated by the residents there.

Congratulations to Megan Somerville and her partner Ben (and to grandparents Philip and Shona), on the birth of Finn, in Palmerston North. We look forward to meeting Finn when they are down in Dunedin.

We offer deep sympathies to Marian Weaver and her family on the recent death of her husband, Ross White. Ross was a gifted wordsmith who compered one of our fundraising concerts for Helena Goldie in 2002 reciting poems between items. He wrote the occasional erudite piece for the Opoho Signal and was the previous co-editor of the Signal with Marian. His funeral here at Opoho filled the church and those attending the afternoon tea in the hall were treated to a lovely selection of songs from a barbershop chorus group.

We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of Phyllis Vercoe who died recently at Ross Home. She lived in Signal Hill Road, was a past moderator of the Dunedin Presbytery, was a member of Knox Church and was Convenor of our Board of Nomination during the ministerial vacancy between Dana Livesay and Sa Si'itia-Asi.

A big thanks to Afife Harris for recently bringing her surplus food to church one Sunday after the farmer's market was cancelled because of the weather. It was a really generous act for her community and we very much appreciate her continuing work for the community here in Dunedin.

We continue to pray for those in the parish who are facing difficult times with personal challenges, health issues and bereavements.

We celebrate the Season of Creation in the church during September and the first week of October. The coming Wednesday Worship series, beginning on 13 September has the theme of Creation, and this is also the focus of a children's service on Sunday 10 September at 4.30 pm.

On Sunday 17 September there will be a shared lunch in the hall after church as we celebrate with Val and Laurie Williams their 65th wedding anniversary. We hope you can join us along with members of their family.

The Electoral Candidates' Meeting will be held on Sunday 17 September at 7 pm in the Church. We look forward to another informative and entertaining evening.

Opoho Church has study nights in months where there are no Wednesday Worship series, which means that our next and final study night for the year will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22 November. We are delighted that Ann Gilroy, the Editor of Tui Motu, the independent Catholic magazine, (<http://www.tuimotu.org>) will speak to us. Copies of Tui Motu are available at the Hewitson Library and Dunedin Public Library, and single copies of the most recent issue are available at Full of Grace, the Catholic shop, in the Lower Octagon.

**Tui Bevin**

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

- ❖ We remember in our prayers:  
Marian Weaver and her family, and all the family and friends of Marian's husband Ross White, who died recently.
- ❖ Some Opoho people have recently arrived home – welcome back! Some are about to head away for adventures short or long – travel safely, enjoy your travels, and we look forward to welcoming you home, on your return.
- ❖ On 13 September 1952, Valma (Val, nee) Williams married Laurence (Laurie) Williams. That's 65 years ago!  
Val and Laurie have invited members of their family to join them at Opoho for morning worship and a parish luncheon in the hall, on **Sunday 17 September**. They most warmly invite the people of Opoho to celebrate with them, and to stay for luncheon in the church hall after worship.
- ❖ We thank Afife Harris for her generosity in sharing her Lebanese cuisine with the Opoho community, after the large storm, in July meant the Farmers' Market was cancelled.  
<https://www.otagofarmersmarket.org.nz/vendor/view/46/Lebanese-Cuisine>

- ❖ Congratulations to Megan Somerville and her partner Ben Valentine, who welcomed Finn Scott Valentine into their lives at 9.11 am, 9lbs 7oz, on his own day, Wednesday 2nd August, 2017 in Palmerston North. Finn arrived the day after his mother's birthday and the day before his grandma's (Shona). All well.
- ❖ Did you notice two very interesting articles recently in the ODT, in which Professor Henrik Moller, Fiona Stirling's husband, talked about developments with electric vehicles?  
<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/statistics-captured-electric-vehicles>  
<https://www.odt.co.nz/lifestyle/magazine/uploading-electric-experience>
- ❖ Don't forget....  
to come along to the Dunedin North Candidates' meeting, in the church at 7 pm on Sunday 17 September and  
to cast your vote on Saturday 23 September.
- ❖ On 5 September, two resource groups of the Southern Presbytery meet. Margaret will speak on 'Music in Worship', at the Dunedin North Otago Resource Group, while Andrew Smith travels to Invercargill with Hewitson & Archives colleagues, to speak on 'The Church in the Digital Age' at Equip South.
- ❖ **Radio Church**  
A reminder that each Sunday morning a recorded service of worship is broadcast on Otago Access Radio 105.4FM at 8.30 am. Ministers from Dunedin's inner city churches take turns to prepare and lead this service. You can find the services on-line, at [www.oar.org.nz](http://www.oar.org.nz) - listen at the time of the broadcast, or search on the Otago Access Radio website for 'Radio Church', to listen later to any of this year's broadcasts.

