

Opoho Signal

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an early Christian poet and story-teller

July 2017

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Worship Services at Opoho:

Every Sunday at 10 am

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

July Editorial

Cathula Maclan Gillebride MacFergus - Storyteller!

This is a parable of grace I wrote for use in a service of worship.

A plant grows from one seed but what about a parable? This one grew from three seeds that I am aware of. The first seed was my discovery of a very famous photograph by the WWII war photographer, W. Eugene Smith. Smith was seriously wounded on Okinawa on 23rd May, 1945. Towards the end of his painful convalescence, he took his first photograph since his injury. The picture is of his two children walking happily in front of him. He called the shot "The Walk to Paradise Garden" but for me it will always be "Into the World of Light." Two children walking so confidently out into the world speaks of their being seriously loved and nurtured. Smith's photo became famous after it was included in Edward Steichen's 1955 'Family of Man' exhibition at MOMA (Museum of Modern Art, New York). [We can't reproduce the image here, but you can find the photo on line if you search for 'Walk to Paradise Garden Photo'].

The second seed was my thinking about a small group of girls in a congregation I had the care of, in a context where women were not perhaps as valued as they should be. These girls were enthusiastically open in worship. I wrote this story for them.

The third seed was my reading, at the same time, about the 12th-century figure, Somerled MacFergus (Lord of the Isles).

Cathula Maclan Gillebride MacFergus!

"Cathula Maclan Gillebride MacFergus! Come here noo!" her mother called.

Cathula's mother always addressed her like this when she had not been paying attention to what was important but most of the time people just called her Cathula or Cat.

Cathula Maclan Gillebride MacFergus is a real mouthful but even so, Cathula was rather pleased with her name. She was not just anybody. She was Cathula Maclan Gillebride MacFergus, named after a very strong willed woman who had been a clan leader in the Hebrides of

Scotland back in the time of the great Somerled MacFergus. Her namesake, Cathula Maclan of Morvern, had provided strong and clever leadership to her people and had commanded one of the great longships of her folk to the support of Somerled.

Cathula had a powerful imagination. She could see herself standing on the high prow platform of a longship, looking ahead as the gong beat out the time for the massed rowers on both sides of the longship. Her imagination and her confidence were gifts that had been nurtured since she was very young by her family and by her faith community.

For as long as she could remember Cathula had loved Sundays because that meant church, and church for Cathula was a very special experience. You see, she lived on a farm close to a small town in fairly hilly country near the coast. The town had no church building, so folk gathered in "The Hall", at her family's great rambling house.

"The Hall" was a quite remarkable room. It was long and wide with a long table at one end and a large number of very comfy over-stuffed chairs around the walls in the rest of the room. Late autumn and winter were the best because there would be a hot fire crackling in the large fireplace right in the middle of the seaward wall.

Folk came in from the valleys all around, and immediately began catching up on all that was happening; the struggles and the triumphs of their various lives.

They would pray, sing Psalms, listen to passionately-read scripture and then together, share the meaning of what they had heard - from the very young to the very old. Memories and stories abounded.

Cathula loved the sharing time, and from when she was quite small she and others were encouraged to ask questions, and to say what they thought. No one ever told her she was wrong. She was expected to learn for herself.

But amongst all the folk who were likely to gather there was one woman who held Cathula absolutely spellbound. Kyla Iona MacEth was tall and very striking; as dark as Cathula's mother was fair. Kyla lived with her brother, and she was away more often than she was present, for she was a professional storyteller who travelled the world with her tales and her singing.

This particular Sunday during the sharing time Kyla played her lap-harp, and told stories of the Christian bards who had travelled the Celtic lands many centuries ago, telling stories of Jesus and singing songs to teach people of the faith that made hearts fair and wonderful, in the rugged lives they led.

At school Cathula's class had been asked to recall the best story ever and prepare it to tell in front of the class. Cathula could certainly see herself as a story teller, but still she had been putting off preparing a story. She decided to ask Kyla to help her.

After the service Cathula sat down beside Kyla MacEth and asked for her help.

Kyla looked at her closely in silence for a long moment and then said, "There are plenty hereabouts who can help you do that, but there is something I have long wanted you to think about. God has gifted you with a good voice and you already have a passion for storytelling. Very few can weave words as you do. If it is what you want, I can help you become a storyteller."

