

May 2023

SOUTHERN HEADLINES

Southern Presbyterians Newsletter

Kia ora and welcome to the May newsletter from the Southern Presbyterians for 2023. This month we have a story out of Flagstaff Church, an update from the Spiritual Renewal group and Mandi and the Children

and Families ministry. If you have any design related questions, don't hesitate to ask, or if you have a story, article, or advertisement you would like to share, please contact Gabe at office@southernpresbyterians.nz

Volunteers get stuck in

Article originally published City Sanctuary team newsletter.

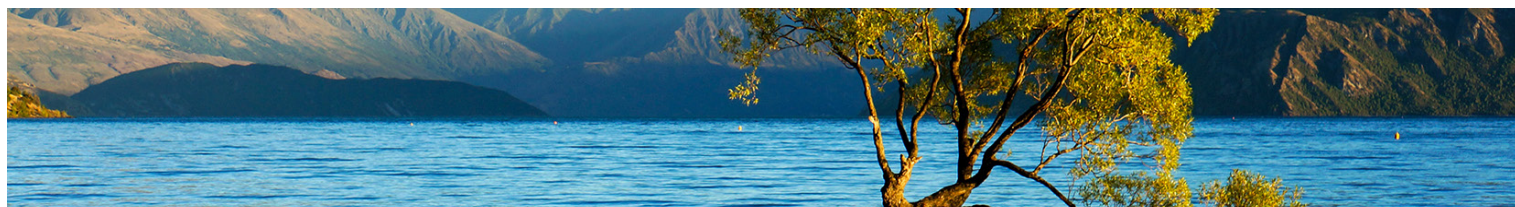
This past month we've been busy getting new volunteers and community members trained up to check trap lines in northern suburbs and around St Clair. It's fantastic to have lots of new trappers coming on board to protect important reserve areas from predators.

Members of the St Clair Golf Club are now managing the nearly 40 traps on the course. This is a unique area to do predator control - it's not every day you get to ride a golf cart from trap to trap! The club spans more than 60 hectares and there are pockets of bush, pine forest and new native plantings. The guys have already hauled out some good catches!

It's been great to recently meet with Flagstaff Church members who have been actively care-taking a local reserve next to the church. The group has been clearing weeds, planting natives and looking after the health of the creek. Now they are ready to start trapping on the reserve! Flagstaff Church is located between Ross Creek Reserve and Frasers Gully. It's great to get these little patches of reserve land looked after as they provide 'stepping stones' for native wildlife.

Nearby, we've been working with some very keen residents who have been intensively trapping on their properties that are coursed by School Creek. So far they have removed almost 600 predators! We've also had trap lines out across Ross Creek Reserve for the past two years and have removed more than 500 pests. And soon we'll be laying traps across the Otago Golf Club.

Connecting pockets of habitat with traps means we're keeping predator numbers low across large areas and providing safe passages for native wildlife to move and live in. It's great to have the local community passionate about getting involved!



Upcoming Events



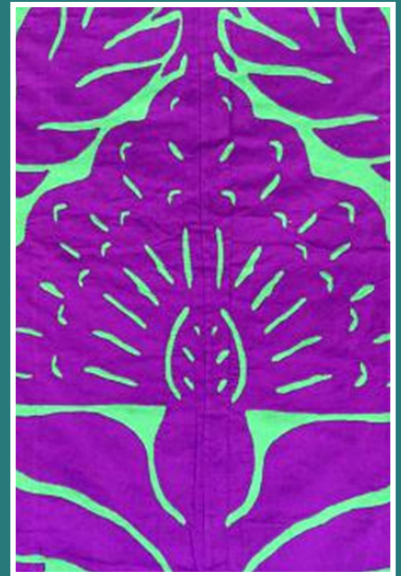
Conference Sequel
to International Rural
Churches Association

