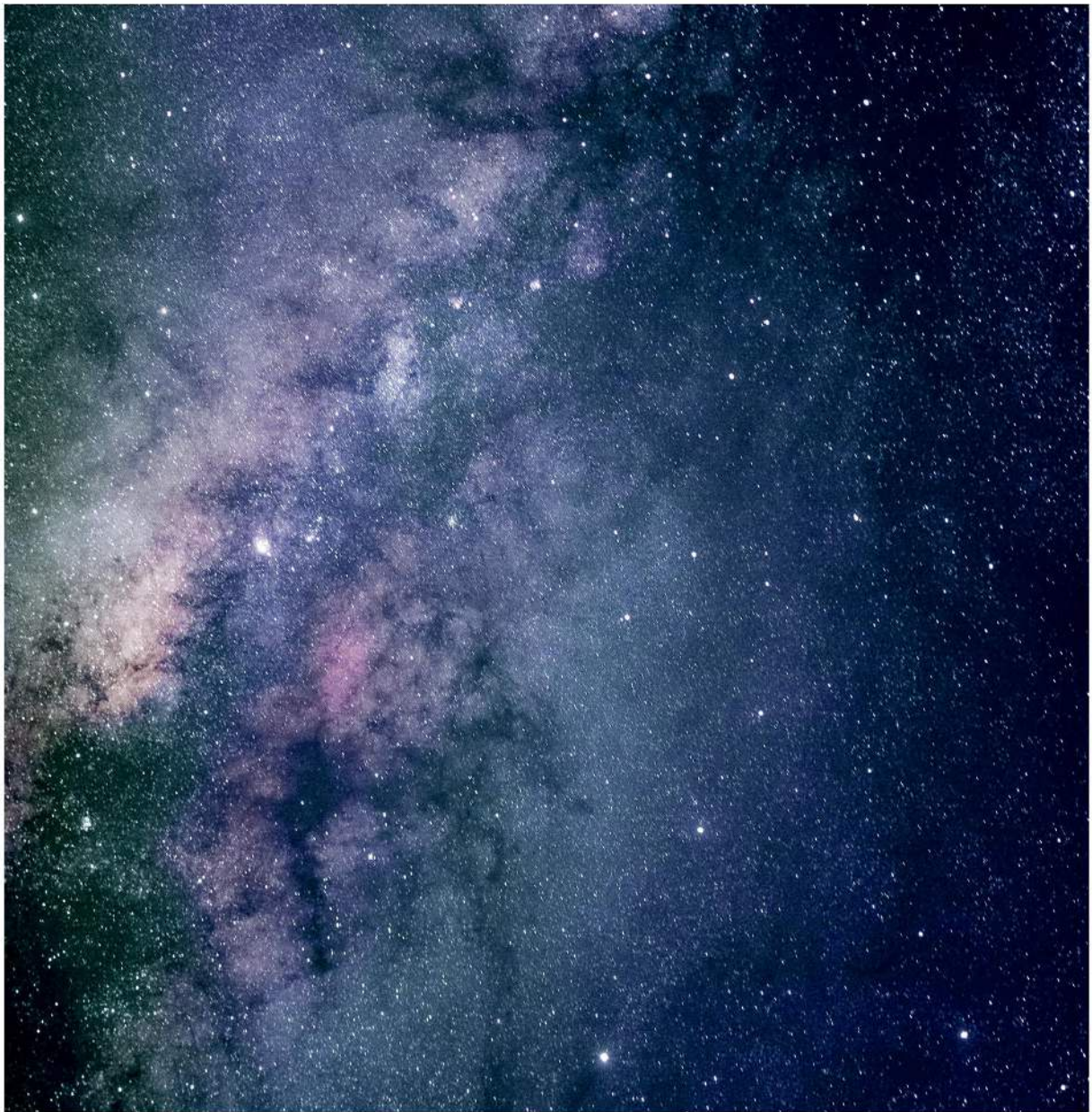


PUAKA MATARIKI



FLAGSTAFF COMMUNITY CHURCH

JUNE 2024

EVENTS

23

JUNE

Matariki Remembrance Service

Flagstaff Community Church
Sunday 9:30am

28

JUNE

Matariki Public Holiday

Aotearoa New Zealand

29

JUNE

Puaka Matariki

Flagstaff Community Church
On Saturday, we have a range of events across the day.

10am

Creek Restoration, Garden & Mahi Māra

2pm

Matariki Presentation: "Star Gazing and Worship" - Brendon Mcrae

3pm

Waiata & Family Fun. Songs, and activities in the dark for the tamariki.

30

JUNE

Matariki Celebration Service

Flagstaff Community Church
Sunday 9:30am



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Newsletter

Flagstaff Community Church May, 2024



Global Mission – Geoff Skilton en route to Vanuatu

Rev Geoff Skilton is about to set off for Vanuatu (16th June to 2nd July), joining a team of people from around our wider Presbyterian family.