***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 P. 19.*

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### *Winter Wednesday Worship Series*

The first of the winter Wednesday Worship (WW) series was based on the book by Ernest Loosely: *When the Church was Young*, written in the 1930s. He explores the differences in being church then and now, and concludes that there is much to be learnt from the early church. Discussion centred round the absence, then, of buildings, denominations, dogma, in-house language, bible, and the presence then of first hand experience of Jesus, of core teachings, and a sense of awe at the very presence of God with us. While the answer was not to go back to what used to be, the questioning of what we have become through the lens of the early church offers some real insight into the way we could renew and re-energise the church today.

Grace was the focus of the WW service led by John Stenhouse. He asked the congregation to reflect on and respond to a series of questions. What did 'grace' mean to you? How did you experience God's grace? What was it like to be in the presence of a gracious person? How could we be gracious to others? We then watched a short YouTube presentation by John Barclay, Lightfoot Professor of Divinity at the University of Durham, summarising his recent book *Paul and the Gift*. Barclay explained what the Apostle Paul meant when he described Christ as God's gracious gift to the world. Ancient religions often described God as an abundant giver of good gifts to humanity. What made Christianity distinctive, Barclay explained, was Paul's insistence on the incongruity of God's grace. In Christ, God extended love, grace, compassion and forgiveness not to the deserving and the worthy but to the undeserving and the unworthy. As Paul put it: *'While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.'* Members of the congregation reflected on Barclay's insights. Our songs included *'Amazing Grace.'*

Ephesians 4:31-32: *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Meegan, and Mary Somerville, took one of the WW services, and focused on "Forgiveness". They presented different aspects of forgiveness as it reflected in our lives. Sometimes it reflects in very difficult ways for those who have been through abuse or other difficult situations, but we were able to see how Jesus taught us to focus on forgiveness as a healing process and a kind of journey we all take at times in our lives, whether that be individually or in a corporate/church setting.

The final WW service focused on wintering: a proactive approach to making the most of winter times. Just as there are seasons in nature, there are seasons in our spiritual life: the hope and new beginnings of the spring, the growth and joy of summer, the harvest and transitions of the autumn ~ and we cannot escape winters of the soul any more than we can escape winters of the weather. As Shirley Murray wrote in the hymn, *Our Life Has Its Seasons*:

*"Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons, why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow..."*

We concluded the final service, and the series, with our usual custom of sharing Holy Communion ~ this time serving each other hot mulled apple juice and freshly made bread.

**Margaret Garland, John Stenhouse, Mary Somerville,  
Meegan Cloughley and Tui Bevin**

The final series of Wednesday Worship for the year begins on Wednesday 13 September, beginning with a light meal at 6.30pm and the service at 7 pm.



## **SEASON OF CREATION**

## 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
3-September	Cunninghams	Jane Bloore Mike Garland	Jenny Bunce	—	David Murray	Winter Flowers	Activities at back of church	Michael Ovens	Christine Cleugh
10-September	Rodda / Hamilton	Matthew Ogle Hamish Spencer	Christine Cleugh	Marian Weaver	Mark Bevin	Allison Mulder	Activities at back of church	Michael Ovens	Christine Cleugh
17-September	Hamish Spencer Jenny Roxborough	Tui Bevin Daniel Larsen	Laurie Williams	—	Gaynor Haig	Allison Mulder		Bronwen Strang	Chris Young
24-September	Alaina O'Byrne Bronwen Strang	Gregor Macaulay Ned Spencer	Judy Rodda	John Roxborough	Music Group	Shona Somerville		Bronwen Strang	Chris Young
1-October	Shona & Philip Somerville	Andrew Smith John Stenhouse	Maurice Andrew	—	David Murray	Shona Somerville	Activities at back of church	Andrew Smith	Jane Bloore
8-October	Tui Bevin Kirsten Beyer	Shona & Philip Somerville	Daniel Larsen	Retha van Wyk	Mark Bevin	Marion Rae		Andrew Smith	Jane Bloore
15-October	Christine Cleugh Tony Parry	John Somerville Michael Ovens	John Stenhouse	Andrew Smith	Gaynor Haig	Marion Rae		Daniel Larsen	Daniel Larsen

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

**Christian Development Committee.** Thank you to the members, past and present, of the Christian Development Committee (CDC). Activities that the CDC engages with, are worship including Sunday School and any special service events, study groups, workshops, the Fellowship and communications.

