

NEWS FROM Presbyterian Support Otago

CEO Appointment - Presbyterian Support Otago

The PSO Board is pleased to announce that **Joanne Rowe** has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer at Presbyterian Support Otago.

Jo has been CEO at Mornington Health Centre and has 20 years of experience in senior roles in the health industry, in New Zealand and the UK. She has been involved with Alzheimers Society at a local and national level. Her career includes time as Practice Manager at Servants Health Centre in Dunedin. Jo is a Registered Nurse and holds a Master of Health Science, Master of Management (Health Service management) and BA in Psychology. Along with her family, Jo is a member of Dunedin City Baptist Church. "I am a mum of four, ranging in ages from 9 to 21 and am married to Jason, a Corrections Officer. I love to run marathons and am an avid reader and researcher," writes Jo.

"As a Christian I have been privileged to work, and volunteer through the years for several organisations who provide care in many facets to members of the community in need. This is an important part of who I am, and essentially drives my energy and enthusiasm for transformation in our social environment." - Jo will join PSO as CEO on Monday, 2 September.



PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT WISHLIST

Many, many thanks for the coffee and sugar which has been dropped off in the past few weeks (from our last wish-list), it has really helped, and items that are always useful. Another big thank you for the glass jars with screw top lids, these are used to break down large bags of rice, sugar etc, keep them coming if you have excess, or start saving them. Items on our food bank wish-list this month are "just add simmer sauces" namely sausages and mince sauces. Deodorants, shampoos and conditioners are also running low if you can help with these.



Have you fond memories of Bible Class Days?
Then Keep Free

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8th
For Dancing in BURNS HALL



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OTAGO

415 Moray Place, Dunedin

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER



FIRST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

"We are striving to become a truly multi-cultural community, providing a warm, creative and affirming home base, enabling us to reach out with the Good News to those working and living in the inner-city and beyond."

MESSAGE FROM THE REV ED MASTERS -



As I glance out my office window I get a wonderful view of the church building and the grounds. Such a building is full of stories. The windows, the doors, the carvings and even the floor tell stories of the ministry and the mission of First Church. When we go into the church we are surrounded by the stories of faith and stories of loving service. And every day people are coming and going as they gather for social groups, as they volunteer in different ministries or simply pop into the church for a moment of quiet. The stories that the church tells are still being written as we gather together as a community

Sometimes the way we end up in a church can seem like it has happened by chance. We join a community because we liked a service, knew someone or were warmly welcomed. Was it chance that Jesus approached Matthew in his tax collectors booth and called him to come and follow? Was it chance that Jesus was walking along the lakefront when James and John were in their boat? Our God does not do things by chance. God deliberately choose to make a home amongst us in Jesus Christ. God chooses to come and meet with us amid our lives. And God chooses to pour the Spirit upon us. We are not a part of First Church by chance. God has chosen and called us here part in mission and ministry to the world.

When we gather to share in life and worship we are invited on a journey with God who has met with us in Christ. It is a journey of discernment. We worship, pray and allow ourselves to be drawn closer to God. And it is a human journey where we share who we are with one another and with God. Through our shared life is present and beckoning us into an exciting new chapter in the ministry and mission of the First Church of Otago.

Grace and Peace. Ed



SESSION SNIPPETS— Lyn Murray, Session Clerk

A **Health and Safety Statement for First Presbyterian Church of Otago** has been prepared and adopted by Session.

Health and Safety Practices when working with Children and Young People. Our Minister has worked in the past with these policies, which are on the PCANZ website, and he will ensure that our practices are appropriate and will implement the policy for First Church.

Session approved **renting the First Church manse** to Presbyterian Support Otago for the next 3 years.

A **letter was received from Knox Church** welcoming our new minister and committing to ongoing working together with us.

Rev. Ed reported that it has been a privilege taking the time to meet with people in their homes, in the Heritage Centre and at the various cups of tea that he gets to attend at First. It's taking a while to get to know people and to get around the whole congregation, but he will get there!

