



Flagstaff Community Church

Whānau Newsletter

October 2026

Singing Under Southern Skies

Flagstaff Community Choir
20th Anniversary Concert

Choir Director Sue Mephram
Accompanied by Susan Frame
Guest Conductor Carole Chetwin-Randall

7pm Saturday 17th October 2026
Flagstaff Community Church
9 Centennial Ave, Helensburgh, Dunedin

Entry \$5 or Koha. All funds raised will go to Moana House



THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering
Quaker meeting house 15 Park St Dunedin
7.30-9pm Wednesday 14th October
ALL WELCOME
dunedininterfaith@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT OTAGO

Annual General Meeting

**You are warmly invited to our 2026
Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 29 October, 5:30pm start

**Burns Hall, First Church,
415 Moray Place, Dunedin**

*A proposed constitution change will
be presented at this meeting.*

Guest speakers

Professor Murray Rae,
University of Otago

&

Malak Tamimi,
Queens High School

Speaking on restorative
justice and practice.

Flagstaff - - Batch - - Leith

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Fun Friday

Term 4 dates: 16/10, 30/10
13/11, 27/11 and 11/12

Time: 6-8pm

267 Malvern Street

Cost: \$5 for dinner

\$7 for dinner and a soft drink

For yr 7-10 and yr 6s for this term

For more info, or to get onto the parent

WhatsApp group see your youth leader

or Amy Porter - 0273091195



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. [Learn More About E3](#)
[Download E3 Brochure](#)



Mental Health First Aid

2 DAY WORKSHOP

INVERCARGILL

20-21 October 2026

Windsor Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$95 pp

Contact Larissa.pearce@sunz.org.nz for details



Mental
Health
First Aid
Aotearoa

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

InterChurch Bioethics Council

Help your congregation think ethically this election...

The InterChurch Bioethics Council has updated its website with information on seven key issues facing our nation this election. What ethical questions might we consider, and how might our Christian faith influence your perspective in who to vote for come November?

Energy security | Food security | Healthcare | End of life care
Climate adaptation | Fresh water | AI

Visit www.interchurchbioethics.org.nz for a Comms Pack for your church

InterChurch Bioethics Council

Election'26



SOUTHERN MARRIAGE RETREAT

SOUTHERN MARRIAGE Retreat WĀNAKA

FRIDAY OCT 16 7PM- SUNDAY 18 12:30PM 2026

Workshop topics:
 Conflict and Communication
 A Faith Filled Marriage
 Restoring your Marriage
 Intimate Allies
 From Cashflow to Connection
 Preparing for the Empty Nest

COST:
 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BEFORE AUGUST 31. \$239 PER COUPLE
 FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST \$265 PER COUPLE

Keynote speakers
MATT AND BELINDA STOTT




FOR MORE INFO, AND TO REGISTER, USE THE CODE HERE OR GO TO THE SOUTHERN MARRIAGE RETREAT FACEBOOK PAGE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Administrative Assistant needed

Southern Presbytery is seeking an experienced and reliable administrative support person to assist our Executive Officer with day-to-day office and financial administration. This is a permanent part-time position for 15 hours per week, and the days and hours can be arranged flexibly by agreement.

For a full description of what the role entails, and/or to apply for the position, please follow this link: <https://nz.seek.com/job/95130359?ref=cm-ui>. The closing date for applications is Wednesday, 21 October 2026.

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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