

Opoho Signal

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Lent is the Journey to Easter

February 2018

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Worship Services at Opoho:

Every Sunday at 10 am

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

Reflection on Advent 2017

Advent and Christmas may seem a distant memory but I am not quite ready to leave them behind and would like to reflect on them a little.

My Advent starts with our Community Advent Service, when I hear the Christmas story and sing carols for the first time in eleven months (see later in this Signal). Each week in Advent we lit another candle in our stunning stone, fern and flax Advent koru, and we waited, anticipating. We had a feast of carols, a lovely choir, a Blue Christmas service and a Family service where we acknowledged our whole church family with a small gift. As well we hosted a late afternoon Children's Christmas service and tea and with fifteen young children and seventeen adults ~ a lot of fun. The Christmas Eve service was the warmest I can remember but that didn't detract from the special once-a-year midnight ambience of witnessing the candlelight spreading out through darkness. And then on Christmas morning, Eve and Rosalie put Jesus in the manger.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas conversations inevitably included "What will you do for Christmas?" People's plans were diverse: a picnic in the Gardens with friends, a fully catered meal delivered to the house for the extended family, a quiet day at home

with just Mum, the wider family with all the food from a Nadia Lim box, a semi-organised pot luck with everyone squashed around the table, driving for hours to be part of a four generation Christmas, as well as Christmas Eve celebrations for those of us with more recent European heritage.

My Westerskov side of our family celebrates on Christmas Eve with our Kiwified version of a Danish Christmas. After dinner before we open presents we sing Christmas carols finishing with a Danish song with the last line of "Julen varer længe, koster mange penge" (Christmas lasts a long time and costs a lot of money!), but we don't sing the jaunty Danish children's song which more challengingly says "julen varer li' til påske" (Christmas lasts until Easter).

If we can let the Christmas story linger beyond Christmas dinner, whether or not to Easter, what might we ponder? I've been thinking about where I might fit into the story. It is scary to think I could be called to be like an angel, using my gifts to sing out the good news in unlikely places, or a Wise Woman, going on a long, dubious sounding, uncomfortable quest but with a divinely inspired plan and carrying the right gifts all along the way. What must it be like to be like Mary and be called to go against major social conventions because I know it is right with God in my heart?

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Or do I have a shadow side with a bit of Herod in me, rejecting rival and Godly ideas and prepared to go to extreme lengths to thwart others' good plans, or might I even want sometimes to be supreme commander of the universe, like God, knowing how the world should be?

One thing is for certain though ~ before long we will be in Lent and then it will be Easter, with plenty of time for pondering the cradle and the cross and where we fit into God's story.

Tui Bevin

Christmas has its cradle, where a Baby cried;
did the lantern's shadow show him crucified?
Did he foresee darkly His life's willing loss?
Christmas has its cradle and Easter has its cross.

Christmas has its cradle; shepherds came to see,
Little Son of Mary, Lamb of God to be.
Had His Father warned Him, none would grant Him room,
save in the Christmas cradle and in the Easter tomb?

Christmas has its cradle, wise men came to bring,
myrrh and gold and incense, offering for a King;
Myrrh alone stayed with Him, death's balm for this Boy,
from the Christmas cradle and to His Easter joy.

Christmas has its cradle, where that Baby cried;
in the Easter garden, Christ lay, crucified;
When death's power was conquered, God's life through Him poured;
Christmas has its cradle and Easter has its Lord!

by Rae E Whitney



Parish Council Report

Parish Council and our committees take a much needed break in late December and January, but will be getting back into the year with a Parish Council get together on 31 January.

It is always a pleasure to welcome people into membership and during December we were delighted to welcome John and Jenny Roxborough into membership at Opoho Church.

We were sad to farewell Retha, Lara and Leon van Wyk as they head to Brazil where Danny has a position in Florianopolis. We wish them well.

We are delighted to welcome back John and Diana Barclay for a few months while they are in Dunedin for John's study leave.

We note the recent deaths of Millie Te Kaawa, the Rev Geoffrey Vine, and Coralie Daniel (formerly Marshall and formerly of Opoho Church). Our thoughts and prayers go to their families.