At Flagstaff Community Church we are providing an opportunity for anybody who may like to gift a koha / offering towards the work Geoff and the team will be undertaking. **See details below.**

What is Geoff up too?

Since the initial visit in April 2013 with a group of girls and parents from Columba College four teams have visited. The latter visits have included people of the Highgate congregation and friends from the community. Groups have been as large as 25 and as small as last year's post-COVID team of three.

The same team as last year is returning with the task of repairing the shutters of the boys' auxiliary dormitory and the door of the main dormitory. To date \$1500-00 has been raised or donated. This has covered the purchase of wood and paint. Prayer for funds to cover the transport of the materials, screws and other items would be appreciated.



Vaum Junior Secondary School. Liro, Paama, Vanuatu
- Boys' Auxiliary Dormitory Maintenance

Prior to the team travelling to Paama (June 16 – July 2) Geoff and three other chaplains or ex-chaplains will be leading a training course for pastors (June 9-14) of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu (PVC) who are or want to be chaplains in a variety of settings. The

course is the result of a request by the PCV to Global Mission of the PCANZ two years ago. The team from PCANZ are being funded by you through Global Mission

Some TLC is required for a very tired auxiliary boy's dormitory at Vaun Junior Secondary School at Liro on the island of Paama. Paama is a small island halfway between the capital of Vanuatu (Port Vila) and the main northern island of Espiritu Santo.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

If you would like to give a koha / offering please either take a marked envelope from church foyer and with your monetary gift place in the offering basket on back table in the church.

Or, you can make your offering by going online and make a direct credit to Flagstaff Community Church.

Bank Account Details:

Westpac Bank

Account Name: Flagstaff Community Church

Account Number: 03-0903-0192517-03

Please use Vanuatu for reference.



FLAGSTAFF -- HIGHGATE -- LEITH

FRIDAY
FUN

Years 7 - 10

Friday nights 10/5, 24/5, 7/6, 21/6, 5/7

6 - 8 pm for dinner & games - - \$5

267 Malvern Street, Leith valley

For more info contact

George ph: 020 4156 0250.



Parish Council News

- Youth Grow appreciate the dishwasher which was bought down from Halfway Bush Church Kitchen.
- We have received \$500 from the Dunedin City Council Puaka Matariki fund.
- Halfway Bush Building Project - we are waiting for Habitat for Humanity lawyers to sign off legal documents.
- Finances: April. Income: \$17101.38 Expenses:\$10592.55 Surplus; \$6508.83 Bank Balance: \$34121.15
- Year to Date: We have a deficit of \$33497 due to painting and engineers report costs for the hall. The Synod allocation of 50 % of what was applied for has yet to be received.
- If anyone would like the full minutes of the parish council meeting please let me know.

May God bless you all as we are his hands, feet and voice in our community.

Church Administrator Expression of Interest: Flagstaff Community Church (Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand)

- o 10 hours per week
- o Flexi hours
- o Work from home or office
- o Some administration skills required

Looking for someone who can provide administrative support for the minister and other leaders of the congregation. For more information, including a copy of Job Description, please contact Sarah Barton (Parish Clerk) parishclerk@churchatflagstaff.co.nz;

Congregation Review: Over the coming weeks Southern Presbytery will be undertaking a review of Flagstaff Community Church. The purpose of the congregational review is:

- to evaluate and assist in strengthening the ministry and mission of a congregation;
- to enable the congregation to express its views regarding ministry and mission;
- to assist the church council in setting priorities and direction;
- to enable neighbouring congregations to find opportunities for collaboration and mutual support including in prayer;
- to inform the Presbytery Council as it sets priorities and direction for resourcing of congregations and for developing mission in that area.

Congregational reviews are an essential part of the operation of our Presbytery. The Review Team will be working closely with the Parish Council. Members of Flagstaff Community Church will be invited to complete an online survey. Ministry leaders, Minister, Elders and Parish Council will have an opportunity to meet with the Review Team. Details will be communicated to wider congregation during the review process.



He Tatau Pounamu

THE TREATY OF WAITANGI, A COVENANT OF RECONCILIATION

with Dr. Alistair Reese • 27 May, Knox Church, Dunedin

Greetings from the Theology Programme at the University of Otago: We have an exciting event coming up that we hope will be of interest to you and your churches. We are partnering with Karuwhā and the Venn Foundation to bring you a public presentation on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, He Tatau Pounamu, a Covenant of Reconciliation. This will be happening around the country and in Dunedin on May 27th at 7.00pm. The event will be held at Knox Church, George Street.