26 May



Archives
Open House

27 May



Cook Islands
Tivaevae
Quilt Display

1 June



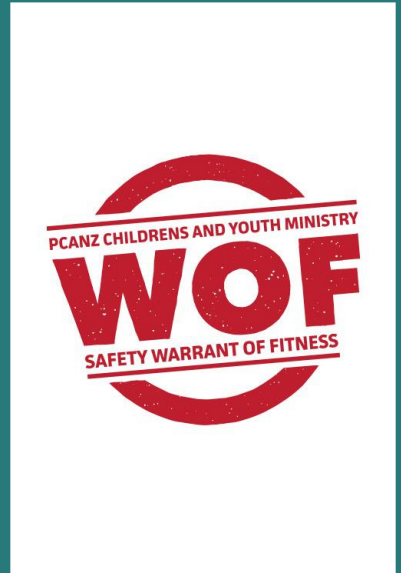
Pathways
Taster

10 June



Grief
Retreat

17 June



PCANZ
Warrant of Fitness
Training

24 June

Upcoming Events

Spiritual Renewal Group

This month we have some resources you might find useful, and an offer.

Jesus Revolution

You might have recently seen Jesus Revolution, the movie about the Jesus Movement of the late 1960s/early 1970s when many, many hippies were supernaturally converted. Or maybe you missed it. Either way, if you want to explore more, there are resources at <https://sites.google.com/view/christian-history/timeline/20th-century/the-jesus-movement>, or go to www.followers.org.nz, click on the "Christian History" button, then search for "Jesus Movement".

Evangelism Conference Videos Available Free

Exponential recently ran a conference asking if evangelism is a lost cause. The videos of the speakers have been made available free on RightNow Media. If

you want some inspiration and help with evangelism, there is more information at <https://exponential.org/lost-cause-reviving-evangelism-dap2023/>. RightNow Media has masses of good resources. You might want to investigate a subscription. You will need an account to see the Exponential resources but they are available free.

We Would Love To Pray For You

We have people willing to pray for spiritual renewal and growth in your church or your ministry. Each month we are contacting some churches to ask what we can pray for but don't wait for us to contact you. If you want prayer, contact Peter Cheyne (Peter@followers.org.nz) with your prayer requests and they will be distributed to the pray-ers.

To find out more, check out our website: <https://tinyurl.com/spragnz>

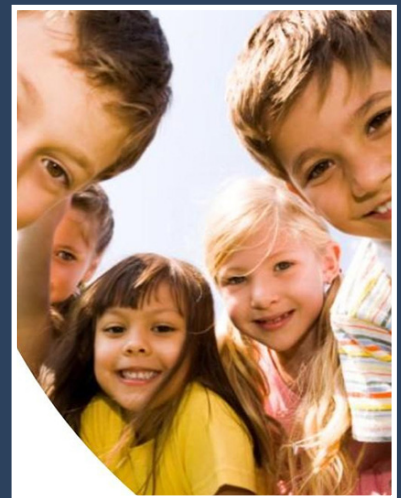
Other News



Cyclone Appeal for the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu



Bushfire's latest newsletter



Tindall Foundation Applications 2023



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

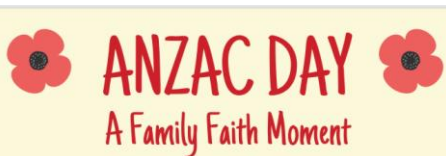
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FEATURING ARTICLE

Family Faith Moments

By Karo Wilson, PCFM Acting Director

It can be a challenge for families to establish faith-centred rhythms in everyday life. Yet, we also know how important it is for the faith development of young people, that they see faith being demonstrated by older members of the family, and to be included in those rituals and practices. However, sometimes our good intentions get side-lined by the chaos of family life!



Be encouraged to know that every intentional step, no matter how small, can impact your child's faith formation. With that in mind, PCFM produces a series of *Family Faith Moments*. Centred around significant dates and holidays, *Family Faith Moments* are designed to give families a chance to have faith-based conversations, in a way that is fun, age-appropriate, and achievable! You may choose to do all the activities, or simply take a moment and do one small thing together – it's up to you, and what you know your family can achieve together!

Family Faith Moments can also be easily adapted to use within a Children's Ministry setting, or even for the wider church whānau.

What's new



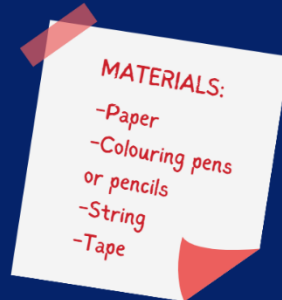
CORONATION DAY

A Family Faith Moment

On May 6th, we celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. This is a special day, where King Charles will make a promise to serve God, and the people of the Commonwealth. In the Bible, Kings were anointed to lead and guide God's people, so that they would love and serve God, and follow God's laws.