And so 2018 at Opoho Church gets underway. We've enjoyed having visitors and people from NEV Baptist, Brockville Community Church, and Blue Lagoon worship with us over the New Year time.

We hope you are able to join us for the Parish Picnic on Saturday 10 February. It will be held at Fiona and Henrik's place at Tumai where there is beach and estuary for those who want to walk, splash, paddle and play and simply stunning views for those who would just like to sit and chat. We had a most enjoyable day there last year. Details will be emailed closer to the time.

Sunday School commences for the year on Sunday 11 February.

The Southern Presbytery's Dunedin North Otago Resource Group's first meeting of the year will at Opoho Church on Tuesday 13 February. After a meal at 6 pm (\$10 and need to pre-book), a part of the meeting at 6.45 pm will be about initiatives at Opoho Church. Everyone is welcome to attend the meal and meeting. It is a good opportunity to connect with the wider Presbyterian Church in Dunedin. Any enquiries to Tui Bevin or Mary Somerville.

Planning is beginning for the annual Church Fair on Saturday 12 May. Please mark it in your calendars now and think about what you can do to help.

Thank you to all who've helped over the Christmas and New Year time with all the tasks that keep a church being a welcoming place, it is much appreciated.

Tui Bevin

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

- ❖ Welcome home to those who have recently returned from travels around New Zealand, and around the world. We are delighted to see you safely home. To those who are away from Dunedin, we keep you in our prayers, and look forward to your safe return, when the time is right!
- ❖ We remember in our prayers the families of the Rev Geoffrey Vine, of Coralie Daniel (formerly Marshall), and of Millie Te Kaawa, who have died recently.  
Geoffrey, and Coralie and her late husband the Rev. Peter Marshall, were active members at Opoho during their time in Dunedin.  
Millie was a former Moderator of Te Aka Puaho, the Maori Synod. Her son, the Rev Wayne Te Kaawa, is currently resident in Dunedin doing his PhD and had planned to preach here at Opoho on Sunday 4 February - we hope that we might hear him later in the year.
- ❖ Over the New Year period it was a pleasure to be joined at Sunday worship by a number of visitors, including people from NEV Baptist, Brockville Community Church, and from Blue Lagoon.
- ❖ The Rev Dr Tokerau Joseph, who has been a senior minister at First Church of Otago for 12 years, is moving to Mairangi Bay/ Castor Bay parish in Auckland. He will be missed. During his training he and his family worshipped at Opoho.
- ❖ A very big 'Thank You!' to Laurie and Val Williams, for the carpet pieces now in the children's area at the back of the church.

- ❖ Rachel Ovens' book "The Tale of Mrs Possum" was launched at the Dunedin Public Library, on 24 November.
- ❖ This month Bronwen is heading to Austin, Texas, to clap loudly for her youngest son Robbie, when he is presented with a silver award for a radio documentary, "Chasing Meteors", which he produced for the ABC. The awards are under the AAAS – the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Meanwhile eldest son Jamie, who was a Buddhist monk for nearly 5 years, is now living in a yurt on a farm north of the Kilmog. Any other sons? Yes, middle one, Ben, is in Salisbury UK planning to learn to drive buses on the right hand side of the road so he can drive in Europe. Interesting family!
- ❖ Rachel Ovens' book "The Tale of Mrs Possum" was launched at the Dunedin Public Library, on 24 November.
- ❖ Have you received your summer copy of Spanz magazine? It is the national outlet of news for our whole church organisation. This issue includes an article about the Rev Fakafo Kaio, the Moderator-Designate of PCANZ, and a wide variety of other articles about people and places. There's a copy waiting for you on the back pew in the church.
- ❖ 'FYI Dunedin', back in October, mentioned that "residents will need to lookout for roadworks in North East Valley and Opoho as work to replace water, stormwater and waste water pipes begins in February 2018. The pipes are up to 100 years old and have begun to deteriorate". The work has begun, and we note that parking in Farquharson Street will undoubtedly be limited for a while.

