

Opoho Signal

Newsletter of the Opoho Presbyterian Church

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Worship Services at Opoho:

Sundays at 10 am

Sunday 23 March, no service at Opoho

10.30 am Service at Hospital Chapel

a sort of editorial
KIWI EVE AND ADAM

We can watch a massacre
in our living room
from easy chairs
our fingers switch to
yellow and black blood
Syrian brown blood, and
the camera's zoomed up
red blood on anyone's path
Gives us
such an awful shock
feelings of not unbearable pity
soon forgotten.

We get amnesia over Christmas,
forget it's three days till Friday,
and
Lent slips our mind.

WHERE ARE YOU ADAM AND EVE?
We are not in hiding, and
say we are not afraid...

Andrea has asked me to write about the gestation of “Kiwi Eve and Adam”. It goes back at least to the early nineties. One thing that has changed is the title, though I cannot be sure of the exact order. “Sophisticated Adam” may have been the first. I was probably thinking of “sophisticated” ironically in the sense of New Zealanders blithely imagining that the things described could happen only to other people. Then there was “NZ Adam” making it clearer that New Zealanders are involved. That became “Kiwi Adam”, making it even more popular. “Kiwi Eve and Adam” we contrived only for this last version. Possibly I was influenced by the title “Daughters of Eve”, and I thought it unfair to leave Eve out.

Another thing that has changed is the colour of the blood. I think probably “brown Pacific blood” was the first, indicating that I was moved by something happening to Pacific Islanders or Maori. Then there was “Iraqi brown blood” probably referring to the invasion of that country. “Syrian brown blood” brings us into a continuing present. The changes indicate that outrages to various peoples are happening all the time. We Christians are characterized by special times, but we can be so preoccupied by our personal or family response to them that we forget what is happening to other peoples at the same times. Our amnesia over Christmas and Easter was always there, but this is the first time Lent is highlighted. With its theme of repentance it seems particularly appropriate.

Maurice Andrew

My life has been characterised by the dimensions of family, church, and education. My parents were Salvation Army Officers and my siblings and I shifted frequently with them and attended many different primary schools. My father became a Presbyterian minister; I followed him studying mainly German at Otago University and then theology at the Theological Hall, Knox College, also enjoying the communal life there. I did postgraduate Old Testament Studies at Heidelberg University, and came home with a German wife. Gisela has given a German flavour to our family life with four children, and five (great) grandchildren, becoming an indispensable element for all of us. I was a parish minister in Ngaio, and then had a series of academic appointments in Germany, Nigeria, Massey and Otago Universities and at the Theological Hall. I have written some books including an autobiography. An essential part of our family and communal life for the 45 years has been our membership of Opoho Presbyterian Church.

Maurice Andrew



Parish Council Report

This is my last report as Parish Clerk, as I'm now ex Parish Clerk. As I've said before, the load has been lightened enormously over the years by the parts played by Gregor Macaulay and Tui Bevin. However, after towards 10 years in the role it was time for a change.

Tui will take over seamlessly because of the roles she already plays in the planning for the parish and in many other ways. It is pleasing to know someone so capable, thoughtful, thorough and perceptive takes up the position. For those of you relatively new to the parish, I think it's worth mentioning that Laurie Williams was the long-term Parish Clerk before me.

I'm staying on the Parish Council and staying involved in various other ways – so you haven't quite got rid of me yet!

During my period as Clerk we have been blessed with our ministers, Susan Jones and Margaret, and Peter Wishart who provided supply during the two-year vacancy. We have also been blessed with both the quality of the relationships and the quality of members on the Parish Council. Meetings have been extraordinarily amicable (and fun at times with plenty of humour), while not shying from serious discussion. I'm a bit in awe of the sheer ability of some of the members, and appreciate the varied contributions from everyone that are essential.

So thanks to everybody, including Gregor and Tui and Margaret. Margaret combines life experience, drive, purpose, faith and tolerance as a fine, wise minister. We do know how lucky we are.