All of a sudden Cathula had a sense of deep rightness; a sense that she was hearing truth. Maybe this is what God wanted her to do.

"Would you really help me to be a storyteller?"

"I might... but only if you do something for me."

Cathula was shocked for she was used to people doing kindnesses for each other without reward. In fact she was quite upset.

Kayla looked at her upset face for a moment and then smiled. "I will help you to be the best storyteller you can be, and I will teach you to play the harp as well, but if I do that you must make me a promise. One day when you are well known and people have come to love you and your stories, someone may come to you for help. Will you promise to help them as I will help you?"

An enormous sense of joy flowed through Cathula as she hugged Kyla and said, "Yes! I can and I will!"

"Cathula Maclan Gillebride MacFergus! Come here noo and help me pass round the tea!" called her mother.

David Vaughan

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David grew up in Wellington and Auckland. He taught at secondary schools in the North Island, before moving south to train for the Presbyterian ministry. After his ordination, he became a school chaplain, and then went into parish ministry. He moved to Dunedin, with his wife, Andrea Johnston, on his retirement at the end of 2013. Hamish and Abby, long-standing friends of Andrea and her family, immediately invited David and Andrea to Opoho Church.

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Parish Council Report

A letter has been received from the national office letting everyone know that the Very Rev Andrew Norton has had to step down from the role of Moderator-Designate for the General Assembly. He has not been well and has made the decision that he cannot give all his attention to it. The church has put in place a procedure to elect a new person for this role but the time frame will be tight, as they expect to have a new person in place by the end of this year. We discussed some possible names that might go forward from Opoho.

It is the time of year for the church statistics (attendance, membership, financial) to be gathered and sent to the Assembly office – these have a direct result on the levy that we pay to support the national structures of the church.

Vetia Sheat has brought to our notice the fact the very long running television programme, Praise Be, is being axed. We believe TVNZ are already using re-runs, and have committed to continuing to do so until the end of this year. The Parish Council has agreed to write expressing our concern at this decision – you might like to do so as well. Address letters to TVNZ Access Services, PO Box 3819, Auckland 1140, or email access.services@tvnz.co.nz

Margaret mentioned that it was important for people who are on morning tea duty to know that they do not have to leave before the service is finished, to get ready to serve morning tea. We all tend to listen to the music and have a bit of a chat before we go through anyway, and so it is fine for those who want to stay, to feel able to do so. Please think about whether it is necessary when it is your turn – by staying you may be giving permission for others to do the same. Thank you.

We have some very happy users of the hall with the new heating, and the fact that we now have a simple timer switch (2 hours), allays the previous concern that the heating might be left on. Instructions are up on the wall by the heating control box, in the entry to the hall.

One of the interesting things that has come out of our various gatherings and services is a number of small booklets of prayers gathered from various resources. We are looking at printing these and putting them into the library, and we can also email them to you, if you want – there are copyright issues that prevent us putting them into the online space.

Parish Council is going on their annual retreat in the middle of July – these are times of looking back and to the future and we look forward to spending this time together.

Mark Bevin is compiling a list of people who have keys to the church – if you haven't been contacted and have a key, could you please let him know and pass on to him the number(s) engraved on the key.

Our deep sympathy goes to Brian and Kate Cunningham on the recent sudden death of Brian's sister Lynne, while she was on holiday in the Isle of Wight.

Some news from the Southern Presbytery – and we could call it challenging for the way we function as church in the area. Currently half of the seventy parishes are vacant, with settlement boards in about a dozen of them – the rest are not looking to call a minister for various reasons. And it is estimated that 65% of the ministers in the Presbytery will be retired in the next five years.

The discussion on the Presbytery/Synod 'amalgamation' is continuing with very diverse views on the viability and wisdom of the proposal.

And to finish on a note of delight: the Parish Council approved the baptism of Eve Murray to be held on Sunday 16 July during the morning service.