***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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The Pictures on the Order of Service

Each Sunday's order of service normally has an illustration on the front page. In general, the picture relates to one of the Bible readings for the day or refers to a significant day or season of the Christian year (Easter, Pentecost, Christmas, etc.) or the theme of the service.



A selection of illustrations used on orders of service

Sometimes I look for a suitable picture on the internet using Google, but frequently I simply use one of a library of circular pictures produced by Edward Riojas, an American Lutheran artist, for the Gospel readings for each Sunday in the three-year cycle of the lectionary. Not all of his illustrations hit the mark – some are appropriate only for an American context and some don't quite fit theologically with Presbyterianism – but generally they elegantly capture the essence of the Gospel reading and make the selection of a picture a fairly easy task.



Edward Riojas and some of his work

You can read more about Edward Riojas and see other examples of his work (both sacred and secular) at <https://edriojasartist.com/>.

Gregor Macaulay

Dunedin North Otago Resource Group Meeting

Tuesday 13 February at Opoho Church

On Tuesday 13 February at 6 pm, Opoho Church is hosting the regular meeting of church people who live within the north end of the large Southern Presbytery. We will be providing a meal and Christine Cleugh will be in touch with help needed for that.

We also want to encourage you to come along to take the opportunity to chat with people from other churches - we do not and can not stand in isolation and it is special to be able to share and engage with others.

The format is that we gather at 6 pm for a meal - if you want to join in the meal, the cost is \$10, and you do need to RSVP by Friday 9 February to the office at Knox Church - phone (03) 477 0229 or email admin@knoxchurch.net.

The meeting begins after the meal, at about a quarter to seven.

Opoho Church has been asked to lead devotions and then to speak about some of the things that have been going on in the parish. Following this, the speaker is the Rev Doug Gay, lecturer in practical theology from the University of Glasgow, who is visiting for a few weeks. There may be another speaker yet to be confirmed. We finish the evening at 8.30 pm. All are very welcome to come along.

Margaret Garland

Opportunities for Service

For the week leading up to, and including, Sunday:

	Morning Tea	Door Duty	Readers	Prayers	Music	Flowers	Sunday School	Hall Cleaning	Church Cleaning
4-Feb	Cunninghams	Shona & Philip Somerville	Gaynor Haig	—	David Murray	Judy Rodda	Activities at back of church	Michael Ovens	Judy Rodda
11-Feb	Marian Weaver Tony Parry	Andrew Smith Michael Ovens	Jenny Roxborough	John Roxborough	Mark Bevin	Judy Rodda		Michael Ovens	Judy Rodda
18-Feb	Shona & Philip Somerville	Smith / Spencers	Daniel Larsen	—	Gaynor Haig	Fiona Stirling		Fiona Stirling	Andrew Smith
25-Feb	Christine Cleugh Jenny Roxborough	Mike Garland Marian Weaver	Christine Cleugh	Gregor Macaulay	Music Group	Fiona Stirling		Fiona Stirling	Andrew Smith
4-Mar	Jane Bloore Jenny Bunce	Cunninghams	Marian Weaver	—	David Murray	Jane Bloore	Activities at back of church	Christine Cleugh	Jane Bloore
11-Mar	Judy Rodda Marian Weaver	Jane Bloore Gregor Macaulay	Jenny Bunce	Marian Weaver	Mark Bevin	Jane Bloore		Christine Cleugh	Jane Bloore

Thank you so much to all who contribute now, and have contributed in the past, to these activities. Thank you to Miriam Vollweiler for her care of the church lawns throughout the year, and to John Stenhouse who makes sure the rubbish and recycling are collected every week.

Opoho Signal contributors: Thank you to all those who contribute editorials and articles to the *Opoho Signal*.

Contributions arise in several different ways - sometimes people are 'shoulder-tapped', sometimes people come forward with the offer of a contribution, and sometimes people are 'volunteered' by another person who recognises an idea, a story, that is worth sharing widely.

Without thoughtful and challenging contributions from so many people, the *Signal* would simply be a list of events.

