

Opoho Signal

Newsletter of the Opoho Presbyterian Church

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was not a bad way to go!***

John Roxborough

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Worship Services at Opoho:

Every Sunday at 10 am

May Editorial

Canal Boats and the Art of Making Haste Slowly

Like many other things promising an untroubled escape from a mundane or stressful life, being part of three generations on a canal boat in the midlands of old industrial England proved not to be without the unexpected and the challenging. Jenny had shared an earlier trip with our daughter and son-in-law “BC” (“before children”) and had wanted to do it again. Now there were seven of us including three boys aged 9 to 13. Being home-schooled in England, our grandsons could come on a trip in October while those with children back in school were liable to hefty fines for taking holidays at the wrong time. For us personally the timing was also good. Jenny and I enjoyed a window of good health. Despite the first tinges of an English autumn, the weather held in early October, the country-side was gorgeous, and blackberries were plentiful along the tow-path reminding me of childhood expeditions in the Waikato.

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We took a week to do the Cheshire Ring of linked canals going in a clockwise direction beginning in Middlewich CW10 9BQ, then north to Manchester (passing the homes of both Manchester United and Manchester City) round through Marple and Macclesfield, where we visited a silk museum, then near the old Tudor House of Little Moreton Hall which we also visited, and back to the Andersen Boats mooring where we began. Along the way there were 92 locks, a few tunnels, a scary viaduct, a good number of convenient shops, pubs, and plenty of interesting people, sights and wildlife.

One of the unexpected benefits of restoring the old waterways, many of them dating back to the 18th century, is that they have become highways for wildlife including numerous herons and kingfishers. The links with the history of transportation and industry were fascinating – the Lion Salt Works Museum near Middlewich was a reminder of a once huge industry dating back to Roman times. Until quite recently, salt was exported around the world including to New Zealand.

Desolate land and lakes formed by subsidence which had swallowed whole factories, was regenerating in unexpected ways as a nature reserve.

Our route gave us a window into the backyards of Manchester, including not only its rubbish and derelict factories, but also its stylish apartments and canal-side properties (google “Chips, Manchester” and look at the images), gardens, and people who come out to chat – including a sympathetic vicar. We enjoyed meeting up with a Canal Trust volunteer who spent 3 days a week getting visitors and others sorted out when things go wrong. As they did. In Manchester, someone had left the paddles (sluice valves) open, draining the Piccadilly Basin to reveal traffic cones, shopping trolleys and several motor-bikes. Boats were stranded on the mud and we were stuck for several hours before getting a mooring overnight not quite where we hoped to be.

Bumps and scrapes were a reality, even with a skilled captain. If you go too fast (top speed 4 miles and hour) in shallow water, the propeller sucks water from under the boat and you scrape the bottom – which sounds quite ominous inside a metal hull. There is no keel and wind can blow you into the branches and brambles before you can steer or reverse out of it. It was not surprising to learn that the lower sides of the boat are repainted every six months. The bright oranges and green above the deck line needs rebuffering frequently and a full repaint every couple of years.

In most locks there was scant clearance in any direction and water pours in or out dramatically. In a deep lock you can sink the boat by getting it caught on the cill (ledge), or from someone opening a paddle too fast too soon. They say that the way to get through a lock as quickly as possible is to do it slowly – and the canal trip was an exercise not only in patience, but, getting there - not by doing nothing, but by doing what needs to be done steadily, and accepting that some things are just going to happen. I was reminded of Kosuke Koyama who once taught theology at Otago, and his book *Three mile an hour God*.

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We managed the dynamics of family life pretty well, aided by good cooking facilities on board, plenty of locks requiring and getting good team-work from the boys (after a day I left the upper-body exercise of winding the paddles on the locks to them) and judicious rewards including a rather magnificent pub meal.

Making haste slowly at around three to four miles an hour was not a bad way to go!

John Roxborough



Parish Council Report

Congratulations to our minister, Margaret, for having completed an interesting report on her study leave that looked at music in worship in the UK and Ireland. There are two copies in the library in the Morrison Lounge that you may borrow to read. It will also be on the website, or you can ask Margaret for her to forward an electronic copy to you.