We are at a decisive moment as a nation, a time when the agreement by which tangata whenua and tangata tiriti live together is being called into question. So how can we renew and deepen our understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi? What does it mean to say that the Treaty is a sacred compact, a covenant, even? And what has been the role of the Church in relation to the Treaty? What might this require now?

At this event, historian and public theologian Dr Alistair Reese will help us to understand how the Treaty is he tatau pounamu – a covenant pathway of reconciliation. He will consider the history and context of this foundational document, including the role of the Church in its shape and interpretation. And he will weigh, with us, how best to respond –how best to honour the Treaty now.

Dr Reese is a Research Affiliate of our Centre for Theology and Public Issues in the Theology Programme at Otago and on February 6th this year he preached the sermon at the Dawn Service at Waitangi.

Please note that it is necessary to register for this event. For more information and registration check out the event page <https://www.venn.org.nz/events-courses/he-tatau-pounamu/>, We hope to see you there! Ngā mihi, Murray Rae

Membership Mission Membership: There are a number of people who have moved from the original place where they were baptised and made a confession of faith, and who now make Flagstaff Community Church the place they live out their faith. To arrange an appointment to explore fully the implications of becoming a committed member of our congregation please contact Brendon McRae 027 356 9200.

Green Fingers: We are currently restoring our awa next to the church. This little creek is showing signs of life and is breathing again and some native birds are showing up. There are a few folks who meet for a couple of hours on a Monday and pot away at planting, trapping pests, removing, weeding, etc. Occasionally we have a project in which everyone is invited including our local school. If you want to join us ring Neil Brown 027 435 4672.

Flagstaff Prayer Time: Sharing life, ministry and prayer together. Everyone Welcome. Every Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30 am in Tocher Lounge. Join us as we share and celebrate stories of God’s action amongst us and pray for one another and discern God’s leading into the future.

CAMPS EVENTS

	<p>DUNEDIN EASTER CAMP</p> <p>Mar 29 - Apr 1 @Tirohanga Camp</p> <p>More Info Click HERE.</p>
	<p>PUKERAU EASTER CAMP</p> <p>Mar 28 - Apr 1 @Camp Columba</p> <p>More Info Click HERE.</p>
	<p>BOOST CAMPS</p> <p>Twice per year @Camp Columba Leadership training and formation for young leaders.</p> <p>More Info Click HERE.</p>
	<p>SPORTS CAMP</p> <p>Held over Kings Birthday long weekend @Camp Columba. Go as a youth group and compete against other groups.</p> <p>More Info Click HERE.</p>

Interested in studying Theology? The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers a wide range of papers and qualifications, all available via distance learning. Some papers are taught via videoconferences, others include teaching days in Wellington, while a few involve week-long intensives. For further information go to www.otago.ac.nz/theology. or ph 0800 80 80 98 or 03 479 8639.

Pastoral Visit: If you would like a pastoral visit from someone from within the pastoral team or the minister, please ring elder Sarah Barton 021 385905.

Life Groups: Life Groups @Flagstaff are a vital part of who we are as a community of faith as we seek to grow in Jesus. Not only do we explore the messages God has for us from the Bible but we also have the opportunity to connect with others and experience a place where no-one stands alone. If you would like to join one of our weekly groups please contact Sarah Barton 021 385905.

Community Facing Groups: Where the focus is on friendship around a common interest. These groups are welcoming which may centre on an activity, a hobby, a talent, a life stage, a project or service. Groups include, Steady as you Go, Hire a Helper, Community Garden, Women's Coffee Group @ Coffee Culture (Held 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm), Green Fingers, Walking Groups and more! If you would like to join a group, start a group or find out more information then please contact Brendon on 0273569200.

Discipleship Groups: which focus on study and prayer. Wednesday 1.30 p.m. Contact Sarah 021385905.

Tithing/Giving: There are many ways we can support the activity of God in our church, community and world. Two ways of making your church offerings.

1. Use internet banking to make direct credits or automatic payments to the Flagstaff Community Church. Westpac bank # 03-0903-0192517-03. Please include your name for reference or if you use Envelopes use your Envelope reference/number.
2. Join the envelope system by contacting Alison Jenkin (Wakari) 021 1052 320. You will receive a set of personally numbered envelopes. This can be placed in the kete/ basket at the foyer entrance anytime during Sunday Worship.

If you give to special appeals or missions, you can claim on these donations by identifying the appeal by naming it when you make the internet payment or by putting your number or name and address on an envelope.

Contacts:

Prayer Chain: Sue Yule 476 7655, or Sarah Barton 021 385905

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Envelope System: Alison Jenkin 021 1052320

Hall Bookings: Sarah Barton 021 385905

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Kaumātua - Elders

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Minister: Rev. Brendon McRae

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Flagstaff Community Church Services 9:30am (Communion 3rd Sunday of each month)

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