Advent 2017 at Opoho Church

A look back to the Calendar for November and December 2017 reminds me how many and varied were the opportunities that we had at Opoho, for us to reflect together during Advent.

As always, Advent began “a week early”, with the Community Advent Service on 22 November. The church was nearly full, with people from churches across the North End of Dunedin. It was a delight, once again, to welcome, and be entertained by, singers and musicians from Liberton Christian School. They sang three hymns with skill and enthusiasm. Those attending were given the opportunity to give a donation towards the running of the Otago Community Hospice and \$191.90 was collected. After the service, our fellowship continued over afternoon tea in the hall. Thank you to our local Opoho catering team!

Through the Sundays of Advent, we lit the Advent candles - not in an Advent wreath this year, but around an Advent koru laid out in the sanctuary. What a wonderful innovation! Thanks to the people at Flagstaff Community Church for sharing this idea. In addition, on each Sunday one of the children (with perhaps a little help from a significant adult!) hung another of our Opoho Advent banners.

At 7 pm on 10 December, we opened the church doors for our Blue Christmas Service. This was a time to remember, and a time to share our prayers with those who do not necessarily experience Christmas as a bundle of joy.

On the third Sunday in Advent, the Opoho Choir took part in the morning service. Thank you to all the choir members. We were treated to *Come now Lord Jesus* and *The Pohutukawa Carol*. The *a capella* verses were especially moving.

That same afternoon, the church seemed full to bursting, as fifteen younger children and seventeen adults took part in our Children's Christmas Service followed by tea. An enormous amount of fun was had by all, as we went on a hunt around the church to



Nazareth and 'The East', crept through Jerusalem, found the shepherds in their fields and brought them all to Bethlehem.

The service of Nine Lessons and Carols focussed our attention on the Christmas story in a familiar way, which also encouraged us to reflect anew on the different elements.

From 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve, in the candle-lit church, we heard the Christmas story again, sang familiar carols, and listened to two reflections, in the voices of Mary and of Joseph, on the birth of Jesus. The timing of the service was impeccable, as the church lights came up again right on midnight, and we stood to herald Christmas Day, singing *Hark! the herald angels sing*.

On Christmas Day we lit the Christ Candle in our Advent koru, and hung the banner of our seedling come to full bloom. We explored what it meant to be the tellers of the Christmas Story - in words and our actions and our choices - and whether we are telling it with joy, and whether we are indeed telling the story of God-with-us, Emmanuel, loud and clear into a world that so needs to hear it.

On the church website, <https://www.opohochurch.org/gallery>, and also on the [Opoho Church Facebook](#) page, you will find pictures of the Advent Koru, and of the Community Advent Service afternoon tea.

Thank you to Margaret, and to all those who helped and contributed to Advent 2017 at Opoho.

Andrea Johnston and others

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## *November Study Group*

### *The story of Tui Motu*

At our November study night, it was a privilege to hear from Ann Gilroy RSJ, Editor of the independent Catholic magazine *Tui Motu Interislands*, which is published 11 times a year. In September 2017, *Tui Motu* celebrated its 20th anniversary. The initial impetus for its founding arose in part from the abrupt closure in 1996 of the *New Zealand Tablet*. This closure was a source of unhappiness for many readers, and members of the Dominican Order were instrumental in establishing *Tui Motu*. At the time of publication of the first issue, at the end of 1997, there were many suggesting the magazine would be unlikely to see its 12th issue; it is still going strong, with December 2017 seeing Issue 222 published.

Ann talked about the path which led her to the Editor's chair, a journey in which the hand of God was very evident, and outlined what she looks for in contributions - writing which is informed by knowledge/ research; offers hope; uses language accessible to ordinary readers; is not "in-house" Catholic; has depth and authenticity, and in which the writer's voice is apparent.

Between 40 and 60 people contribute to each issue of (usually) 32 pages. Contributors include writers, artists, photographers, as well as the people involved with the production and distribution of the magazine. Artists have included Fiona Stirling, and writers have included Simon Rae and Peter Matheson.