Reflection Questions:

I wonder, can you name any kings from the bible? I wonder why we call Jesus the King of Kings? In what ways can we love and serve God?



ACTIVITY

Make bunting to decorate your home! Cut a number of triangle-shaped flags from some paper. On each flag, draw or write one way that you can serve or love God. Attach to a length of string, and hang it up somewhere in your home where everyone can see it.

PRAYER:

God, help us to keep you in our minds (touch forehead), so that we can love each other (touch heart), and serve you in all we do (touch palms). AMEN!

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Blessing for Mothers

A Family Faith Moment



Reflect on your mum, or someone who is like a mother to you!

Think about questions like: What makes her smile? What is special about her? What makes her different from other mums? Your favourite thing about her?"

Marble Heart craft: Cut a large heart from thick paper/cardboard. In a shallow dish (bigger than your heart) spray in some shaving foam. Put drops of paint/food colouring on foam, and swirl gently with a skewer. Lay heart on top, pressing down gently before removing carefully. Scrape off excess foam using the ruler, and put aside to dry. Once dry, write some of the things you love about your mum on the heart, and give it to her!



Prayer:

God, thank you for all people who are like mums to us! We pray your big blessings on them, each and every day! AMEN!

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RESOURCES



MOTHERS DAY



CRAFTS

[Mother's Day Crafts - Kids Bible Teacher](#)

["Wreath Of Love"](#)

[Mother's Day Book](#)

[Bible story Pintables](#)

SERMONS / LESSONS

[Moms Are Awesome! - DouglasTalks.com](#)

[Search Children's Sermons | Sermons4Kids](#)

VIDEOS

<https://youtu.be/9zdOHQQmulw>

<https://youtu.be/yZSLutSBAPA>

"Children are
a gift from
the LORD:
they are a
reward from
him.."

Psalms 127:3 (NLT)



CRAFTS

[Paper plate hats](#)

[Fire launcher](#)

[Pentecost Candle](#)

SERMONS / LESSONS

[Mission Bible Class](#)

[Ministry-to-children.com](#)

pcfm.org.nz/pentecost

VIDEOS

<https://youtu.be/xtokHQOmFu0>

GENERAL NOTICES

ANCHORED



Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

25 - 27 AUG 2023

CAMP COLUMBA

WHO?

YOUNG PEOPLE YR 7-10

To express interest or for more information,
email mandi@southernpresbyterians.nz



PCANZ CHILDREN AND YOUTH LEADERS'
SAFETY WARRANT OF FITNESS

All leaders who work with children and young people must go through the **PCANZ Safety Warrant of Fitness (WOF)** once every three years.

Time for a refresher course?
www.safetywof.org.nz

Or contact Brad or Mandi:
brad@southernpresbyterians.nz
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Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others.



What is Messy Church all about?

- Messy Church is a church for everyone who may not feel comfortable attending a 'normal' church service and who don't yet belong to a church.
- Messy Church is INTERGENERATIONAL.
- Messy Church is a Community Outreach.

Read more about Messy Church:

www.messychurch.nz
www.messychurch.org.uk

**Start a Messy Church
@ YOUR church!**

For more information, contact
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INTERESTING FACT: There are **2843** Messy Churches in **over 30 countries**

Messy Church values



Christ-Centred



All-age



Creativity



Hospitality



Celebration

TRAINING EVENTS



DUNEDIN

10TH JUNE
VENUE : MOSGIEL PRESBYTERIAN
11 CHURCH STREET, MOSGIEL 9024
TIME: 9AM-4PM
COST: \$70



INVERCARGILL

17TH JUNE
VENUE : ROSEDALE BIBLE CHAPEL
CNR BOURKE ST & EXMOUTH ST,
INVERCARGILL 9810
TIME: 9AM-4PM
COST: \$70

[Click here to register](#)



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A Gospel for All Ages - Christchurch

Tue, 08 Aug | Christchurch

A Gospel for All Ages - Auckland

Thu, 10 Aug | Auckland

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