Tui Bevin

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

- ❖ We remember in our prayers:  
Brian and Kate Cunningham and their family. Brian's sister Lynne died suddenly recently, while she was on holiday in the Isle of Wight.  
The family of the Rev Selwyn Yeoman and Natalie Yule Yeoman. Selwyn's father, Martin, died recently in Christchurch.
- ❖ Users of the hall continue to appreciate the new heating, and especially the 2-hour timer switch – no more worries about forgetting to turn the heaters off! Replacing light bulbs in the church is no easy matter, so thanks to those who arranged for the replacement of the blown bulbs.
- ❖ We look forward to the baptism of Eve Murray, during the morning service on Sunday 16 July.
- ❖ Did you see...  
... the story, and photo, in the Star on 1st June, about the launch of a new Dunedin Amateur Pianists group? The person behind the idea is Mark Bevin, who says he was inspired by a similar group in Christchurch, to which Mark's brother belongs.  
... the story, and photo, in the ODT Mix on 20th May, about the Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand's (PWANZ) delegation to the United Nations 61st Commission on the Status of Women? The delegation leader was the Rev Carol Grant, a member of Knox Church. A former minister of our parish, the Rev Saifaleupolu Siitia, was a member of the delegation. Saifaleupolu means Sa of the island of Upolu - Upolu being one of the main islands of Samoa. Sa was our minister from 1995 to 2003, before

she moved to Auckland. She is now at St Giles' Church, Mt Roskill South. If you missed the story, you can read it on-line here:

<https://www.odt.co.nz/lifestyle/magazine/women-united-part-1>

- ❖ Folk may remember former members of this congregation, Bill Dunbar, Jan Moore, and Jean Balchin.

Bill Dunbar was awarded an ONZM (Officer of the NZ Order of Merit) for services to health and the community, in the Queens Birthday Honours List this year. Bill was an elder in our parish for a short time before moving to Cromwell in 1999.

Recently Dave Cannan ran a 'My Town' photo competition on 'The Wash' page of the ODT. The winner was Jan Moore who was a member of the parish some years ago. Her photo of Cromwell caught the essence of the town. Jan's father was the Rev Jim Moore.

Jean Balchin continues to write thought-provoking columns for the ODT under the heading 'Tinker Tailor Student Spy'. Her columns are published fortnightly on Tuesdays. Jean and her family worshipped at Opoho Church some years ago, when her father David was a ministry student.

- ❖ The Parish Council have noted the number of parishes within the Southern Presbytery that are currently vacant. In and around Dunedin, there have been a number of recent changes.

The Maheno-Otepopo parish has been dissolved, and is now linked to St Paul's, Oamaru. St Paul's is a mix of town and country. The Musselburgh Church, within the Dunedin South Parish, has closed, with all worship services now at St James in Prince Albert Road. Val and Laurie Williams are interested to note that the former United Congregational Church manse, at 99 Albany St, is now the Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies.

- ❖ The Right Rev Andrew Norton is maintaining a journal, as he recovers from the surgery he had earlier this year. His entries are always thoughtful, and always honest about the progress he is

making. To read Andrew's journal you need to sign up to the Caring Bridge website:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/teamandrewnorton/journal>.

### ***from our Correspondents***

*Please do pass on to Andrea Johnston any news and snippets you come across, for inclusion in Parish News. Andrea's contact details are on P. 19.*

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Luther After 500 Years Lecture Series

This year is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, that he is said to have nailed to the church door in Wittenberg. This event is generally considered to be the catalyst for the Reformation and is being celebrated throughout the world this year – with everything from Luther rubber ducks, pasta in the shape of Luther's hat, socks with Luther quotes, to lectures, new books, a full length film about Luther's wife, and even a new 94 Theses by Radicalizing Reformation for today's crises in our age of hyperconsumerism, religious intolerance and ecological instability.

[\(http://www.radicalizing-reformation.com/index.php/en/\)](http://www.radicalizing-reformation.com/index.php/en/)

Here in Dunedin, the University of Otago has just finished a stimulating series of 17 public lectures which ran over the last three months, on "Luther after 500 years – the tragic necessity of the Reformation". This series was partly funded by the Synod of Otago and Southland and featured an impressive lineup of speakers, both local and international, covering topics ranging from "A Jew's Eye View of the Reformation" to "Lutheranism at Ruapuke". Two Opoho parishioners gave lectures: John Roxborough and John Stenhouse and to give an example of the flavour and depth of the lectures, here is a brief summary of John Stenhouse's lecture.