Some comments from Opoho people after Ann's talk confirmed that *Tui Motu* is definitely not an "in-house Catholic" publication - one person noted that back issues are a treasure trove of resources on themes of the Christian year; and another that it is the only publication that is always read cover-to-cover within their household.

**Andrea Johnston**

An annual subscription to *Tui Motu* (11 issues) is \$66 or \$56 (unwaged). If you would like to subscribe, ring (03) 477-1449, or email [admin@tuimotu.org](mailto:admin@tuimotu.org) Website: [www.tuimotu.org](http://www.tuimotu.org)

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Journey to Easter: the Lent Wednesday Worship Series

21 February ~ Hello

28 February ~ Teach us, O loving heart of Christ

7 March ~ My love came through the city

14 March ~ The Paschal Way

21 March ~ Body Language

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

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

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

Margaret Garland

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### *Interfaith Matters*

Our first Interfaith Council meeting of 2018 will be held on Sunday 4 February at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Fenton Crescent, St Clair at 2.30 pm.

By clever design, this is the same venue as the Celebration of Harmony Dinner on Wednesday 7 February, 6.30 – 8.30 pm. I will be able to tell you more of the interesting things happening there on Sunday the 4th, or you could phone me on 473 1610. The atmosphere at this dinner is quite special.

**Bronwen Strang**

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Bible Book A Month Discussions

7.30 pm Thursday 1 February ~ Hosea

7.30 pm Thursday 1 March ~ Joel

The February Bible Discussion is on the book of Hosea.

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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### *Movie Group*

The next movie group meeting is on Thursday 8 February at 7.00 pm, at 129 Signal Hill Road. Details of the month's movie will be included in the Sunday notices, closer to the time. Contact Shona Somerville for information, email [shonahsomerville@gmail.com](mailto:shonahsomerville@gmail.com) phone 473-8862.

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Continuing Psalm Writing for Today

6.30 pm - 8 pm Wednesday 14 February

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

We will meet again on Wednesday 14 February at 129 Signal Hill Road, with shared takeaways for tea. Please RSVP to Margaret or Tui that you are coming, by 4 pm that day.

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

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### *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 the lectures have been carried forward into 2018:

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| February<br>2018 | Professor Kate Crosby, King's College London<br>The Changing Relationship between Academia<br>and the Higher Levels of the Buddhist Path<br>(originally scheduled for 5 July 2017) |
| 19 March<br>2018 | Professor Aaron Hughes, University of Rochester<br>Rethinking the Study of Islamic Origins<br>(originally scheduled for 10 Aug 2017)                                               |

### *Used Stamps are Useful!*

Please do keep saving your used postage stamps! We deliver our collections of used stamps to Presbyterian Support. The stamps are then sold to philatelists, and the revenue is used for PCANZ Global Mission outreach, as featured in SPANZ.

Cut the stamps from envelopes and packages, leaving a 1 cm margin of paper around the stamps. Bring them to church, and put them in the box in the foyer.

Thank you!

**Vetia Sheat**

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Keeping in Touch

Do you know...

Opoho Church has a website, www.opohochurch.org

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

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

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

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

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| Calendar for early March                       |                                                                                                                                               |
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| The calendar for February is on the back page. |                                                                                                                                               |
| 1 March ~ Thursday                             | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Joel</i><br>129 Signal Hill Road                                                                         |
| 2 March ~ Friday                               | World Day of Prayer                                                                                                                           |
| 4 March ~ Sunday                               | 10 am: Worship with Quarterly Communion. Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                 |
| 7 March ~ Wednesday                            | 6.30 pm light meal at the back of church<br>7 pm Wednesday Worship: Journey to Easter. <i>My live came through the city</i> by James K Baxter |
| 8 March ~ Thursday                             | 7 pm: Movie Group                                                                                                                             |
| 11 March ~ Sunday                              | 10.00 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                                       |
| 14 March ~ Wednesday                           | 6.30 pm light meal at the back of church<br>7 pm Wednesday Worship: Journey to Easter. <i>The Paschal Way</i> by Joy Cowley                   |

