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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 12 OCTOBER 2025

9.30am	Mornington Church	Rev Max Reid
10.00am	Mosgiel Church	Rev David Poultney +
11.00am	Glenaven Church	Rev Max Reid
RADIO CHURCH		
8.30am	OAR 105.4FM	Seventh-day Adventist Church – Tony Parrish
	1575AM	
Live stream	oar.org.nz	

Please note you can now listen to RADIO CHURCH every Sunday on OAR 105.4FM, 1575AM or Livestream via oar.org.nz

Services at Mornington can be watched on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@morningtonmethodist1598>

METHODIST CONFERENCE

We are looking forward to hosting Conference at Mornington in November, if you would like to help in offering hospitality, in serving tea and coffee and laying out snacks for morning and afternoon breaks please contact David, Cam or Richard.



We are looking for people who might do some baking, again just let us know.

MORNINGTON FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Judy and George Davis visited Judy Russell in Invercargill. Judy is well and sends warm greetings to all in the Parish.



STRANGERS MAGAZINE

Five copies of Strangers Magazine are being delivered to Mornington Church, you are welcome to take, read and return. Thank you

MORNINGTON AGM

The Mornington AGM will now be held on Sunday 2nd November. If you are responsible for preparing a report for the AGM, please submit it to Richard as soon as reasonably possible.

The Glenaven service that day is now cancelled, and Holy Communion will be celebrated at Glenaven on the 16th

2025 WORLD INTERFAITH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

EVENTS: A 2025 (Red) DAILY PRAYER RESOURCE AVAILABLE (PDF)

is available from your Parish/Church secretary for daily prayers

1. **Sunday 12th October** 8pm Online Pacific Gathering - please register in advance. The Week of Prayer for World Peace Online Pacific Gathering will be held on Sunday 12 October at 8pm for New Zealand, at 6pm for eastern Australia.

Register in advance for this gathering here:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kK-Hh1bMTHm-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kK-Hh1bMTHm-Ur8j3_c2XQ)

[Ur8j3_c2XQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kK-Hh1bMTHm-Ur8j3_c2XQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. This also means you will receive a reminder the day before. The programme for this gathering will be shared nearer the day.

2. **Tuesday 14th October** 7.30-9.30pm Our annual Dunedin in-person interfaith peace gathering at the Quaker Centre, 15 Park Street.

Everyone is welcome!

3. **Sunday 19th October** 2.00pm -4.30pm Dunedin Interfaith Council annual Peace Hikoi starting at Al Huda Mosque in Clyde St and ending at All Saints Anglican Church for afternoon tea and refreshments.

Please come - meet new friends, build relationships and experience peace together.

4. **Thursday 23rd October** 5.30pm-8pm Pearl of the Islands-Dunedin Interfaith Council "Women of faith" Forum (Jewish-Christian-Muslim)

Venue: Dunningham Suite, Dunedin City Library. Please publicise this dialogue widely, as it is being co-hosted by the Dunedin Interfaith Council. To be facilitated by Dr Mai Tamimi.

Support for the Recognition of a Palestinian State

A Letter from the President of Te Hahi Weteriana

In acknowledgement and response to a statement made on the 27th of September 2025, by our Foreign Minister Winston Peters who said that New Zealand will not recognise a Palestinian state at this time, pointing to ongoing conflict, uncertainty over future governance, and a Hamas presence in Gaza. Recognition of statehood is not just a



symbolic act, it is a recognition of the rights of a people under occupation. Delaying recognition suggests the government is prioritising strategic caution over universal human rights. Aotearoa New Zealand has historically positioned itself in foreign affairs with a degree of moral diplomacy—nuclear-free status, advocating human rights, supporting international law. Delaying or refusing recognition of a Palestinian state in the current global context should be seen as diverging from that tradition. The government argues that recognition now might “reward” or embolden Hamas, complicating peace efforts. But there is counter-argument that recognition could instead increase pressure on all parties towards negotiation, and lend weight to international law standards.

Within Aotearoa, public sentiment (especially among younger/marginalised people) tends toward seeing recognition of Palestinian statehood as a moral imperative and long overdue. The government’s reluctance in this matter continues to breed disillusionment and/or accusations of moral cowardice. If the government truly believes in the principle of self-determination and in a two-state solution, it needs to show that through action—as well as words. Recognition of a Palestinian state is not simply emblematic—it is an important piece in the architecture of peace; the government’s current stance may miss an important opportunity to contribute meaningfully towards that architecture.

For us as Methodist Christians, the delay in recognising Palestine as a state is a failure to embody the prophetic witness the Church is called to bear—standing with the marginalised and affirming the God-given humanity of all peoples. Recognition is not a reward for power structures, but a statement of faith in peace through justice. Aotearoa’s moral legacy calls for bold compassion, not pragmatic silence. We must not wait for the perfect conditions to affirm what is right. Let us hear the prophetic words of a Christian Palestinian Children’s Prayer for Gaza, which sings of freedom that must be proclaimed—even amid darkness. “The sun of freedom will rise even if there were a hundred Herods. Tell them the sun of freedom will rise. Our land will return to us.”

Ngā manaakitanga,

Te Aroha Rountree

President

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