The current members of the CDC are Gregor Macaulay (convenor), Andrea Clarke, Margaret Garland and David Murray. Again, thank you!

### *A Psalm*

Lord, you must have wondered how one person could be so blind and deaf,  
As I crashed blindly through the pitch black room full of sharpened objects,  
Running aimlessly fast from the painful past.  
You were throwing down bubble wrap and gaffer tape trying to protect me  
Gently saying to stubborn deaf ears,  
I will not let you falter.

Lord, you must have wanted to loudly roll your eyes as I repeatedly refused to hear you.  
When I decided the only way forward was to turn and fight,  
Single-mindedly digging in my heels  
Looking to the distant goal, ignoring my immediate surroundings.  
Even as that goal became unobtainable, my intractability pushed me  
Deeper, deeper into depths of despair  
You threw out so many life jackets I could well have been drowning in them, yet I evaded them  
Stubbornness telling me I must do this on my own.  
Compassionately you were saying to hard of hearing ears  
I will not let you fall

Lord did you quirk an eyebrow every time I looked in the mirror with hate in my heart?  
I stopped running, I stopped fighting, and felt a failure, loathing who I am  
Directionless and aimlessly turning circles unsure of what I was meant to be  
Still refusing to see the supports you put around me,  
convinced I was not worthy of it, or your love.

Believing my own rigidity was all that kept me upright  
Calmly you were calling  
I will not let you fail.

Did you smile Lord, or even laugh when I finally unblocked my ears and opened my eyes properly?  
Did you do the human reaction of "about bloody time!"?  
It took me a few years Lord, to see how you had helped me, how you had protected me,  
Especially when I did not want to protect myself.  
As the spikes I wrapped myself in slowly wilt and I let your love in  
I can finally hear you stating  
I will help you flourish

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### *Continuing Psalm Writing for Today*

*6.30pm Wednesday 6 September*

*129 Signal Hill Road*

Recent study nights have been spent looking at Psalms in all their biblical and modern day shapes and sizes. A group of us have penned our own psalms, another of which is printed above. More to follow!

We will meet again on 6 September, with shared takeaways for tea. Please RSVP to Margaret or Tui that you are coming, by 4 pm that day.

How about coming along and participating - 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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*Our Spring Wednesday Worship series  
begins on 13 September*

Wednesday 13 September ~ *Teach Us To Care!*

Wednesday 20 September ~ *Walking the Desert*

Wednesday 27 September ~ *Good News?*

Wednesday 4 October ~ *Spring's Subtle Life-Sustaining Gifts*

Wednesday 11 October ~ *Being Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*  
with *Holy Communion*

The next series begins on Wednesday 13 September and has the theme of creation. We meet for a light tea at 6.30 pm and the service is at 7 pm. The Wednesday Worship services began in early 2014 and have continued several times a year through to now. They are a place of often frank discussion, challenging ideas and intentional worship in a less formal setting.

Many different people lead the services and we always end the last in each series with sharing in Holy Communion. Gathering for food before the service is a core part of Wednesday Worship and the conversation always continues over a cuppa after the service. Those who come appreciate the opportunity to engage with God and each other in a different way and we invite you to come and join us or speak to Margaret if you have any questions.

*Movie Group*

The next movie group meeting is on Thursday 14 September at 7 pm, at 29 Grandview Crescent. Details of the month's movie will be included in the Sunday notices, closer to the time.

If you would like to know more, if you have a movie to suggest, or you are interested in hosting, contact Shona Somerville for information, phone 473-8862, email shonahsomerville@gmail.com.

*Children's Services*

How well do we encourage our children to become familiar with the major events in our church year? Christmas we do quite well but Easter and Pentecost are perhaps glossed over and there is that long run through to Advent coming around again. So we decided at the end of last year to hold some services around these events especially for our children (but the adults enjoy them too!)

Our Christmas service was lovely and the children knew the story so well they were able to tell it to the adults. They were not so familiar with the Easter narrative but it was important to talk about the horrible events as well as the joy of Easter Sunday. Baking bread rolls with disappearing marshmallows inside helped the children understand the surprise and miracle of the empty tomb. Then we celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and we had all the ingredients for telling the story - balloons, bubbles, streamers. You should have seen the church!