We are really pleased to see the hall heating in place, and insulation in the roof is following soon. Now we need to make sure we have straight forward ways of turning the heating off and on! The hall will be much more usable by us and by community groups.

The church picnic at Fiona and Henrik's piece of paradise at Tumai (near Waikouaiti) was great – be sure to read the report later in this edition of the Signal.

Thanks, too, to those who are helping to set in place a children's programme on Sunday mornings. The fluctuating numbers of children here on Sundays have made this particularly challenging and Margaret has been working hard, with a small group, to set up something workable. This is a very important part of what we do and we hope this can operate effectively.

The front corner garden, by the signs, is looking good thanks to Jenny Bunce's hard work (see Jenny's report further on). To keep the rest of the gardens under control, as Mark Bevin notes, we need a few people to meet occasionally, but reasonably regularly, in addition to our working bees.

We have an earthquake assessment work group, and we are looking at commissioning a full earthquake report for the hall and the church.

Philip Somerville

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*Property and Finance Update*

This is the glass half empty / half full report. We are just over the halfway mark in the church financial year and are running 5% under our ambitious but breakeven budget. HOWEVER, the good news is that giving is steady and 10% higher than at this time last year - which was also 10% up on the year before that.

The figures up to January 2017 are:

|                              |          |                |
|------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Offerings budget             | \$42,159 |                |
| Offerings actual             | \$40,103 | (\$2056 short) |
| Previous years in comparison |          |                |
| January 2016                 | \$35,959 |                |
| January 2015                 | \$32,453 |                |

Quite a few things are happening regarding the buildings. The most obvious is the installation of effective heating in the hall. Quotes for insulation of the hall have been received and this will proceed in the near future.

A team has met to start the process of evaluating the options for earthquake strengthening of the buildings. Increasing vitality of this congregation and the trend towards financial viability support our resolve that we retain and upgrade this site, if that is financially achievable.

Quotes for repainting the exterior windows and doors have been obtained from two local firms and will be considered at the next meeting on 5th April.

**Help wanted for our gardens.** The corner site is wonderful, the other areas – oh dear. Although we will arrange a date in April for a working bee, we can't rely on the weather or sufficient turnout of people to do everything. We would like to see a small group of willing people who undertake to coordinate their efforts to keep the gardens areas tidy. Perhaps you have a

practical bent but are allergic to meetings – this could be for you. Perhaps you like the idea of a community church and the facilities that are available, but prefer not to come through the doors on Sunday - this could be for you! We imagine someone (the coordinator person) having a list of names, spotting some reasonable weather and having the “call of the green” come upon them, phoning a handful of people to spend an hour together on one of the areas. Alternatively individuals may prefer to work in their own time on a particular plot. In the first instance please let me know if you might consider being part of the team.

**Mark Bevin 473-8677**

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Parish News

- ❖ We remember in our prayers:
John and Paula Daniel (Northfield Ave). John’s mother, Krish, died in Auckland on January 20 aged 92.
Rose Luxford, whose brother, Paul, died on January 29.
- ❖ The Rev Dr Albert (Albie) Moore.
Laurie Williams is thoroughly enjoying reading Albie Moore’s autobiography. Albie was a member of Opoho for many years, and ran a weekly study group for about 40 years.
The 2017 Moore lecture series, run within the Religion programme at Otago, began in February. The 2nd in the series is on Wednesday 8th March, 5.15 pm, in Archway Lecture Theatre 1: Prof Jonathan Silk, Leiden University Institute for Area Studies on “What does it mean to study Buddhism in the Academy”. A copy of the full Moore Lectures programme is on the noticeboard in the Morrison Lounge, and can also be found online at <http://www.otago.ac.nz/religion/moore/lectures.html>.
- ❖ A wonderful time was had by all who attended the recent Church Picnic. You can read the glowing reports on Page 15. Many thanks to Fiona and Henrik for their hospitality.
- ❖ Much has been happening in the church gardens and grounds. Have a read of Mark Bevin’s and Jenny Bunce’s reports, to find out more, and perhaps see how you can be involved.