| Lectionary readings, 4 February to 11 March 2018<br>in Year B, the Year of Mark |                       |                         |                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 4 February - Epiphany</b>                                             |                       |                         |                                       |
| Is 40: 21-31                                                                    | Ps 147: 1-11, 20c     | I Cor 9: 16-23          | Mk 1: 29-39                           |
| <b>Sunday 11 February - Transfiguration</b>                                     |                       |                         |                                       |
| 2 Kings 2: 1-12                                                                 | Ps 50: 1-6            | 2 Cor 4: 3-6            | Mk 9: 2-9                             |
| <b>Wednesday 14 February - 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 -<br>6: 10 | Mt 6: 1-6,<br>16-21                   |
| <b>Sunday 18 February - 1st Sunday in Lent</b>                                  |                       |                         |                                       |
| Gen 9: 8-17                                                                     | Ps 25: 1-10           | 1 Peter 3: 18-22        | Mk 1: 9-15                            |
| <b>Sunday 25 February - 2nd Sunday in Lent</b>                                  |                       |                         |                                       |
| Gen 17: 1-7,<br>15-16                                                           | Ps 22: 23-31          | Rom 4: 13-25            | Mk 8: 31-38<br><i>or</i><br>Mk 9: 2-9 |
| <b>Sunday 4 March - 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>                                      |                       |                         |                                       |
| Ex 20: 1-17                                                                     | Ps 19                 | 1 Cor 1: 18-25          | Jn 2: 13-22                           |
| <b>Sunday 11 March - 4th Sunday in Lent</b>                                     |                       |                         |                                       |
| Num 21: 4-9                                                                     | Ps 107: 1-3,<br>17-22 | Eph 2: 1-10             | Jn 3: 14-21                           |

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### Deadline for next Opoho Signal - Thursday 15 February

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

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| 1 February ~<br>Thursday                             | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Hosea</i><br>129 Signal Hill Road                                                                                                                              |
| 4 February ~<br>Sunday                               | 8.15 am: Pastoral Carers' Breakfast, Morrison Lounge<br>10.00 am: Worship with Holy Communion. Rev<br>Margaret Garland                                                                              |
| 7 February ~<br>Wednesday                            | 8 pm: Property & Finance Committee meeting. Venue<br>TBC                                                                                                                                            |
| 8 February ~<br>Thursday                             | 7 pm: Movie Group. 195 Signal Hill Road. Details to be<br>confirmed                                                                                                                                 |
| 10 February ~<br>Saturday                            | 11 am: Parish picnic at <i>Tumai</i> . Details emailed closer to<br>the time                                                                                                                        |
| 11 February ~<br>Sunday                              | 10 am Worship. Rev Margaret Garland and Rev Dr John<br>Barclay<br>Sunday School recommences<br>11.30 am Pastoral Care and Community Committee<br>meeting at back of church                          |
| 13 February ~<br>Tuesday                             | 6 pm - 8.30 pm: Dunedin North Otago Resource Group<br>meeting. 6 pm dinner; 6.45 pm meeting, here at Opoho<br>Church                                                                                |
| 14 February ~<br>Wednesday                           | 6.30 pm - 8 pm: Psalm Writing with tea<br>129 Signal Hill Road                                                                                                                                      |
| 15 February ~<br>Thursday                            | 7.30 pm: Parish Council Business Meeting. Morrison<br>Lounge<br>March <i>Opoho Signal</i> deadline                                                                                                  |
| 18 February ~<br>Sunday                              | 10.00 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 21 February ~<br>Wednesday                           | 6.30 pm: Light meal at the back of church<br>7 pm: Wednesday Worship: Journey to Easter. <i>Hello</i> by<br>Andrew Norton                                                                           |
| 25 February ~<br>Sunday                              | 10.00 am: Worship Rev Margaret Garland with Music<br>Group.                                                                                                                                         |
| 28 February ~<br>Wednesday                           | 2 pm: Fellowship Group. Morrison Lounge<br>6.30 pm: Light meal at the back of church<br>7 pm: Wednesday Worship: Journey to Easter. <i>Teach<br/>us, O loving heart of Christ</i> by Shirley Murray |
| The calendar for the early part of March is on P. 18 |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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