Coming up on Sunday **10 September** we will meet at 4.30 pm in the church and celebrate creation and the coming of spring. Come along and if you would like to invite others let Margaret know so she can send out an invitation to them. We join in a light meal after the service and it is a delight to share in the wisdom and questions and laughter that the children share.

*A Season of Reflection:*

*A winter series of five evening services*

7.00 pm Sunday 24 September ~ *Called to be People of the Way*

Our final service in this winter series of reflective services takes place on 24 September.

Each service of reflection, involving symbols, prayer, song, scripture, story and silence, is followed by a time of conversation with each other and with God. Please join us.



***Bible Book A Month Discussions***  
***7.30 pm Thursday 7 September ~ Lamentations***  
***7.30 pm Thursday 5 October ~ Ezekiel***

The September Bible Discussion is on the book of Lamentations. 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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***World Famous in Dunedin!***  
***Opoho's Great Political Debate***  
***Sunday 17 September at 7 pm sharp***

Our big, bright Dunedin North candidates' meeting at the church looms. Expect the usual format, plus a surprise or two to be pulled from the hat.

A reminder that it's at 7pm on the Sunday night (17 September) before polling day. Make sure you arrive in plenty of time - the church is always packed for candidates' meetings at Opoho!

If you've any topics you'd like covered or questions asked, let me know and I'll see if they can be incorporated.

See you there.

***Philip Somerville***  
[psomer39@gmail.com](mailto:psomer39@gmail.com)

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***The 2017 Moore Lectures***  
***Fifty Years of Religious Studies at Otago.***

In 2013, the Department of Theology and Religion established a biennial lecture series in honour of Professor Albert Moore. Albie was a member of Opoho for many years, and ran a weekly study group for about 40 years.

In 2017, the Religion programme celebrates the 50th anniversary of the establishment at Otago of the first formal programme in the academic study of religion anywhere in Australasia. To mark the anniversary, the department has invited leading international figures in the academic study of religion to reflect on the discipline's history, its contemporary practice, and its future prospects. Full details are here:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/religion/moore/lectures.html>

Two of this year's lectures have needed to be re-scheduled, so the remainder of the current programme is:

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| 25 September<br>2017 | Professor Joseph Bulbulia, Victoria University of Wellington<br>Religious Studies in New Zealand: The Last Twenty Years?   |
| 19 October<br>2017   | Professor Carole M. Cusack, University of Sydney<br>'Fake' Religions, Fake News and the Allure of Fiction  |
| 2 November<br>2017   | Professor Greg Dawes, University of Otago<br>To Bear the Fate of the Times: Resisting the Seductions of Myth   |
| February<br>2018     | Professor Kate Crosby, King's College London<br>The Changing Relationship between Academia and the Higher Levels of the Buddhist Path (originally scheduled for 5 July 2017) |
| 19 March<br>2018     | Professor Aaron Hughes, University of Rochester<br>Rethinking the Study of Islamic Origins (originally scheduled for 10 Aug 2017)  |

## *Keeping in Touch*

Do you know...

Opoho Church has a website, [www.opohochurch.org](http://www.opohochurch.org)

On the website you will find (among other things) links to recent sermons, downloadable copies of the Orders of Service for the two most recent Sundays, downloadable versions of the newsletter, and an on-line version of the Church Calendar.

The church also has a Facebook page (you don't need to belong to Facebook to see the page) [www.facebook.com/OpohoChurch](http://www.facebook.com/OpohoChurch)

Copies of the Parish Directory, with contact details of parishioners, are available on the back pew in the church.

This newsletter is emailed to all who have requested to receive it this way. If you are not already on the email list, and would like to be, please send an email either to Andrea [andrea.johnston@columba.co.nz](mailto:andrea.johnston@columba.co.nz) or to Margaret [marg.garland@gmail.com](mailto:marg.garland@gmail.com)