- ❖ Make a note of the Fellowship Group meeting on 22nd March, when Christine Cleugh will be the speaker.

A snippet in parting:

- ❖ Laurie recently came across an intriguing reference to a Minute from a 1912 meeting of a Session of Elders (parish unknown). "Members voted 45 for the motion and 2 against. The Moderator then asked those in favour to stand, then those against to stand. None stood to oppose it and so it was passed unanimous". A rather interesting outcome, and what a large Session of Elders! The subject of the motion is not known.

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 19.

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### *Hospital Chapel Service!*

*Sunday March 26th, 10.30am*

It's our turn for "people moving", helping patients in wheelchairs or beds to the Hospital Chapel Service, on March 26th.

We will have our regular Sunday morning service at the chapel on that date, rather than at Opoho. It makes a big difference to patients to join a service with plenty of people and more vibrant music and singing.

The service itself starts at 10.30 am, so we will meet at the church for carpooling at 10.00 am, or go directly to the chapel.

I will also need about eight helpers for the people moving. We meet at the chapel by 9.45 am. Can anyone who might be able to help contact me? I can transport people to the hospital.

***Philip Somerville***

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*A prayer as we enter the season of Lent on  
Wednesday 1 March*

It is customary, Lord  
to give something up  
during the season of Lent.  
What would you have me do without?  
I who have so much.  
Chocolate?  
Cream cakes?  
Cigarettes?  
Sweets?  
Swearing?  
The list is endless  
and I could give up all those things  
for the span of 40 days  
quite easily and almost painlessly.  
But what difference would it make  
other than making me feel 'holier'  
than my friend who makes no such sacrifice?

What would you have me do without?  
I who have so much  
Selfishness?  
Conceit?  
Envy?  
Pride?  
I fear before I ask,  
that the answer might be 'yes'  
and the giving up  
would be all too real, Lord.  
It would be difficult,  
painful,  
sacrificial,  
a real cross to carry for 40 days,  
and more?

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## *Refugees*

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These are people just like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid as to think that  
The world can be looked at another way

(now read from bottom to top)

**Brian Bilston**

*Read more at <https://brianbilston.com/>*

## 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              |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5-Mar  | Cunninghams                                                            | Jane Bloore<br>Michael Ovens     | Shona &<br>Philip<br>Somerville | —                  | David Murray | Shona Somerville | Activities at back<br>of church | Christine Cleugh             | Shona & Philip<br>Somerville |
| 12-Mar | Alaina O'Byrne<br>Bronwen Strang                                       | Tui Bevin<br>Hamish Spencer      | Marian<br>Weaver                | Abby Smith         | Mark Bevin   | Shona Somerville | Mary Somerville                 | Christine Cleugh             | Shona & Philip<br>Somerville |
| 19-Mar | Christine Cleugh<br>Fiona Stirling                                     | Cunninghams                      | Jenny Bunce                     | —                  | Gaynor Haig  | Allison Mulder   | Andrea Clarke                   | Shona & Philip<br>Somerville | Mulders                      |
| 26-Mar | No Worship Service at Opoho Church. Worship at Dunedin Hospital Chapel |                                  |                                 |                    |              |                  |                                 | Shona & Philip<br>Somerville | Mulders                      |
| 2-Apr  | Tui Bevin<br>Kirsten Beyer                                             | Daniel Larsen<br>John Somerville | Andrew Smith                    | —                  | David Murray | Judy Rodda       | Activities at back<br>of church | Fiona Stirling               | Cunninghams                  |
| 9-Apr  | Rodda /<br>Hamilton                                                    | Marian Weaver<br>Jane Bloore     | Matthew Ogle                    | Andrea<br>Johnston | Mark Bevin   | Judy Rodda       | Activities at back<br>of church | Fiona Stirling               | Cunninghams                  |

Thank you so much to all who contribute now, and have contributed in the past, to these activities, to Miriam Vollweiler, who mows the Church lawns throughout the year, and to Simon Rae, who puts the rubbish out for collection every Monday.