Parish Council is updating our policy about the online use of photos and any other digital media, such as audiovisual recordings. In this day and age it is important that we respect the rights of people to privacy against the current practice of putting identifiable photos, and other materials, on the internet. We will report more fully once this has been completed. In the meantime though, please remember that we take note of those who do not want any identifiable photos of themselves and/or their children posted, that no person will be tagged in any way in a posting, and that if we have any uncertainty that we consult those in the photo for permission.

We are currently organising police vetting for our Sunday School teachers and another three yearly Ministry Development Review. The aim of the review is to encourage and grow healthy ministry here at Opoho. Thank you to all involved.

We look forward to the Sunday winter evening series of “A Season of Reflection” beginning this month. These reflective services offer a unique style of worship experience and will be monthly from May to September.

The children's Easter service and tea on Palm Sunday was an enjoyable event. They made resurrection buns that are cooked with a marshmallow inside. As they baked they became hollow, representing the empty tomb of Easter Sunday morning. The children were given bookmarks, including a story cross, a cross with pictures of different scenes from Jesus's life, from his birth to his resurrection. The next children's service will be around Pentecost.

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the recent working bee or took on a project to complete later in their own time. The grounds look amazing.

The installation of insulation in the ceiling of the hall is now complete, and underfloor insulation is soon to be installed in the Morrison Lounge. Thank you to those on Property and Finance for their ongoing work in maintaining our buildings and making them more comfortable for us to use.

Tui Bevin



Parish News

- ❖ Congratulations to Fiona Stirling for having her striking painting, Hongi, on the cover of the March 2017 Tui Motu, the independent Catholic magazine. You can see the cover at:
<https://hail.to/tui-motu-interislands-magazine/article/fvpo8qy>
- ❖ Congratulations to Hannah and David Murray on the recent birth of their daughter, Eve Frances Murray. We look forward to welcoming Eve to our church family and we wish Hannah and David every blessing as they begin this new chapter of their lives.
- ❖ What a treat to hear the Lenten Choir on Passion Sunday, and again on Easter Day. Thank you to Abby for calling the choir together, and to all those who answered that call.

- ❖ The church grounds are looking extremely spic and span. Thanks to everyone involved in making a difference, coming along to Working Bees, and /or taking on small areas as projects.
- ❖ The series of open lectures at the university, “Luther after 500 years: The ‘Tragic Necessity’ of the Reformation”, continues during May. John Roxborough presented a lecture at the end of April, and John Stenhouse presents the final lecture in the series, on 31st May. For further information see: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/reformation.html>

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. 18.

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***Art Show and Church Fair***

This year’s Art Show opened on Saturday 29 April.

The Fair is on Saturday 6th May from 11 am to 2 pm. There are still a few days for you to sort your contributions and deliver to the hall stage!

Please let Fiona know if you would like to help on a stall. Thanks.

***Fiona Stirling***

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The Lenten Wednesday Worship Series on the Psalms

We began the series by looking at Reading the Psalms.

Psalms are the heart of scripture. There is an integrity and honesty to them that speaks to many. We see psalms as prayers, as dialogue with God, where we express all the many emotions and ups and downs that any deep relationship experiences. Margaret used some of the thoughts of Jim Cotter, who sees psalms as an ‘unfolding’ conversation, where there are times of anger and delight – neither of which are conducive to considered language but for

spilling out the heart's deep feelings. His rewriting of the psalms was intended to make them 'prayable for today.'

That we continue to write psalms today shows the durability of this rhythmic style of prayer to God. Interestingly, Cotter asked various people to share which 8 psalms would be their 'desert island' ones, most chose within a range of 37 – suggesting a universality and timelessness that speaks to people still today.

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The second service focused on praise. Most psalms contain or finish with praise, and some psalms are only praise – yet praise can be a real challenge. Walter Brueggemann notes "praise is a daring departure from all things scientific and rational ... It is especially odd and scandalous that parishes peopled by the best educated, most powerful, and the most affluent and influential should engage in such a prerational act."

Praise often comes after the psalmist's lament, taking our focus off our negativity and ourselves and back onto God. God wants us to praise God and creation not out of need and insecurity but because He is love. Knowing how easily we can turn in upon ourselves, God wants us to share the overflowing joy and delight by which he creates and sustains all things. It's good for us.