Many academics and ordinary people today believe that Christianity and science have been at war throughout the ages, with science inevitably emerging victorious. John Stenhouse's lecture on 'Luther, the Bible and Science' debunked this 'warfare thesis' by explaining how and why a couple of

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
2-July	Tui Bevin Kirsten Beyer	Jane Bloore Daniel Larsen	Jane Bloore	—	David Murray	Winter Flowers	Activities at back of church	Cunninghams	Jenny Bunce
9-July	Christine Cleugh Tony Parry	John Stenhouse Andrew Smith	Marian Weaver	Retha van Wyk	Mark Bevin	Winter Flowers	Judy Rodda	Andrew Smith	Rodda /Hamilton
16-July	Jane Bloore Jenny Bunce	Mike Garland Daniel Larsen	Maurice Andrew	—	Gaynor Haig	Winter Flowers	Mary Somerville	Andrew Smith	Rodda /Hamilton
23-July	Cunninghams	Shona & Philip Somerville	Gaynor Haig	Daniel Larsen	Music Group	Winter Flowers	Margaret Garland	Mulders	Bronwen Strang
30-July	Rodda / Hamilton	Michael Ovens Andrew Smith	Andrew Smith	—	Gaynor Haig	Winter Flowers	Andrea Clarke	Mulders	Bronwen Strang
6-August	Christine Cleugh Alaina O'Byrne	Cunninghams	Hamish Spencer	—	David Murray	Winter Flowers	Activities at back of church	Shona & Philip Somerville	Fiona Stirling
13-August	Shona & Philip Somerville	John Somerville John Stenhouse	David & Hannah Murray	—	Mark Bevin	Winter Flowers	Mary Somerville	Shona & Philip Somerville	Fiona Stirling

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

Getting the Signal out! A big thank you also, to Maurice Andrew and Shona Somerville, who between them make sure that everyone who wishes, receives a printed copy of the Opoho Signal.

American liberal Protestant historians - J.W. Draper and A.D. White - created the thesis during the late-nineteenth century. This mythological view of history appealed to a variety of groups - notably agnostic scientists, secular liberals, positivists, rationalists, and atheists - with axes to grind against established churches influential in European politics, education and science.

Embracing this warfare myth, prominent twentieth-century historians and philosophers of science claimed that science flourished during the Scientific Revolution (which began with Nicholas Copernicus's sun-centred cosmology in 1543 and culminated in Isaac Newton's Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy in 1685) by leaving Christianity behind. Giving an anti-Christian spin to the well-known story of the 1633 trial and condemnation of Galileo at the hands of the Roman Catholic Inquisition, such scholars often depicted Reformation-era Protestantism as scarcely less hostile to the new science than Catholicism. In fact, however, recent research has shown that the leading scientific thinkers of the era were almost all believing Protestants and Catholics - including Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Johannes Kepler, Galileo, Francis Bacon, Robert Boyle, René Descartes, Gottfried Leibniz and Newton. They created the most powerful and enduring scientific culture the world had ever seen by forging intimate and powerful alliances with Christianity, in both Catholic and Protestant contexts. But these 'holy alliances', created with the best intentions, turned out to be a mixed blessing for the churches.

Some of the Luther 500 lectures, including those by John Stenhouse and John Roxborough, were recorded and can be found at

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/resources/index.html>

A good number of Opoho people attended various lectures. Two totally unrelated things particularly struck Tui (apart from the Luther rubber ducks!): that during Luther's time 1 in 10 pregnancies ended in the death of the mother; and that there were in fact many reformations, such as in Germany, the UK, and. of particular interest to her, Denmark. From what she can reconstruct of her family tree, she had a great, great... grandfather, Knud Mogensen Buch, on her mother's

side who was a priest in Skanderup, Denmark, from 1553 to 1600. He succeeded his uncle in the parish – the uncle first having been a monk before becoming a priest who married - and Buch's son followed him in 1600. Imagine the conversations in their families!

If we are part of a reformed and reforming church, how does this quincennial aid our understandings and discussions so we can learn from the past to inform our present and future?

We thank the University of Otago and the Synod of Otago and Southland for this stimulating series.

Tui Bevin and John Stenhouse

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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. Lectures take place in the Archway Lecture Theatres, and begin at 5.15 pm.