## *Me and my Electric Bike...*

Back in April 2015 I was lucky enough to receive a Smart Motion electric bike as a gift for my 'significant birthday'. Since then I have experienced the joys of exploring the highways and byways of the Dunedin area. Previously I was having trouble keeping up with my husband, Jeff, who has superior fitness to me plus a bike with bigger wheels - which meant he was a large dot disappearing into the distance.

The Smart Motion bike provides assistance with pedaling from a battery which slips into a frame positioned above the rear wheel. The amount of boost is chosen by pressing a button on a small control panel on the handlebars, varying between the strength of 1 (least) and 5 (maximum). Coming up Lovelock Avenue I am on warp factor 3 and cycling up the last part of Signal Hill Road from Grandview Crescent it is definitely a 5 to get up to Northfield Avenue! I always think it is a pity that the steepest part of the journey is always at the end of the ride...

I have covered about 1200 kilometres since I received the bike and that has included frequent trips to St Clair, Portobello, Port Chalmers and a couple of times to Aramoana. Last June we enjoyed a trip overseas which include a 7 day bike tour in Dordogne in France – this included the hire of an electric bike for a very minimal extra cost.

The purchase of an electric bike is a considerable outlay but I can't recommend the experience highly enough. It has been good for the heart and also good for the soul! If you are thinking of joining the e-bike brigade then I am happy for you to take a test drive on mine, or head down to Bike Otago and talk to Joel and the team there who will get you sorted.

***Christine Cleugh***

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Movie Night

The next movie night meeting is on Thursday 9 March, 7 pm at Shona and Philip Somerville's, 39 Grandview Crescent. Details of the month's movie will be included in the Sunday notices, closer to the time.

All are welcome. Contact Shona for more information, phone 473-8862.

Interfaith Matters

The next meeting of the Dunedin Interfaith Council will be held at 2.30 pm, Sunday, March the 5th at the Knox Church Gathering Room. All welcome. The reflection topic will be "Family". The new Chairperson is Geoff Mitchell of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, and the Secretary, Ruth Groffman, a Scientologist from the Jewish faith

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### *Bible Book A Month Discussions*

*7.30 pm Thursday 2 March ~ Psalms*

*7.30 pm Thursday 6 April ~ Proverbs*

The March Bible Discussion is on the book of Psalms.

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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Linen and Adult Clothing Required...

I am currently working with people aged between 65 and 103 in a hospital community based service. We occasionally come across people in quite dire situations with few resources, so we are looking at having a small stash of good, clean, emergency bedding, towels, shoes and clothing. At the moment we are particularly looking for men's clothing but anything will be considered. If you are cleaning out drawers and linen cupboards and have any of these things, I would appreciate a call to see if they are anything we may need.

Shona Somerville

Occupational Therapist 473-8862

Lenten Wednesday Worship Series on the Psalms

7.00 pm Wednesday 8 March ~ *Reading the Psalms*

7.00 pm Wednesday 15 March ~ *Humility in the Psalms*

7.00 pm Wednesday 22 March ~ *Hallelujah! Praise the Lord*

7.00 pm Wednesday 29 March ~ *Psalm of the Cross*

7.00 pm Wednesday 15 March ~ *Psalms of Lament with Holy Communion*

The midweek Wednesday Worship services offer a time for reflection, discussion and fellowship. This series focuses on the book of Psalms, which is also the March Bible Book of the Month book. The services are led by various members of the congregation.

The services begin at 7 pm, and a light meal is served beforehand at the back of the church at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact the minister, Margaret at 395 6129 or 027 757 2367, or Tui at 473 8677.