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At the next Wednesday Worship service, Retha had the privilege to present for the first time. She shared her own Easter story about how her life and relationship with the church was changed by a beautiful Easter service led by Margaret. She also shared how she viewed coming to God in our brokenness, such as we hear in the Psalms, and spoke about humility as a Lenten sacrifice, prayer or meditation.

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The next service was a reflection on Psalm 22 (The Psalm of the Cross). Before Jesus died he cried out to his Father, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The whole of Psalm 22 from beginning to the end is the journey of the cross. Starting with a cry of agony and desolation reminding us God

also experienced suffering and sorrow. It helps us to remember that God understands and does not forget us. But it does not end in the suffering, for our God is a God of resurrection and redemption as Psalm 22 progresses and ends with hope for our forgiveness and healing.

We join Jesus in praying Psalm 22, which holds all our despair and takes us to the hope that we need as we journey through lent to Easter's healing and resurrection.

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In the final service Andrea and David led a reflection on Psalm 13, a psalm of lament, or 'disorientation', which nevertheless ends with a triumphant statement of 'new orientation'.

The service drew on the thinking of Walter Brueggemann from his book, "The Message of the Psalms". Brueggemann has suggested that many of the psalms may be grouped under three themes: orientation, disorientation and new orientation. Orientation may be thought of as referring to the satisfying times of wellbeing, when the people of God have a sense of gratitude for the constancy of blessing.

The times of disorientation are the times when we experience loss, deep hurt, alienation, suffering and death; experiences that evoke rage, resentment, self-pity and hatred, and which may be expressed in extravagant and abrasive language.

Finally, in the midst of being captured by suffering, come the times of new orientation full of the surprise of God's new intrusion and grace, all of which reveal that the good that God wills, will be done.

We concluded with the celebration of Holy Communion.

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Thank you to all who took part in this Wednesday Worship series, led services, played music, provided food, and tidied up. It was most worthwhile and enjoyable to explore our understanding of the Psalms in the company of others.

Wednesday Worship provides a unique opportunity to experience a more interactive and contemplative style of worship and a chance to get to know others over the light meal beforehand and supper afterwards.

Look out for the Winter Wednesday Worship series that begins on 5 July.

Margaret Garland, Tui Bevin, John Stenhouse, Retha van Wyk, Mary Somerville, Andrea Johnston, David Vaughan



Study Nights at Opoho

Psalm Writing for Today

Wednesday 17th May and Wednesday 21st June

7.30pm in the Morrison Lounge

Have you ever wanted to rewrite, or write a response to, a psalm, or compile a psalm yourself? On the third Wednesdays of both May and June we are offering the opportunity to have a go at writing psalms for today: what might our words of faith, of praise and prayer and conversation with God look like in the 21st century in New Zealand?

Joy Cowley is a well known writer of psalms, and you might also like to visit the website of Rev Silvia Purdie for another approach: www.conversations.net.nz

If you have any questions, please ask the Minister.



A Season of Reflection:

A winter series of five evening services.

We will host a series of five reflective services from May through September. Each monthly service of reflection, involving symbols, prayer, song, scripture, story and silence, will be followed by a time of conversation with each other and with God.

Please join us.

The services will be held at 7.00 p.m. at Opoho Church on Sundays 28th May, 18th June, 16th July, 20th August and 24th September.



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
7-May	Jane Bloore Jenny Bunce	Michael Ovens John Stenhouse	Jane Bloore	—	David Murray	Winter Flowers	Activities at back of church	— Church Fair Sat 6th May	Andrew Smith
14-May	Christine Cleugh Bronwen Strang	John Somerville Hamish Spencer	Gaynor Haig	Tui Bevin	Mark Bevin	Winter Flowers	Mary Somerville	Christine Cleugh	Michael Ovens
21-May	Fiona Stirling Tony Parry	Shona & Philip Somerville	Hamish Spencer	—	Gaynor Haig	Winter Flowers	Andrea Clarke	Christine Cleugh	Michael Ovens
28-May	Cunninghams	Mike Garland Daniel Larsen	Marian Weaver	Gregor Macaulay	Music Group	Winter Flowers	Judy Rodda	Daniel Larsen	Daniel Larsen
4-June	Jane Bloore Jenny Bunce	Tui Bevin Michael Ovens	John Stenhouse	David Vaughan	David Murray	Winter Flowers	Judy Rodda	Daniel Larsen	Daniel Larsen
11-June	Shona & Philip Somerville	Matthew Ogle Andrew Smith	Maurice Andrew	—	Mark Bevin	Winter Flowers	Activities at back of church	Gregor Macaulay	Chris Young

