

Opoho Presbyterian Church

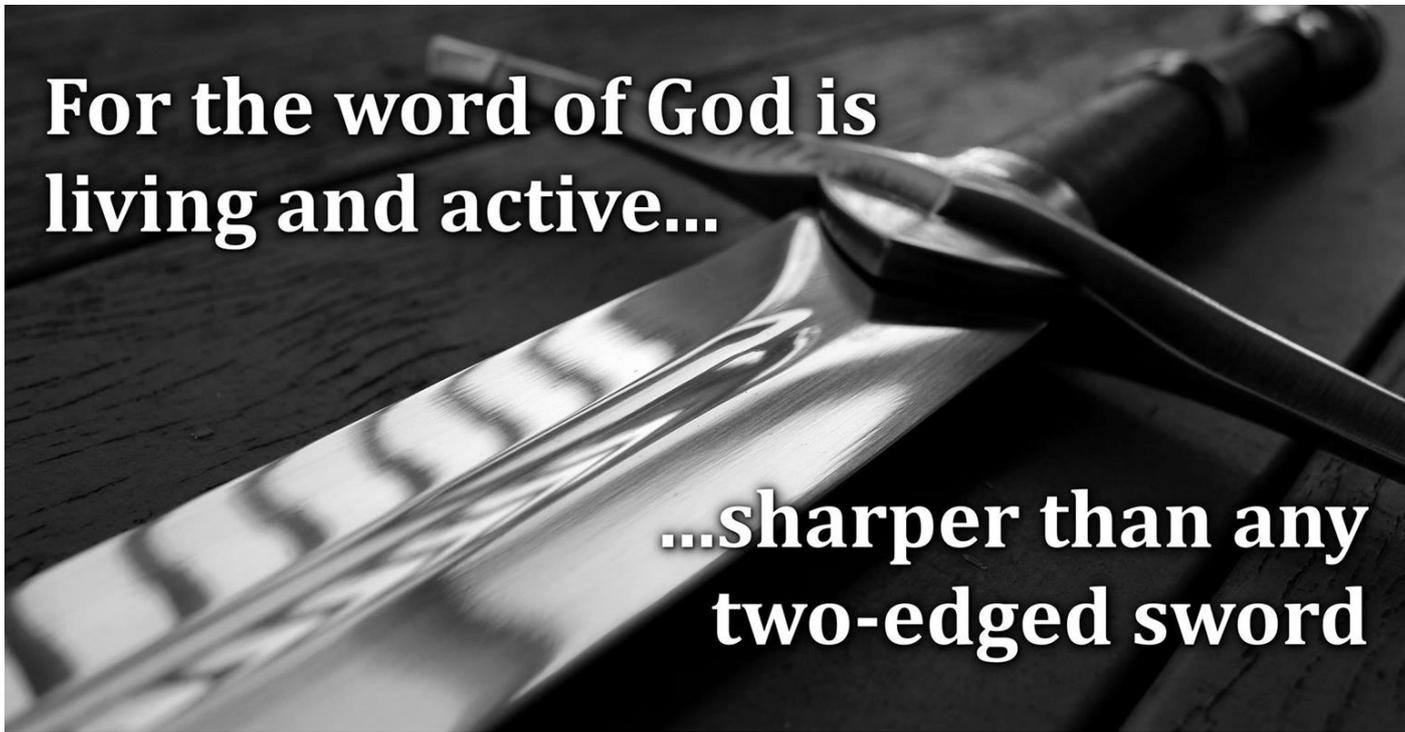
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17 October 2021 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!

Whoever you are, you are welcome here at Opoho Church. Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new, we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.

Everyone here is seeking to know God better, and we're glad you have joined us on this vital quest.



**For the word of God is
living and active...**

**...sharper than any
two-edged sword**

Hebrews 4:12

Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank, may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service.

*Please consult the worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Call to Worship *from Psalm 104:31&33, Good News Bible*

May the glory of the Lord last forever!

May the Lord be happy with what he has made!

I will sing to the Lord all my life;

As long as I live I will sing praises to my God.

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn.

Hymn words Gregor Macaulay, tune *Was Lebet* WOV 104

Spirit of God, blow like the wind in us –
Waken, invigorate, freshen and fan;
Trouble the waters of ease and complacency,
Just as you did when creation began.

Spirit of God, burn like a flame in us –
Brighten and purify, lighten and warm;
Conquer the darkness of doubts that encompass us,
Shine like a beacon of hope in a storm.