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

Coming up in July:

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| <b>7 Jul</b>  | Professor Kate Crosby, King's College London<br>The Changing Relationship between Academia and the Higher Levels of the Buddhist Path |
| <b>26 Jul</b> | Professor Wesley Wildman, Boston University<br>Integrating the Sciences and the Humanities in the Study of Religion                   |



## *Synod - Presbytery Dialogue*

A period of consultation with the whole Presbytery and whole Synod has begun. We are hoping for significant written and verbal feedback by the beginning of August.

A discussion document has been produced and sent out to parishes, ministers, Presbytery elders, Presbytery Youth Reps, Presbyterian Women, retired ministers, Parish and Session Clerks, camp committees and Presbytery Workgroups and Synod Committees. If you need a copy of this document just ask by emailing [southernpresbytery@xtra.co.nz](mailto:southernpresbytery@xtra.co.nz) or [executiveofficer@synod.org.nz](mailto:executiveofficer@synod.org.nz).

We are testing the waters to see if there is enough support for a major reform in our regional bodies enabling them to function as a single body fulfilling the roles and responsibilities of both Presbytery and Synod.

The proposal will be redrafted to reflect the feedback received from the wider Presbytery and Synod. Then both bodies will consider it at general meetings. If green lights are provided then a proposal to the Assembly will be prepared.

Everyone involved in our church life is welcome to contribute to this conversation about the future of both The Synod and The Presbytery in Otago and Southland.

Repeated, from the *Southern Presbytery Newsletter*, May 2017

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Movie Group

The next movie group meeting is on Thursday 13 July, 7 pm, at 49 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, phone 473-8862 or email shonahsomerville@gmail.com.

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## *Operation Coverup*

For the Operation Coverup project, we knit 20 cm x 20 cm woollen squares, in double knitting garter stitch, from whatever wool we can find. We then sew the squares into blankets, 7 squares x 9 squares, to be sent overseas to cold Eastern European countries where they are distributed to orphanages and other aid outlets. Because winter in Europe is of course, summer in New Zealand, the blankets are sent away in our winter, July, so that they reach the European winter in time.

The rest of our winter is a good time to continue knitting squares for next year's blankets! There is lots of wool in the bag at the back of the church. If you can't knit maybe you can hand sew? And contributions to the shipping costs are always welcome.

Remember that if you have squares already done please bring them to church so that we can get them sewn up.

***Marian Weaver***

Contact [marian.weaver@clear.net.nz](mailto:marian.weaver@clear.net.nz) or 473 0174

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Interfaith Matters

On the 2nd of July an interesting aspect of our monthly Interfaith get-together will be an introduction by Michelle Derrett of the Southern District Health Board to a new venture being put in place. Michelle is the SDHB contact point for ensuring the community is prepared for a state of emergency and can operate at a level of self-sufficiency. She will talk about this role and the role of faith communities in supporting each other during a crisis.

All are warmly welcome to come at 2.30pm on Sunday 2nd of July, to the Mornington Methodist Church, 12 Galloway St, Mornington, whether or not you have been to an Interfaith meeting before.

Bronwen Strang

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### *Bible Book A Month Discussions*

*7.30 pm Thursday 6 July ~ Isaiah*

*7.30 pm Thursday 3 August ~ Jeremiah*

The July Bible Discussion is on the book of Isaiah.

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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Our Winter Wednesday Worship series

runs from 5 July to 2 August

Wednesday 5 July ~ *When the Church was Young*

Wednesday 12 July ~ *Grace*

Wednesday 19 July ~ *Exploring what it means to be Righteous*

Wednesday 26 July ~ *Forgiveness*

Wednesday 2 August ~ *Wintering, with Holy Communion*

The midweek Wednesday Worship services offer a time for reflection, discussion and fellowship. The services are led by various members of the congregation.

The services begin at 6.30 pm, and a light meal is served beforehand at the back of the church at 6.00 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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### *A Season of Reflection:*

*A winter series of five evening services.*

This series of reflective services continues through until 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.

7.00 pm Sunday 16 July ~ *What is Our Purpose?*

7.00 pm Sunday 20 August ~ *What Do They Really Need?*

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

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May there be
within this day
quiet moments,
when I can rest
in your presence,
sit for a while
at your feet,
be still, and
simply listen.



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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

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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Creator God, by your transforming power  
take the scattered stones of this day  
and from them create something beautiful  
that will bring glory to your name.