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; to John Stenhouse, who puts the rubbish out for collection every Monday

Reflection on Psalm 150: Praise the Lord!

Us poor old Kiwis aren't that good at praise.

"Good on ya mate" is as good as it gets.

"That was not too shabby."

We're not that good at praising our kids or our partners
so how can we praise God?

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his holiness!

Praise God with the vastness of the universe!

Praise him for his mighty deeds!

Praise him for his surpassing greatness!

... it certainly surpasses our ability to find words
or to fill the words with passion.

What will help us to release our gratitude
to let fly our awe?

Instruments might help - let rip on the drums,
let the crashing shout our praise!

We need the organ to sound,
violins and trumpets to play at full blast!

Turn the music up loud
to drown out our doubts
and self-conscious efforts
to honour the maker and saviour of all.

Holy Spirit, be kind to us
wedge open our hearts
crumble our culture of complaint
draw us out of ourselves
that we might stand in the light of infinite glory
and bask in the goodness of God
until all we can do is

Praise the Lord!

Silvia Purdie

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Prayer of Intercession for the Generations

Lord we thank you today for the phases of human life,
And we praise you for the special gifts of each stage we live through,
And we place all your people where they belong: in your loving hands.

We give thanks for babies. For little bodies and big eyes, for discovery and learning laid bare before us, for their need of us, for their appreciation of love, for their instant responses, for their snugly warm cuddly skin.

We pray now for babies: for babies surrounded by love and food and toys, and for babies who never feel or hear or see a loving adult, who are hungry right now but there is nothing to give them, who have nothing to play with but sticks and mud.

We will do what we can for babies we know, and for babies we don't know. We place all the babies where they belong, in your loving hands.

We give thanks for children. For growing every day, for asking a million questions, for the development of independence, for their honesty, and curiosity, and imagination.

We pray now for children: for children with loving families and excellent schools and good friends, and for children who are alone, unloved, unheard, and damaged.

We will do what we can for children we know, and for children we don't know. We place all the children where they belong, in your loving hands.

We give thanks for young adults. For they way they unfold, how brave they are venturing into unknown waters, how they are discovering and inventing themselves in a challenging world. For their commitments and enthusiasms and energy.

We pray now for young adults: for young adults who are finding their way in a safe world with helpful mentors, and for young adults who are lost, broken, confused, unloved, unwanted, depressed, beset by doubts.

We will do what we can for the young adults we know, and for young adults we don't know. We place all the young adults where they belong, in your loving hands.

We give thanks for grown-ups. For people who just get up every day and keep on doing what there is to do. For how they balance demands

of people younger and people older than they are. For how they put their own needs last so often.

We pray now for grown-ups: those who have good jobs and nice families and good health, and those who still feel lost and broken after all this time, those who have got into situations they can't get out of, those who are falling apart.

We will do what we can for the grown-ups we know, and for grown-ups we don't know. We place all the grown-ups where they belong, in your loving hands.

We give thanks for old people. For their wisdom and humour, for their courage and cheerfulness in the face of changes they may not welcome, for their time and their history, and their perspective.

We pray now for old people: those who enjoy retirement and grandchildren and pretty good health, and those who are sick, who are tired and lonely, who don't have the money or capacity to look after themselves any more, those who are giving up.

We will do what we can for the old people we know, and for old people we don't know. We place all the old people where they belong, in your loving hands.

Lord we thank you today for all the phases of human life,
For babies and children, for young adults and grown ups and old people.
And we place all your people where they belong, in your loving hands.