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## *Operation Coverup*

For several years we have been part of this project, where we make hand knitted blankets that are also made through other churches. Once a year the blankets are shipped to Eastern European countries where they are given to people in need eg orphanages.

You can help by:

Finding or buying wool - double knitting is best but four ply can be made up as well. Wool is best, rather than synthetic fibre.

Knitting the squares, or finding knitters who will do this - 20 cm x 20 cm in garter stitch.

Sewing the squares into blankets - we do this during May/June once the squares are knitted.

Contributing to the shipping costs.

Full instructions are in the bag on the back pew that has wool for you to take. If you can help with any of the above that would be great!

**Marian Weaver**

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## *The Opoho Church Picnic, 2017*

Once upon a time two people were given a gift from their family. They contemplated what they might do with the gift. They considered their own gifts from God as stewards of the Earth. Eventually, they decided upon a plan to build a home in a place where they could work being stewards and enjoy the fruits of their labours.

They searched far and wide and serendipitously discovered a beautiful piece of land at the Pleasant River Estuary that they could use to build their new home and plant the 1000s of plants they had grown in anticipation of creating a restored landscape.

Being generous souls they have shared their bounty and beauty with friends! And so Henrik Møller and Fiona Stirling came to be the hosts of our recent Opoho picnic.

On a sunny Saturday afternoon in February, 30 or so Opohoians drove out to Waikouaiti, for a lovely pot luck picnic. We were welcomed into a beautiful home, filled with light from a multitude of windows, with art that we could see had a Fiona touch, and stunning views of the estuary.

We were entertained by the tractor cutting the paddock (little ones especially), the paths through the plantings and by the changing beauty of the landscape in front of us. Children of all ages ran, or wandered, down to the water to play in the sand, skip rocks, paddle in the kayaks and dinghy, and generally enjoy the estuary – where the water was warmer than the air. While Rosalie squealed with delight, Mark and Margaret raced each other in kayaks - Mark employing extremely questionable tactics, attempting to pull Margaret's kayak back, when she was in the lead. Will Mulder also displayed impressive skills behind the row boat oars.

Many thanks to you Fiona and Henrik for your kind generosity and willingness to share your home and talents with us all! We would love to take you up on your offer to host another picnic!

***Alaina O'Byrne, Judy Rodda,  
Philip Somerville, Laurie Williams***

## *The Story of the New Garden*

One minute I was discussing with our Minister the sad terminal state of many of the plants in the church front garden. Something more than a spring spruce up and some TLC seemed to be required. The next minute I found myself volunteered to oversee a garden makeover. It seemed a straight forward project. Others with stronger shoulders could dig out the dead stumps, and I could enjoy choosing some replacement plants, and organizing some soil nutrition and weed mulch. Maybe others might feel moved to help towards the cost, and the project could even be completed without calling on church funds.

I was wrong about the straight forward bit! A working bee did dig out most of the stumps, but getting rid of all the roots and digging the garden over was challenging to say the least. Sheets of what looked like different kinds of flooring material had been used in the past, and had become buried a spade-length deep, but had not rotted away. And old hebes were found to have roots reaching out many times further than their branches and intertwining with their neighbours, the clay, and the floor covering material.

Selecting new plants was much more fun, but not exactly straight forward. No matter how lovely or promising, plants were rejected if their labels mentioned their preference for good soil, being kept moist, pruned, or sheltered from frost and wind, etc. Also, we wanted an all-year-round garden, and so not to choose only plants that looked great when they were bought in spring. Some were chosen for being native (e.g. kakas beak now endangered in the wild); for sentiment (Ceanothus shrubs were always called “Smother” by my father; rosemary is for remembrance); usefulness (foliage for church flowers); links with existing plants (azaleas & flaxes), or previous plants (hebes); for height (down the slope of entrance path); fit with overall colour scheme (white, green, red, pink blue).