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| The calendar for July is on the back page. |                                                                                                                                             |
| 2 August ~ Wednesday                       | 6 pm: Shared light meal at the back of church<br>6.30 pm Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion. <i>Wintering</i>                            |
| 3 August ~ Thursday                        | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Jeremiah</i><br>129 Signal Hill Road                                                                   |
| 6 August ~ Sunday                          | 10 am: Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Garland<br>11.30 am: Pastoral Care & Community Committee meeting at the back of the church |

| Lectionary readings, 2 July to 13 August 2017<br>in Year A, the Year of Matthew |                                     |               |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                  |                                     |               |                     |
| Gen 22: 1-14                                                                    | Ps 13                               | Rom 6: 12-23  | Mt 10: 40-42        |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July - 5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                  |                                     |               |                     |
| Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67                                                     | Ps 45: 10-17 or<br>Song Sol 2: 8-13 | Rom 7: 15-25a | Mt 11: 16-19, 25-30 |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 6th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                 |                                     |               |                     |
| Gen 25: 19-34                                                                   | Ps 119: 105-112                     | Rom 8: 1-11   | Mt 13: 1-9, 18-23   |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 7th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                 |                                     |               |                     |
| Gen 28: 10-19a                                                                  | Ps 139: 1-12, 23-24                 | Rom 8: 12-25  | Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43 |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July - 8th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                 |                                     |               |                     |
| Gen 29: 15-28                                                                   | Ps 105: 1-11, 45b or Ps 128         | Rom 8: 26-39  | Mt 13: 31-33, 44-52 |
| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August - 9th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                |                                     |               |                     |
| Gen 32: 22-31                                                                   | Ps 17: 1-7, 15                      | Rom 9: 1-5    | Mt 14: 13-21        |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August - 10th Sunday after Pentecost</b>              |                                     |               |                     |
| Gen 37: 1-4, 12-28                                                              | Ps 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b             | Rom 10: 5-15  | Mt 14: 22-33        |

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### Deadline for next *Opoho Signal* - Saturday 15 July

Please send all material for the *August Opoho Signal* to:  
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## Coming up @ Opoho Presbyterian Church in July

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| Every Tuesday                                         | 3.30 pm Tuesday Prayer Time, Minister's Office                                                                                                   |
| 2 July ~ Sunday                                       | 10 am: Worship with Holy Communion. Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                         |
| 5 July ~ Wednesday                                    | 6 pm: Shared light meal at the back of the church<br>6.30 pm: Wednesday Worship. <i>When the Church was Young</i>                                |
| 6 July ~ Thursday                                     | 7.30 pm: Bible Book of the Month. <i>Isaiah</i><br>129 Signal Hill Road                                                                          |
| 9 July ~ Sunday                                       | 10 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                                             |
| 12 July ~ Wednesday                                   | 6 pm: Shared light meal at the back of the church<br>6.30 pm: Wednesday Worship. <i>Grace</i>                                                    |
| 13 July ~ Thursday                                    | 7 pm: Movie Group. 49 Signal Hill Road.                                                                                                          |
| 15 July ~ Saturday                                    | August <i>Opoho Signal</i> deadline                                                                                                              |
| 16 July ~ Sunday                                      | 10 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland with the baptism of Eve Murray<br>7 pm: A Season of Reflection. <i>What is Our Purpose?</i>                 |
| 19 July ~ Wednesday                                   | 6 pm: Shared light meal at the back of the church<br>6.30 pm: Wednesday Worship. <i>Exploring what it means to be Righteous</i>                  |
| 22 July ~ Saturday                                    | 10.30 am: Parish Council Retreat. 129 Signal Hill Road                                                                                           |
| 23 July ~ Sunday                                      | 10 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland with Music Group<br>4.30 pm: Children's Pentecost service with tea                                          |
| 26 July ~ Wednesday                                   | 2 pm: Fellowship Group in Morrison Lounge<br>6 pm: Shared light meal at the back of the church<br>6.30 pm: Wednesday Worship. <i>Forgiveness</i> |
| 30 July ~ Sunday                                      | 10 am: Worship. Rev Margaret Garland                                                                                                             |
| The calendar for the early part of August is on P. 18 |                                                                                                                                                  |