

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

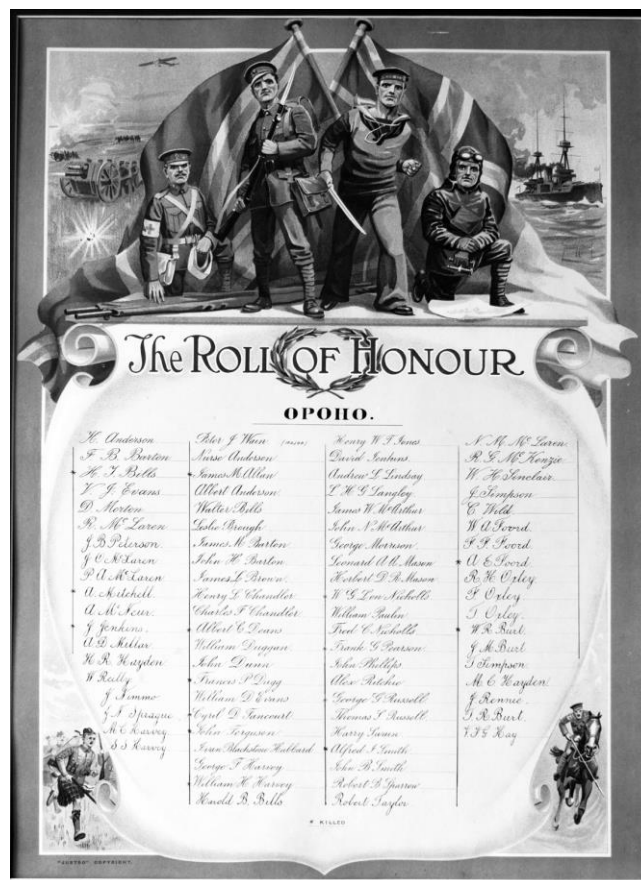
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10 November 2024 – Pentecost 25 – Remembrance Sunday

Welcome!

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 journey.



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. Offerings may also be made electronically – ask to talk to our Treasurer.

Please consult the Minister or 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

Ata Mārie!

Good morning!

Haere Mai!

Welcome!

Ka haere tatau ki te karakia.

We gather together to worship.

Hymn (*lighting the candle, bringing up the Bible*)

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!

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We are forgiven.

We are set free.

We rejoice together.

Praise 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.

A Story for the Children

Children's Song Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller (alt.) NJS 89

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, we're one family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Prayer of Offering

**Bless our gifts, Lord, and those who give, and those who receive.
Everything from large amounts to only a few coins
has value in your sight.**

**We give ourselves, our money, our things, our time, our skills,
the very things you gave to us.**

Use us Lord, to make your kingdom a better place, we pray.

Amen

Reading *Mark 12:41-44 The Widow's Offering*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection on Remembrance

Poem: After the Dawn Service

Look east, here comes the dawn!

Hoist up those half-mast flags into the snapping breeze.

Look up, Look up! Let the sun on your face lead you on.

Let the last trumpet notes fade;

Leave death and ragged grief behind

(but keep a little rosemary in your pocket).

Stand up, Stand up! with your shoulders back, head up – Walk.

Unpin the poppy; put the medals back in their velvet;

The sun is rising, the wind is fresh.

March on, March on! With all your strength

Lead the crowd – green means go.

Take love and grief and strength and loss,

And the bright notes of the trumpet into your hands;

Add the warmth of a crowd of strangers singing;

Include the sun sparkling on the restless sea;

Weave them into a strong bright fabric --

Wrap it around you.

Cloak up, Cloak up! Be magic. Transform today into tomorrow.

From wreckage make completeness.

Take a war ceremony and let it inspire

To active, loud, defiant Peace.

Abby Smith, 25 April 2023

Hymn Let there be light WOV 671

words Frances Wheeler Davis, music Robert James Berkeley Fleming

Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.

Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord, opening into grace.

Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs, and hunger, perish the fight for gain.

Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be your name.

Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *sung* WOV 676

Thanks

Hymn God Defend New Zealand WOV 677
verse 1 in Māori, verses 1, 2, 3, 5 in English

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā,
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa.
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa.

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

We of every creed and race,
Gather here before Thy face,
Asking Thee to bless this place,
God defend our free land.
From dissension, envy, hate,
And corruption guard our state,
Make our country good and great,
God defend New Zealand.

Peace, not war, shall be our boast,
But, should foes assail our coast,
Make us then a mighty host,
God defend our free land.
Lord of battles in Thy might,
Put our enemies to flight,
Let our cause be just and right,
God defend New Zealand.

May our mountains ever be
Freedom's ramparts on the sea,
Make us faithful unto Thee,
God defend our free land.
Make our nation good and just
Preaching love and truth to us,
Working out Thy glorious plan,
God defend New Zealand.

Benediction

**May the Lord our God, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit our inspiration and delight be with us all.
Grant us memory, and peace, today, in the days to come,
and all our lives.**

Three-Fold Amen *sung*

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
after the service – through the door at the back of the church.*

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: Abby Smith

Door Duty: Jenny Bunce and Hamish Spencer

Music: David Murray **Reading:** Bronwen Strang **Prayers:** Andrew Smith

Sound and Data Projector: Judy Rodda

Flowers: Sanel Tomlinson **Morning Tea:** Meegan Cloughley

Church Cleaning: Daniel Larsen **Hall Cleaning:** Fiona Stirling

Opportunities for ministry week ending 17 November

Door Duty: John and Kieran Somerville

Music: Singers and guitarists **Readings:** Jane Bloore

Prayers: Benjamin Thew **Sound and Data Projector:** John Roxborough

Flowers: Sanel Tomlinson **Morning Tea:** Shona and Philip Somerville

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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, Hamish Spencer, or email him at ophoclerk@gmail.com

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

13 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
14 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
17 November ~ Sunday	8 a.m.: Pastoral visitors' breakfast, Morrison Lounge 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 November ~ Wednesday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
24 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, John Roxborough and Gregor Macaulay
28 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
1 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
8 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Julie Mander and Opoho children; followed by Jam Palace in hall
12 December ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
13 December ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
15 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Nine Lessons and Carols 2 p.m.: Sing Your Heart Out – community carol singing in church
21 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, venue TBC
22 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
24 December ~ Tuesday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Wednesday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
29 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

BLESSED ARE THE
peacemakers:
 FOR THEY SHALL
 BE CALLED THE
children of God.
Matthew 5:9