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| Calendar for early October                      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| The calendar for September is on the back page. |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1 October ~ Sunday                              | 10 am: World Communion Day. Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Garland<br>11.30 am: Pastoral Care and Community Committee meeting at back of church             |
| 4 October ~ Wednesday                           | 6.30 pm: Shared light meal at the back of church<br>7.00 pm: Wednesday Worship <i>Spring's Subtle Life-sustaining Gifts</i><br>8.00 pm: Property and Finance Committee |
| 5 October ~ Thursday                            | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Ezekiel</i> 129 Signal Hill Road                                                                                                  |
| 8 October ~ Sunday                              | 10 am: Worship . Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                                                                  |
| 11 October ~ Wednesday                          | 6.30 pm: Shared light meal at the back of church<br>7.00 pm: Wednesday Worship <i>Being Fearfully and Wonderfully Made with Holy Communion</i>                         |
| 15 October ~ Sunday                             | 10 am: Worship. Christian Development Committee                                                                                                                        |

| Lectionary readings, 3 September to 15 October 2017<br>in Year A, the Year of Matthew |                                  |                |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Sunday 3 September - 13th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                               |                                  |                |              |
| Ex 3: 1-15                                                                            | Ps 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b          | Rom 12: 9-21   | Mt 16: 21-28 |
| <b>Sunday 10 September - 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                              |                                  |                |              |
| Ex 12: 1-14                                                                           | Ps 149                           | Rom 13: 8-14   | Mt 18: 15-20 |
| <b>Sunday 17 September - 15th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                              |                                  |                |              |
| Ex 14: 19-31                                                                          | Ps 114 or<br>Ex 15: 1b-11, 20-21 | Rom 14: 1-12   | Mt 18: 21-35 |
| <b>Sunday 24 September - 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                              |                                  |                |              |
| Ex 16: 2-15                                                                           | Ps 105: 1-6, 37-45               | Phil* 1: 21-30 | Mt 20: 1-16  |
| <b>Sunday 1 October - 17th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                 |                                  |                |              |
| Ex 17: 1-7                                                                            | Ps 78: 1-4, 12-16                | Phil 2: 1-13   | Mt 21: 23-32 |
| <b>Sunday 8 October - 18th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                 |                                  |                |              |
| Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20                                                                | Ps 19                            | Phil 3: 4b-14  | Mt 21: 33-46 |
| <b>Sunday 15 October - 19th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                                |                                  |                |              |
| Ex 32: 1-14                                                                           | Ps 106: 1-6, 19-23               | Phil 4: 1-9    | Mt 22: 1-14  |
| * Philippians                                                                         |                                  |                |              |

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### **Deadline for next Opoho Signal - Friday 15 September**

Please send all material for the October Opoho Signal to:  
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## Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in September

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Every Tuesday                                          | 3.30 pm Tuesday Prayer Time, Minister's Office                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3 September ~ Sunday                                   | 10 am: Quarterly Communion. Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6 September ~ Wednesday                                | Psalm Writing (with food). 129 Signal Hill Road.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7 September ~ Thursday                                 | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Lamentations</i><br>129 Signal Hill Road                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10 September ~ Sunday                                  | 10 am: Worship . Rev Margaret Garland<br>4.30 pm: Children's Service and tea.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 13 September ~ Wednesday                               | 6.30 pm: Shared light meal at the back of church<br>7.00 pm: Wednesday Worship <i>Teach Us To Care!</i>                                                                                                                              |
| 14 September ~ Thursday                                | 7 pm: Movie Group. 29 Grandview Crescent.<br>Details of the movie will be advised closer to the date.                                                                                                                                |
| 15 September ~ Friday                                  | October <i>Opoho Signal</i> deadline                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17 September ~ Sunday                                  | 10 am: Worship . Rev Margaret Garland<br>11.30 am: Shared lunch, to celebrate with Val and Laurie.<br>7 pm: Electoral Candidates' Meeting                                                                                            |
| 20 September ~ Wednesday                               | 6.30 pm: Shared light meal at the back of church<br>7.00 pm: Wednesday Worship <i>Walking the Desert</i>                                                                                                                             |
| 21 September ~ Thursday                                | 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting. Morrison Lounge                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 24 September ~ Sunday                                  | <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS: Clocks go forward one hour</b><br>10 am: Worship with Music Group. Rev Margaret Garland<br>11.15 am: Annual Meeting in the church.<br>7 pm: A Season of Reflection. <i>Called to be People of the Way</i> |
| 27 September ~ Wednesday                               | 2 pm: Fellowship Group in Morrison Lounge.<br>Speaker: Tui Bevin<br>6.30 pm: Shared light meal at the back of church<br>7.00 pm: Wednesday Worship <i>Good News?</i>                                                                 |
| The calendar for the early part of October is on P. 18 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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