Two of our young people, Tiara Nafatali from Queens High School and Patrick Sefo Cloughley from Otago Boys High School took part in the Pasifika Speech Competitions at Otago Boys. Tiara won the Senior Division. They shared their speeches during a 2 pm service. It was suggested that it would be great for them to share their speeches at a combined Service.

A Fair Committee of five, convened by Pam Seaton, has been appointed.

The Reverend Ed Masters commented that several people had mentioned to him their fond memories of Bible Class Days, with Bible Class Camps and dances and wondered if some events could be organised at First Church, maybe sometime in September. The Session was enthusiastic with the idea and offered various suggestions.

As we enter a new chapter in our long history, we are faced by a range of exciting opportunities. Being able to move forward together requires good communication so that everyone is aware of the who's, what's, when's and how's of the church's life. Session and the Deacons Court are excited by the energy in the congregation and the new ideas and possibilities for engagement. The Session and Deacons Court are the first port of call for new ideas and initiatives and are committed to listening and engaging with all and every idea that comes forward. This can help us ensure that we can move forward together with minimal misunderstanding and maximum community engagement.

WHAT'S ON DURING AUGUST AT FIRST CHURCH

TUES 13	4.30pm	Property Committee
WED 14	6.30pm	SESSION
Mon 19	4.00pm	Finance Committee
WED 21	7.30pm	DEACONS COURT

APW - Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday August 20th 2pm in McLean Room.**

Guest Speaker will be The Rev Ed Masters, who will also chair the meeting. Welcome to all. Usual Sales Table

The Society of the Friends of First Church
Annual Meeting Tuesday 27 August at 2 p.m.

Hear Louise van de Vlierd speak about
Dunedin Heritage and Tourism In Dunedin
All Welcome

FAITH THINKING 2019 -
CONTINUING EDUCATION SHORT COURSES

offered by the Department of Theology Programme in conjunction with Continuing Education at the University of Otago

FINDING FAITH IN "SECULAR" TIMES:

Is God Green - and what about us? An exploration of human responsibility in the care of the Earth
Rev Dr Selwyn Yeoman, Presbyterian Minister

Thursdays 8, 15, 22 Aug, 7.00-9.00pm,
Burns 7, Albany Street

Each Course costs \$20.
Please register online



AUGUST SERVICES AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday August 4

10am Combined Communion - Rev Ed Masters
10am Door Duties: Brian Williscroft (453 1257) Nancy Bamford, Noeleen Williscroft, Wilma Hendry, Chitra Kumarsinghe, Finance: Brian Williscroft
Tea /Coffee Carol and Morris Brown



Sunday August 11

10am Morning Worship - Rev Olivia Dawson
10am Door Duties: Heather McFarlane (488 1596) Ruth Houghton, Pam Seaton, Joan Sinclair, Finance: Joan Sinclair
Tea /Coffee Jean Kirk and Chitra Kumarsinghe
12noon Cook Islands Service - Rev Ed Masters
2.00pm Samoan Service - Rev Ed Masters

Sunday August 18th

10am Morning Worship - Rev Ed Masters
10am Door Duties: Ian Mitchell (471 0335) Margaret Mitchell, Jean Kirk, Lorna Ruffell, Finance: Margaret Mitchell
Tea /Coffee Heather McFarlane and Wilma Hendry
12 noon Cook Islands Service - Rev Tengarua Paniara
2.00pm Samoan Service - Rev Ed Masters

Sunday 25 August

10am Morning Worship - Rev Ed Masters
10am Door Duties: Glen Marshall(481 7157) Morva Marshall, Barbara and Lyn Murray, Tony Stevely Finance Tony Stevely
Tea /Coffee Loraine Denniston and Joan Sinclair
12 noon Cook Islands Service - John Aberhama
2.00pm Samoan Service - Rev Alofa Lale

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