For those that have asked, here is the list of what has been planted:

At the back:

Lophomyrtus: Bullata, Matai Bay; Ceanothus: Blue Cushion and Blue Sapphire

Round noticeboard:

Phormium: Evening Glow, Emerald Green, Elfin;

Azalea: White Mrs Kint, Christmas Cheer, Kirin

Sprawling down wall:

Rosemary: Lockwood de Forest x 3 ; Fuschia Procumbens x 3

Along the entrance path:

Pittosporum: T Midget, Marjorie Channon, Silver Pillar

Hebe: Diosimfolia, Buchananii, Canterburiensis, Topiaria

Here and there and ground cover:

Kakas Beak x 5 – red, pink, and white; Pimelea Silver Ghost, Metrosideros Carminea [baby pohutukawa]; Coprosma: Taiko and Lobster; Lepinalla calcarean; Ajuga Royalty x2; Fascicularia bicolor x2; Helichrysum: Argyrophyllum and Retortum; Leptinella Platts Black; Blechnum Pennamarina; Wahlenbergie Pygmaea

Since the soil was so worn out, planting was done with high quality planting mix, and then the whole garden covered with sphagnum moss that was found languishing in a corner of the Foote yard where it had been for many years. My ridiculously low offer of \$50 was accepted, and it seemed like an ideal layer to go under the fine bark, to go under the planned top layer of small wood chips. A few weeks later we found that the moss contained oxalis seeds which were more than happy to grow in such lovely soil! So that is still being dealt to, and the top layer has yet to be done. But we're nearly there!

Thanks to all those in the church and wider community who have helped, and have stopped to talk, and shown interest in the project. A first unsolicited donation was received last year from an appreciative participant in the Opoho Environment Festival, and one or two others have said they would like to contribute. Wouldn't it be great if the project could be done without drawing on church funds at all? But it's a big ask! Plants averaged around \$15, even using the Farmers Market and receiving a discount from Ribbonwood nurseries. Planting mix was \$7 a bag, while fine bark and wood chips were \$95 each.

If you would like to contribute, an easy way is to put money in the church plate in an envelope marked "Garden". Alternatively you could make a one-off internet banking payment with "Garden" in the code or reference box. The church bank account details are on the next page. Donations are tax deductible, so let Brian know if you would like a receipt.

***Jenny Bunce***



The Church Bank Account details 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 making a payment, please contact Brian Cunningham 473 7204.

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“Recollections of Easter”

For the Editorial slot in the April issue of the “Opoho Signal”, we are gathering a range of “Recollections of Easter”.
We are looking for contributions of around 250 to 300 words, telling, briefly, the story of an Easter that you remember particularly. Were you here in Dunedin, elsewhere in New Zealand, or elsewhere in the world? In a community that was familiar to you, or somewhere you had never been before?
Please send, or give, “Easter” contributions to Andrea Johnston by Wednesday 15 March.

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**Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in April**

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| The calendar for the March is on the back page. |                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2 April ~ Sunday                                | Daylight saving finishes. Put clocks back an hour.<br>10 am: worship with Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Garland<br>11.30 am: Pastoral Care Committee in church |
| 5 April ~ Wednesday                             | 6.30 pm: Shared meal in the church<br>7 pm: Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion<br><i>Psalms of Lament</i>                                                  |
| 6 April ~ Thursday                              | 7.30 pm: Bible Book a Month discussion - <i>Proverbs</i><br>at 129 Signal Hill Road                                                                           |
| 9 April ~ Sunday                                | 10 am worship for Palm Sunday. Rev Margaret Garland<br>5 pm: Children’s Service in the Church                                                                 |