Amen

Abby Smith

Folk asked whether we would print in the *Opoho Signal*, the text of Abby's 'Prayer of Intercession for the Generations', from Sunday 12 March. The answer is 'Yes', and thank you Abby!

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## *Music at Opoho*

The Lenten choir was convened this year.

On Passion Sunday we sang Chorale 17 "I stand here close beside thee" from the St Matthew Passion by J. S. Bach, 1727, with Mark Bevin on the piano.

On Easter we sang an arrangement by P M Liebergen of the Alleluia from Exsultate, Jubilate, by W A Mozart, 1773, with Vivienne McLean on the piano.

Thanks to all the singers who practise, learn, worry, and above all have faith that it will all be okay.

Opoho is full of musical folk who enjoy all the different opportunities to sing as part of worship, so it's always a pleasure.

**Abby Smith**



## *Volunteering at FoodShare*

Once a week, my husband Jeff and I drive down to the premises occupied by FoodShare, and volunteer for a few hours at this wonderful organization, whose motto is 'Rescuing Food/Nourishing Communities'. The aim is to collect good quality excess food, or food that is unable to be sold. The FoodShare premises contain offices, chillers and freezers.

Jeff 'rides shotgun' with a driver, and the bright green transit van calls in at some of the businesses who are rostered to have leftover food uplifted on that particular day. At the moment there is a total of 52 donor businesses, including supermarkets, bakeries and cafes. The van does 3 trips and comes back with banana type boxes full of food, which are then loaded onto trolleys and pushed into the sorting room where a team of 4-5 people [including me] are waiting. Our job is then to weigh each box and sort and record the contents under the categories of bread, produce, groceries, dairy and ready meals. The aim is to provide boxes for distribution that contain a mixture of the above food types, all weighed and labelled. These boxes are then

picked up the following morning by the recipient charities that are rostered for an uplift on that particular day. There are currently 65 recipient charities, based across Dunedin and Mosgiel, and as far away as Oamaru, providing food and meals to people in need.

So the food sorted on a Wednesday afternoon is picked up on a Thursday morning by the recipients, who work from a list to ensure they pick up the correct number of boxes from the open shelves, chiller and freezer. The shelves are then empty once more when the Thursday team arrive to do their day's work, and the system rolls into action all over again.

I have been a volunteer with FoodShare for 7 months and it has turned out to be some of the most rewarding work I have done. Although we don't meet the people who receive the food, it is obvious how much FoodShare is valued and working as part of the team has brought me into contact with fellow volunteers from all walks of life.

To learn more about the work of FoodShare, have a look on-line at [www.foodshare.org.nz](http://www.foodshare.org.nz)

**Christine Cleugh**



### *Interfaith Matters*

At our last meeting, held at the Brahma Kumaris Centre above the quarry in North East Valley, we farewelled two very special people – Rose and David Stiles – who are shifting north. They have been very important in the Dunedin Baha'i community and were instrumental in the set-up of the Dunedin Interfaith Council and the first national forum to be held here. They will be missed.

While mentioning the Brahma Kumaris too, I will expand a little. Some of you with Logan Park High School links may know a wonderful woman, Kristan Mouat, English teacher of my boys and now the Deputy Principal of LPHS. Kristan was instrumental in setting up the Brahma Kumaris Meditation Centre.

The next meeting of the Dunedin Interfaith Council is at 2.30 pm on the 7th of May, at Mornington Methodist Church. All are welcome.

**Bronwen Strang**

## *Favourite Recipes*

### **Bliss Balls**

#### **Ingredients:**

200 g (about 1 1/2 cups) pitted dates, soaked in boiling water for 10 min, then well drained  
1/2 cup Sunflower seeds, ground in a food mill or food processor  
1/2 cup Pumpkin seeds, ground in a food mill or food processor  
1/2 cup Ground almonds (or ground cashews)  
1 Tbsp Coconut flour  
2 tsp Vanilla extract  
dressed coconut to roll them in (optional)

#### **Method:**

Blend ingredients (aside from the coconut) in a food processor until everything is smooth and combined. Roll batter into small balls. Roll balls in coconut if desired. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to two weeks.

