



Flagstaff Community Church

Whānau Newsletter

July 2026

Kai Manaaki – Children & Families Leader

Love Jesus? Passionate about tamariki and whānau?
Come lead a vibrant, growing children & families ministry in Dunedin.

- ✦ Build relationships
- ✦ Grow faith across generations
- ✦ Lead a team + create fun, meaningful programmes

We're a welcoming, creative church community committed to faith, belonging, and making a difference together.

- 📅 Part-time (flexible) | Sundays + some evenings
- 📍 Wakari, Dunedin

🔥 Ready to make an impact? Request a job description from office@churchatflagstaff.co.nz. Applications close 10 August 2026.





Dr. Lamma Mansour
NAZARETH

Bearing Witness.

PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES
How should Christians respond to violence and injustice in the Holy Land?

AOTEAROA TOUR • JULY 2026

Dr. Lamma Mansour is a respected Palestinian Christian theologian bringing firsthand perspectives on faith, justice, and costly peace-making to churches across New Zealand. A Palestinian citizen of Israel, Lamma is also a writer and social policy scholar from Nazareth. Through her teaching, research, and lived experience she offers a thoughtful and deeply personal insight to the realities in the Holy Land today, and what courageous peace-making can look like from here in the Pacific.

TOUR STOP
Tue 21 July
2026, 7pm

Dunedin.
Register for free at ac4pp.com/tour

VENUE
All Saints
Anglican Church,
786 Cumberland St

PRESENTED BY AOTEAROA CHRISTIANS FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE

ac4pp.com/tour



New Mission Catalyst for Southern Presbyterians



Rev Carissa Nichol has been appointed to this position as from 1 July.

Charissa brings a wealth of knowledge and previous experience to the Mission Catalyst role. She is an ordained minister with qualifications and expertise that span theology and education. Her experience includes leading a new mission initiative, chaplaincy, educational leadership, and working at KCML and Laidlaw College lecturing theology and coaching those engaged in local mission. She has a deep and thoughtful understanding of mission that is both theological and practical, with a desire to build

strong relational connections with individuals and groups. She has much to offer congregations and committees across the Presbytery.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



This Summer we have four awesome expeditions around Aotearoa!

3x expeditions in December for rangatahi (teenagers in school years 12 & 13)

1x young adult expedition in February (for people aged 18-25)

Each expedition brings together a small group of 10–12 participants, led by 2–3 highly experienced outdoor instructors/facilitators.



[E3 OTAGO](#)

[E3 CANTERBURY](#)

[E3 BAY OF ISLANDS](#)



[E3 YOUNG ADULTS](#)

E3 Young Adults 2027 will be in the stunning Marlborough Sounds. Nestled at the top of New Zealand's South Island, the Marlborough Sounds is a breathtaking network of sheltered waterways, forested hills, and secluded bays. 7 days of excitement in the

great outdoors!

Join us from 10–16 February 2027.

Together we will sleep in tents (or under the stars, if you want!), learn about nature and conservation, experience the weather in all its changeable glory, cook together, challenge ourselves physically and mentally, watch breathtaking sunrises and sunsets, make campfires, have daily discussions and open the Bible, develop our faith, and spend time with a group of amazing humans.

Know a young person who would thrive in this environment?

Perhaps a grandson, niece, or someone from your church community? We'd love you to share this opportunity with them.

[Learn More About E3](#)

[Download E3 Brochure](#)



OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN



Online Workshop: Beyond the Sidelines - 22nd Jul 2026

Beyond the Sidelines: Bringing mission back to the centre!

Wednesday 22 July, 7pm

Kim Shaw, Korowai Coaching

An online workshop for mission enablers, local leaders and anyone passionate about what God is doing in the world! Mission is both the calling of the whole church *and* God sends individuals, as a vital expression of that calling. But less people are being sent, and mission can easily drift to the sidelines of church life.

This workshop explores what it looks like to lead mission toward the centre—without pressure, and without falling into outdated models. You will leave with clarity for your context and support for next steps.

Free training, or VIP option of \$35 gives access to coaching and more.

