

# DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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## PARISH BULLETIN

**21 JUNE 2026**

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 28 JUNE 2026

<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Mornington Joint Service</b>	<b>Rev Adam Baker</b>
	<b>Connections Article</b>	<b>Greg Hughson</b>
<b>RADIO CHURCH</b>		
<b>8.30am</b>	OAR 105.4FM	<b>Tony Parrish – Seventh Day Adventist Church</b>
	1575AM	
	<a href="http://oar.org.nz">oar.org.nz</a>	
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Please note you can now listen to RADIO CHURCH every Sunday on OAR 105.4FM, 1575AM or Livestream via [oar.org.nz](http://oar.org.nz)

Services at Mornington can be watched on YouTube:

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



## UPCOMING event Dates

21 June 2026 Parish Preacher & Worship Leaders Meeting, Mornington Church, 4PM
24 June 2026 Mornington Fellowship AGM & Guest Speaker, Mornington Church, 2PM
24 June 2026 Gibson Talk Series 3, Professor Greg Jones, Mornington Church 7.00PM

### Notices

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#### Weekly Parish Bulletins

If you have any items/events you would like advertised in the weekly Parish Bulletin please send these to [bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz](mailto:bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz) by close of business on Wednesdays.

If you would like to receive the weekly Bulletin via email please send your email address to the bulletins email (above) and we will add you to the mailing list.

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#### Parish preacher's and worship leaders' gathering

All of our Parish preachers and worship leaders are invited to gather with our Parish Stewards for prayer and discussion together on

**Sunday 21st June 4pm-5pm in our Mornington Hall lounge.**

This meeting is primarily to introduce Adam to us all, but also to deepen the sense of our being a "team", a team doing our best to provide quality worship and learning opportunities for everyone (of all ages) attending our services.

Each year, we offer at least 140 services of (English language) worship and at least 52 services in the Tongan language.

Please pray that those of us leading worship will continue to offer well-prepared opportunities for faith development, and that we will continue to attract new people to all our services.

Greg Hughson

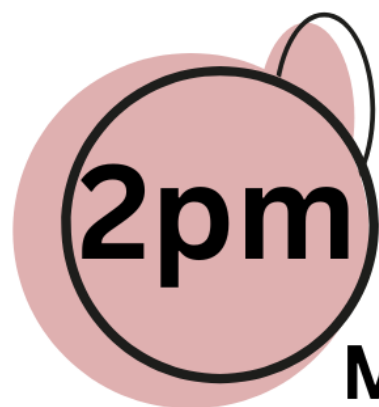
All members and friends of Mornington Methodist Church are warmly invited to join us for a brief AGM, an engaging guest speaker, and afternoon tea.

**AGM**  
2026



*Our Guest  
Speaker is*  
**Yashi Li**

Yashi is to speak on, “The Importance of Listening: what Medicine has taught me about People and health.”



**Wednesday  
24th June  
Mornington Fellowship**

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### Gibson Talk Series 3



**Professor Greg Jones will deliver a Gibson talk on improving risk assessment for vascular disease. Held on Wednesday 24 June at 7pm Mornington Methodist Church.**

We expect a large crowd for this so parking will be at a premium. All welcome, and a plate if just inside the door for koha (money gift).

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## Welcoming Rev Adam Baker



On Wednesday 17 June 2026 the Parish community gathered together for a Commissioning service for Rev Adam Baker at Mornington Church.

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## Connections

### Save Our Souls - George Davis

The term 'soul' has shifted from its original religious and metaphysical contexts to an incorporation within everyday language with meanings around a person "John is a good soul", or a feeling or emotion "her soul was torn with distress", to authenticity or central contexts "the soul of the matter is not a but b" or even as a poetic metaphor for life—"his soul was taken".

Other more familiar uses are found in statements like "Not a soul was seen in the village green" or "a small rural town of 80 souls," or "300 souls were aboard the vessel." In some European languages such as Russian "dusha" can be found in phrases meaning per capita. In Armenian and Kazakh languages how many people is translated how many souls. Other variations are found in statements like "he was the life and soul of the party" or "to search one's soul" meaning an in-depth self-reflection. In French "to have a soul in pain" means the same as heartache.

Modern humans have turned away from the conventional religious uses of the word 'soul'. It comes with the rejection of mainstream churches and teaching of Christianity. The widespread breakdown of expected social norms such as understanding parental duties in raising children and consequent loss of family groups attending church on a Sunday has caused a breakdown of Church-based education in the young: much of my early education was found in Sunday School and Bible Class attendance in the late 1940s and 1950s. This formative experience has largely disappeared. Nowadays, many churchgoers seem to accept the inevitable decline in numbers and see the trend as an end point or the moment for a needed resurgence.

Strangely, one of the prime factors is found in the liturgy used by churches today. Let us look at what has happened over time. The 1611 King James version of the Bible references the word 'soul' 458 times and the plural 'souls' 78 times. The original Hebrew word 'nephesh or nepes' as found in the Old Testament 750 – 780 times. The New Testament in Greek seems to also follow the trend but the word was also written as 'psyche'. Different bibles show differing rates of appearance for 'soul' King James Bible 537 times. The New American

Bible of 1986 171 times, New International Version of 1984 – 139 times the English Standard Version (2001}) 281 times.

The numbers seem to waver, but the trend is inexorably downwards. Can we explain some of this? (a) modern scholarship has been gradually and more precisely defining words and (b) some words translating Latin terms for example 'anima' as 'soul'. (c) a closer distinction between 'anima' for non-human creatures Caution where Greek versions seem to amalgamate 'soul' with 'life'.

The famous lexicographer / translator Samuel Johnson (in 1768) the meaning of 'soul' as the immaterial and immortal spirit of man while William Shakespeare in the 1610s saw it as the Vital principle, the interior power or spirit.

Is it time to revive the 'soul' of mankind/womankind with this term?

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