Spirit of God, come like a dove to us –
Comfort and nurture us, let our hearts sing;
Bring us the peace of your love and your gentleness;
Help us to soar in the strength of your wing.

Opening Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

...we are forgiven, we are set free.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;

The Peace of Christ be with you all

A ki a koe anō hoki. And also with you

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],

May he guide you always.

Chat Time

Young People's Song *The Fairy Godmother's Truth Song*,
words Clare Lind, tune *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*

If you're trying to impress,
Exaggeration leads to mess.
Always stick to what is true,
It's the best thing you can do.
While it might seem good to boast,
People like the truth the most.

When you're wondering what to say,
When you'd rather run away,
Always stick to what is true,
It's the best thing you can do.
When you're feeling scared or weak
It's the truth you need to speak.

When your knees have turned to jelly,
Butterflies inside your belly,
Always stick to what is true,
It's the best thing you can do.
Truth will make you strong inside,
You'll be glad you haven't lied.

Please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Lord of all we see, Lord of all we hear,

Lord of all we sense, Lord of all we are,

everything we have is gift from you. *continued overleaf*

**We bring these gifts in thanksgiving
and we bring ourselves as well.
Shape us, that we too, might be a gift from you
to those around us.
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen**

lines 1-2 from Fragrant Offering, John Birch

Bible Reading Hebrews 4:12-16

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Honestly

followed by time for reflection

Hymn WOV 490 Come, let us to the Lord, our God

Intercessory Prayer

Hymn words © Shirley Murray, tune Gaelic Traditional Melody FFS 10(i)

Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Whatever is True John Murray, *Faith Forever Singing* 71

Whatever is true and honest and good,
Whatever has beauty and wisdom,
Whatever reveals the face of God,
These we will live by and treasure.

Benediction *with sung Amen*

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Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Gregor Macaulay and Mark Ranby
Music: Gaynor Haig
Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Readings: Lena Henderson
Prayers: John Roxborough
Flowers: Allison Mulder
Morning Tea (*subject to Covid levels*):
Hamish Spencer and Abby Smith
Church Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder
Hall Cleaning: Andrew Smith

Opportunities for ministry week ending 24 October

Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Marian Weaver

Music: David Murray

Data Projector: Kieran Somerville

Readings: Gaynor Haig

Prayers: Mark Ranby

Flowers: Allison Mulder

Morning Tea (*subject to Covid levels*):

Daniel Larsen and Shona Somerville

Church Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder

Hall Cleaning: Andrew Smith

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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Philip Somerville, or email him at psomer39@gmail.com

Thursday 4 November

Induction Service for the Rev. Alofa Lale

at First Church of Otago,

411 Moray Place, Dunedin

Come and join the Presbytery

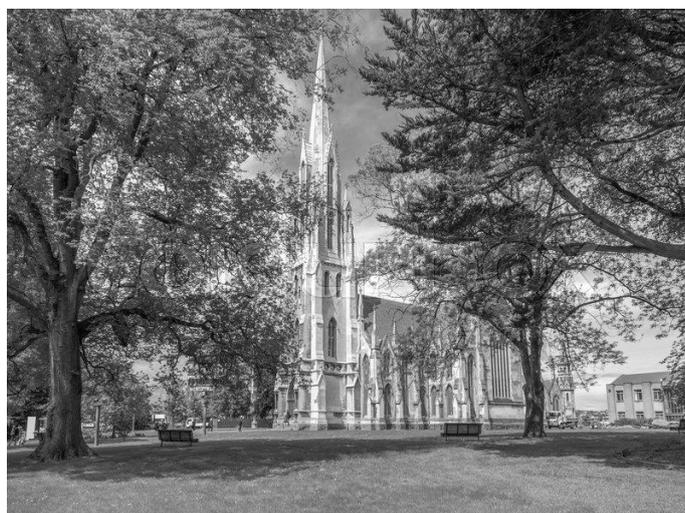
at the induction of Alofa Lale

as minister of word and sacrament.

6.45 p.m. Presbytery meeting held in the
Heritage Centre behind the church.

7.00 p.m. Service of Induction begins
Supper will follow the service

Presbytery members please send apologies
to alan@southernpresbyterians.nz



Any changes or additions to events listed in the *Opoho Signal* will be posted as they are known on the website at <http://opohochurch.org/events-and-activities/>

Diary of Coming Events

Physical gatherings may be subject to Covid alert level restrictions.

17 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 October ~ Wednesday	Material due for November <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
24 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
31 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
7 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion, followed by Annual Meeting
11 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
14 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Gregor Macaulay
18 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge or via Zoom
20 November ~ Saturday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