Register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/mission-beyond>

FOR AOTEAROA

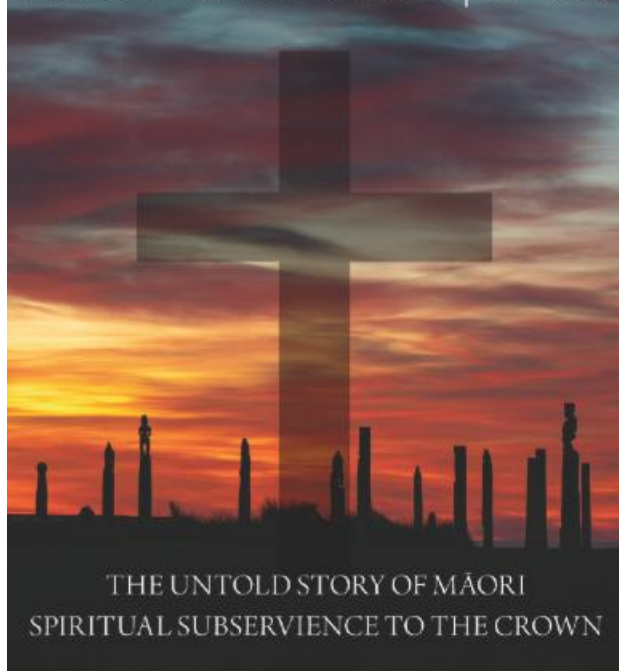
New Book! A powerful exploration of faith, NZ history, and Māori spiritual freedom.



Tiaki Leathers

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THE TREATY OF WAITANGI Covenants and Consequences



Around the time of the Treaty of Waitangi, Māori culture was judged through religious laws that failed to reflect the finished work of Jesus Christ.

This book:

- reveals how spiritual systems of control – not people or governments – became barriers to grace, leaving Aotearoa with the legacy we all experience today;
- calls readers into the New Covenant of total forgiveness, freedom from religious legalism, and a faith rooted in love, grace, and truth.

Kia whakapuaki ai ahau i te mea ngaro o te rongopai

2026 Christian Savings Governance Conference July/Aug

Those serving in governance roles need to be ready for the challenges ahead. This year's speaker line-up is designed to inspire and equip for both the joys and the complexities of church and charity leadership. You'll hear from keynote speakers who are in touch with the realities of Christian governance, engage in interviews and interactive discussions and connect with a wide range of people who share your commitment to leading well. Three venues - 22 July Christchurch, 29 July Auckland, 5 August Wellington. See [more](#).



BIBLE SOCIETY
HŪA RINGA HĀPĀI TE PAIPERA TĀPU KI AOTEAROA



Join us for Bible Month in July and journey through **five powerful parables from the Gospel of Luke** with **free resources for all ages** — designed to help individuals, churches, and ministries engage deeply with God's Word.

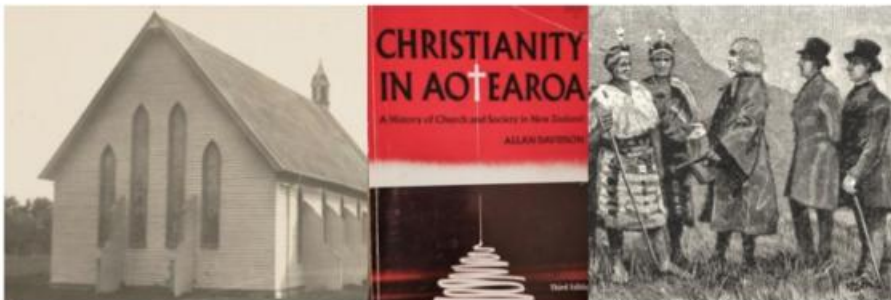
All the downloadable resources are now ready for you to access!

UNLOCK THE FREE RESOURCES



The Church in Aotearoa New Zealand

An 11 week exploration of the history of Christianity and the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand



This fascinating course will be offered by Zoom on Monday evenings commencing on 3 August 2026. Each session will be about 90 minutes.

The cost is \$90 which includes a copy of "Christianity in Aotearoa" and the 70 page study guide.

For more information contact Michael Crawford-Butler
educationforministrynz@outlook.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Deliver Meals on Wheels in Your Local Community!

Can you spare about **an hour or more** to help your Dunedin neighbours? We are facing an urgent shortage of volunteer drivers.

For many elderly, isolated, or vulnerable people in our city, this service is vital. It ensures they receive a hot, nutritious meal and a warm, friendly face checking in on them daily.

Areas Urgently Needing Drivers:

- North East Valley / Maori Hill / Wakari / Brockville
- Central Dunedin / Mornington / South Dunedin / St Kilda
- Waverley / Shiel Hill
- Greater Green Island / Abbotsford / Fairfield / Brighton

How It Works:

- **Time:** Monday to Friday Pickups are between **11:15 AM and 12:30 PM**.
- **Commitment:** Choose a schedule that fits you! Once a week, fortnightly, or once a month or even on call
- **The Task:** Pick up hot meals from 4 Pickup points, follow a simple delivery route, and deliver them to grateful residents nearby.