| <b>Lectionary readings, 1 March to 9 April 2017</b><br><b>in Year A, the Year of Matthew</b> |                                                |                                |                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday</b>                                                   |                                                |                                |                                                                                              |
| Joel 2: 1-2,<br>12-17 <i>or</i><br>Is 58: 1-12                                               | Ps 51: 1-17                                    | 2 Cor 5: 20b-6:10              | Mt 6: 1-6, 16-21                                                                             |
| <b>Sunday 5th March - 1st Sunday in Lent</b>                                                 |                                                |                                |                                                                                              |
| Gen 2: 15-17<br>3: 1-7                                                                       | Ps 32                                          | Rom 5: 12-19                   | Mt 4: 1-11                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 12th March - 2nd Sunday in Lent</b>                                                |                                                |                                |                                                                                              |
| Gen 12: 1-4a                                                                                 | Ps 121                                         | Rom 4: 1-5, 13-17              | Jn 3: 1-17 <i>or</i><br>Mt 17: 1-9                                                           |
| <b>Sunday 19th March - 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>                                                |                                                |                                |                                                                                              |
| Ex 17: 1-7                                                                                   | Ps 95                                          | Rom 5:1-11                     | Jn 4: 5-42                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 26th March - 4th Sunday in Lent</b>                                                |                                                |                                |                                                                                              |
| 1 Sam 16:<br>1-13                                                                            | Ps 23                                          | Eph 5: 8-14                    | Jn 9: 1-41                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 2nd April - 5th Sunday in Lent</b>                                                 |                                                |                                |                                                                                              |
| Ezek 37: 1-14                                                                                | Ps 130                                         | Rom 8: 6-11                    | Jn 11: 1-45                                                                                  |
| <b>Sunday 9th April - 6th Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday <i>or</i> Passion Sunday</b>           |                                                |                                |                                                                                              |
| None <i>or</i><br>Is 50: 4-9a                                                                | Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29<br><i>or</i><br>Ps 31: 9-16 | None <i>or</i><br>Phil 2: 5-11 | <i>Palm</i><br>Mr 21: 1-11<br><i>Passion</i><br>Mt 26: 14-27:66<br><i>or</i><br>Mt 27: 11-54 |

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Deadline for next Opoho Signal - Wednesday 15 March

Please send all material for the *April* Opoho Signal to:

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Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in March

Every Tuesday	4.30pm Tuesday Prayer Time, Minister's Office
1 March ~ Wednesday	Ash Wednesday. Lent begins
2 March ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Bible Book a Month discussion - <i>Psalms</i> at 129 Signal Hill Road
3 March ~ Friday	7 pm: World Day of Prayer. St Martin's Church, North Road, NEV
5 March ~ Sunday	10 am: worship with Quarterly Communion Rev Margaret Garland
7 March ~ Tuesday	7.30 pm: Gaelic psalm singing practice in the church
8 March ~ Wednesday	6.30 pm: Shared meal in the church 7 pm: Wednesday Worship. <i>Reading the Psalms</i>
9 March ~ Thursday	7 pm: Movie night. 39 Grandview Cres
10 March ~ Friday	7.30 pm: Gaelic psalm singing practice in the church
12 March ~ Sunday	10 am: worship. Rev Margaret Garland <i>Singing the Psalms</i>
15 March ~ Wednesday	6.30 pm: Shared meal in the church 7 pm: Wednesday Worship. <i>Humility in the Psalms</i> Deadline for the April <i>Opoho Signal</i>
16 March ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Parish Council in Morrison Lounge
18 March ~ Saturday	3.00 – 4.30 pm: Pastoral Visitors' meeting
19 March ~ Sunday	10 am: worship. Rev Margaret Garland
22 March ~ Wednesday	2 pm: Fellowship Group in Morrison Lounge 6.30 pm: Shared meal in the church 7 pm: Wednesday Worship. <i>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord</i>
26 March ~ Sunday	NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT OPOHO CHURCH. 10.30 am: Worship with Music Group at the Dunedin Hospital Chapel
29 March ~ Wednesday	6.30 pm: Shared meal in the church 7 pm: Wednesday Worship. <i>Psalm of the Cross</i>
30 March ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Christian Development Committee meeting. 129 Signal Hill Road
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