**Variations:** replace coconut flour with 1/4 cup cocoa powder and decrease vanilla to 1 tsp for a chocolate version.

To the chocolate version I often add 1/2 Tbsp powdered spirulina, 1 Tbsp powdered kale, and 1 Tbsp powdered silverbeet.

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### **Cheese and Bacon Muffins**

#### **Ingredients:**

4 rashers streaky bacon, chopped  
1 egg  
1 cup milk  
60 ml combined fat and oil  
3 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley  
pinch of cayenne pepper  
245 g flour (I used a blend of gluten free flours)  
2 tsp baking powder  
100 g grated tasty cheese

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**Preparation:**

Grease a 12 capacity muffin tin, or use silicone muffin liners.  
Preheat oven to 180°C.

**Method:**

Cook bacon over medium heat, stirring, until crisp. Remove from pan and pat dry with paper towel. Pour grease from the pan into a measuring cup, add oil until you reach 60 ml, to give you the 60 ml of fat and oil combined.

Place egg, milk, and oil in a bowl and mix to combine.  
Combine flour, baking powder, cayenne, cheese and parsley.  
Add flour mixture to egg mixture and mix until combined.

Spoon mixture into muffin tins/liners and bake for 20-25 minutes or until muffins are cooked when tested with a skewer.

***Alaina O’Byrne***

The recipe for the **Seed and Oat Bar** that Alaina brought for morning tea recently, is from *Seriously Good! Gluten-Free Cooking*, by Phil Vickery – available in the Dunedin Public Library.

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Lectionary readings, 7 May to 11 June 2017 in Year A, the Year of Matthew			
Sunday 7th May - 4th Sunday of Easter			
Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 23	1 Peter 2: 19-25	Jn 10: 1-10
Sunday 14th May - 5th Sunday of Easter			
Acts 7: 55-60	Ps 31: 1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2: 2-10	Jn 14: 1-14
Sunday 21st May - 6th Sunday of Easter			
Acts 17: 22-31	Ps 66: 8-20	1 Peter 3: 13-22	Jn 14: 15-21
Sunday 28th May - Ascension Sunday			
Acts 1: 1-11	Ps 47 or Ps 93	Eph 1: 15-23	Lk 24: 44-53
Sunday 4^h June - Pentecost			
Acts 2: 1-21 <i>or</i> Num 11: 24-30	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	1 Cor 12: 3b-13 <i>or</i> Acts 2: 1-21	Jn 20: 19-23 <i>or</i> Jn 7: 37-39
Sunday 11th June - Trinity Sunday			
Gen 1: 1-2:4a	Ps 8	2 Cor 13: 11-13	Mt 28: 16-20

Bible Book A Month Discussions
7.30 pm Thursday 4 May ~ Ecclesiastes
7.30 pm Thursday 1 June ~ Song of Solomon

The May Bible Discussion is on the book of Ecclesiastes.

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



Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in May

Every Tuesday	4.30pm Tuesday Prayer Time, Minister's Office Note: Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th at 3.45 pm
4 May ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Ecclesiastes</i> 129 Signal Hill Road
6 May ~ Saturday	11 am - 2 pm: Fair 11 am - 4 pm: Art Exhibition in the Church
7 May ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Garland 1 - 4 pm: Art Exhibition in the Church
11 May ~ Thursday	7 pm Movie Group. 129 Signal Hill Rd
14 May ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship. Tui Bevin and John Stenhouse
15 May ~ Monday	June <i>Opoho Signal</i> deadline
18 May ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Parish Council. Morrison Lounge Discussion meeting
21 May ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship. Mary Somerville
24 May ~ Wednesday	2 pm: Fellowship Group in Morrison Lounge 7.30 pm: Study Group in Morrison Lounge: Have a go at writing psalms for today
28 May ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship with Music Group. Rev Margaret Garland 7 pm: A Season of Reflection: The Proliferation of Grace
1 June ~ Thursday	7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Song of Solomon</i> 129 Signal Hill Road
4 June ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship. Parish Council
7 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 pm: Christian Development Committee 195 Signal Hill Rd 8 pm: Property & Finance Committee
8 June ~ Thursday	7 pm Movie Group. Details to be confirmed
11 June ~ Sunday	10 am: Worship with Quarterly Communion. Rev Margaret Garland