♥ Why Join Us?

It is incredibly rewarding. You will directly brighten someone's day, hear wonderful stories, and provide crucial community connection right on your doorstep. If you have a valid driver's license and a reliable car, you have everything you need to make a massive difference.

Foodbank

Our foodbank is currently in need of the following items to support local individuals and families in our community:

- Milo
- Baking supplies (especially sugar)
- Canned ready-to-eat meals
- Simmer sauces
- Lunchbox snacks
- Breakfast spreads (jam & honey)
- Cooking oil (500ml bottles)

Every donation, big or small, makes a real difference for someone doing it tough right now.

If you're able to help, donations can be dropped off at **407 Moray Place, Dunedin 9016**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support ♥



A poster for the Glow Waitaki community benefit dinner. The background is dark with many small, glowing yellow and orange lights, resembling a night sky or a field of lights. The word "glow" is written in a large, white, cursive font, and "WAITAKI" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. Below the title, it says "A community benefit dinner" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, it says "Hosted by Otago Medical Research Foundation, Presbyterian Support Otago & The Wildlife Hospital" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The date "Thursday 30 July 2026" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, followed by "Brydone Hotel Oamaru" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below the date, it says "Tickets: events.humanitix.com/glow-waitaki" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. There is a QR code on the left side of the poster. At the bottom, there are logos for the Wildlife Hospital, Otago Medical Research Foundation, and Presbyterian Support Otago. The bottom right corner shows a small image of a table set for a dinner.

Together Otago: our commitment to community wellbeing

Together Otago brings people together in gentle, welcoming spaces for listening, sharing, and learning alongside our parish and community partners. These gatherings are an opportunity to connect, share insights, hear updates from Presbyterian Support Otago, and explore how we can continue to work together to support our communities. Whether you bring your heart, your experience, your care for community – or all three – you are warmly invited to join us.

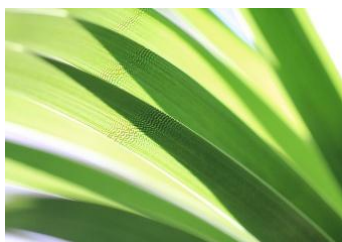
Upcoming dates:

- 3 June – Milton
- 5 August – Oamaru
- 7 October – Dunedin

All gatherings take place on Wednesdays from 3.00–4.30pm.



REGULAR MONTHLY NOTICES AND CONTACTS



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 potter 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.

Recycling @ Flagstaff: Bring your plastic milk and cream bottle tops, Tetrapaks (rinsed, flattened, slit open on three sides) and clean glass or plastic jars (any size, must have lids and no need to remove labels) to church. There are collection containers at the back of the church under the resources table. If in doubt, bring them along! For a comprehensive and (relatively) up-to-date list of recyclable items and where to drop them off, refer to this link <https://www.northeastvalley.org/your-community/valley-voice/july-2024>;

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.

Sunday Sermon: If you would like a copy of the speaker's message from Sunday, then please email Brendon on brendon@churchatflagstaff.co.nz and a copy will be sent to you.

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.

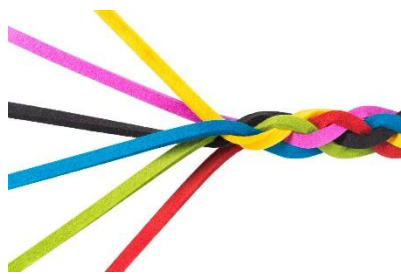
Flagstaff Prayer Time: Sharing life, ministry and prayer together. Everyone welcome. Every Tuesday 9 – 10 am in church foyer. Join us as we share and celebrate stories of God's action amongst us and pray for one another and discern God's leading into the future.



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 phone 0800 80 80 98 or 03 479 8639.

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.

Discipleship Groups: which focus on study and prayer. Wednesday 1.30 p.m. Contact Sarah 021 385905.



Community Facing Groups: Where the focus is on friendship around a common interest. These groups are welcoming and 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 2.30 pm at Coffee Culture in Roslyn), 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 027 356 9200.

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 ensure your donation goes to that particular mission by writing the name of the appeal or special purpose when you make the internet payment or when you put your number or name and address on an envelope.

Flagstaff Community Church Services 9.30am (Communion 3rd Sunday of each month)

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