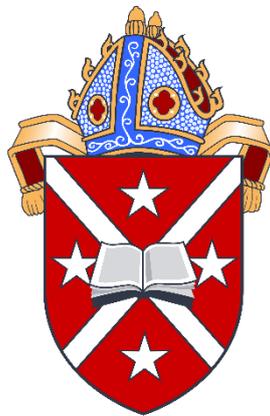


# **Diocese of Dunedin**



## **Overview of the Diocese of Dunedin**



# Thank you for being part of our Governance Structure

The Diocese of Dunedin has witnessed to the love of God in the Southern region of New Zealand for over 150 years. Just as we need all the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us in our task of spreading the good news about Jesus Christ in the South, we especially need those who can help steer us through all the challenges that lie ahead in practical and visionary ways. I appreciate your calling to be part of this journey and trust and pray that together we may find ways to live out what Christ has called us to be and do in this place.

+Steven Dunedin.



**Rt Revd Steven Benford**

Anglican Bishop of Dunedin  
Te Pīhopa o Ōtākou me Murihiku

## Excerpts from I Corinthians 12 (New International Reader's Version)

**12** <sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given to believers by the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup>There are different ways to serve. But they all come from the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different ways the Spirit works. But the same God is working in all these ways and in all people.

<sup>7</sup>The Holy Spirit is given to each of us in a special way. That is for the good of all. <sup>8</sup>To some people the Spirit gives a message of wisdom. To others the same Spirit gives a message of knowledge. <sup>9</sup>To others the same Spirit gives faith. To others that one Spirit gives gifts of healing. <sup>10</sup>To others he gives the power to do miracles. To others he gives the ability to prophesy. To others he gives the ability to tell the spirits apart. To others he gives the ability to speak in different kinds of languages they had not known before. And to still others he gives the ability to explain what was said in those languages. <sup>11</sup>All the gifts are produced by one and the same Spirit. He gives gifts to each person, just as he decides.

<sup>27</sup>You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it. <sup>28</sup>First, God has placed apostles in the church. Second, he has placed prophets in the church. Third, he has placed teachers in the church. Then he has given to the church miracles and gifts of healing. He also has given the gift of helping others and the gift of guiding the church. God also has given the gift of speaking in different kinds of languages. <sup>29</sup>Is everyone an apostle? Is everyone a prophet? Is everyone a teacher? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in languages they had not known before? Do all explain what is said in those languages? <sup>31</sup>But above all, you should want the more important gifts.



## Description of the Diocese of Dunedin

<https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/>

The Anglican Church in Otago and Southland is made up of two main entities: The Diocese of Dunedin and the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board.

**The Diocese of Dunedin** is a registered charity CC31504 whose charitable purpose is: *Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Teaching, baptising and nurturing believers within Eucharistic communities of faith. Responding to human needs by loving service. Seeking to transform unjust structures of society, caring for God's creation, and establishing the values of the Kingdom.* It operates within the religious activities sector (Education / training / research, Health, Community development, Social services, Arts / culture / heritage) with its beneficiaries being religious groups i.e. Children / young people, Older people, General public, Family / whanau). It was formally constituted in January 1869 (previously coming under the Diocese of Christchurch).

Its structure includes 27 Parishes/ Deaneries and 6 Local Churches in the Otago and Southland provinces, as well as social service agencies in Dunedin and Invercargill, residential homes for older people, a psychogeriatric hospital, a girls' secondary school and a University hall of residence.

The Diocese of Dunedin operates under the Canons of the General Synod te Hinota Whanui (Anglican Church in NZ), specifically under [Title F Canon IX Charities Act Requirements](#) (see Rules document)

No parishes have individual charitable status (they are all covered by the Diocese of Dunedin charitable status) and they essentially operate on a separate basis i.e. having their own governance structures (Vestries) with an annual general meeting to appoint officers. They are governed by the Diocese of Dunedin Standing Orders, Standing Resolutions and Statutes of the Synod of the Diocese of Dunedin, in particular Statute 3: [The Parishes, Regional Deaneries and Local Churches Amendment Statute 2019](#). The Synod also has a Standing Committee (The Diocese of Dunedin Diocesan Council) which meets regularly in between formal Synods, and a Diocese of Dunedin Trusts Board (comprised of Diocesan Council elected members) which oversees all appointments to the Boards of Diocesan entities (see below).



*Images from 150th Anniversary Service, September 2019*

As separate entities, parishes/deaneries and local churches maintain their own accounts, although some use the Diocese of Dunedin Administration Office accounting services. The Diocesan Office also provides payroll services for Clergy and other staff employed throughout the parishes.

The Diocese is currently configured into 4 Archdeaconries (Geographical areas) with overall oversight by the Bishop of Dunedin: Dunedin City (including South Otago); Oamaru and East Otago; Central Otago, and; Southland. Each Archdeaconry is led by an Archdeacon, usually an existing senior clergy or lay leader in a parish or deanery. (see <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/churches/> for more information).

The following **Diocesan Entities** are controlled by the Diocese of Dunedin and are required to submit an annual report to the Diocese of Dunedin Synod. They are also controlled by the above Statutes, but have their own separate Trust Deeds/Rules (apart from Selwyn College). Their charity status is linked to that of the Diocese of

Name	Charities Commission Registration Number
Anglican Family Care Incorporated	CC34152
Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board	CC36214
Earl Street Charitable Trust	CC31963
Home of St Barnabas Trust	CC23044
Leslie Groves society of St John's Roslyn	CC36222
North Otago Anglican Homes of the Aged	CC24248
Parata Anglican Charitable Trust	CC22137
Selwyn College – Te Maru Pūmanawa	
South Centre Anglican Care Trust	CC37176
St Hilda's Collegiate School Incorporated	CC34519
St Paul's Cathedral Foundation	CC35974
Takitimu Home Anglican Care Trust	CC25861

Dunedin. **Please note**, Selwyn College – Te Maru Pūmanawa is currently controlled by Statute 19 and does not have a separate Charity Number. It comes directly under the main Diocesan number i.e. CC31504. See also: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/organisations/>

**The Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board (DDTB)**, registered charity number CC362214, has two main roles:

1. Firstly, it manages two investment funds (the Income Fund and the Growth Fund) as trustee for diocesan institutions, e.g. social services, residential and community based services, educational institutions and so on. These bodies deposit funds with it. The total funds under management in the two Funds is currently over \$32 million dollars.
2. The second major responsibility of the Board is the legal ownership of all Diocesan properties: it acts a trustee for all Diocesan institutions including local churches and parishes, who are the beneficial owners, i.e. they make use of these resources for their mission and ministry. In this capacity, the Board arranges insurance of properties. It has also taken a leadership role in the assessment of properties for seismic stability.

The Board meets monthly, as does its subcommittee known as the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee monitors current investments to ensure the best returns possible and that they meet ethical business standards. This Board is incorporated according to the Canons of the General Synod te Hinota Whanui (Anglican Church in NZ) and is controlled by the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board Statute 2019.



## **Called South**

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN  
RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL IN OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND

The Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, Te Hahi Mihinare Ki Aotearoa Ki Niu Tireni, Ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa, and the Diocese of Dunedin agree on the nature of mission as the Bible presents it and as we seek to witness to it today. These 5 marks of mission are:

- i. To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom;
- ii. To teach, baptise and nurture the new believers;
- iii. To respond to human needs by loving service;
- iv. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation;
- v. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

**The Diocese of Dunedin sees its mission within this to be faith communities who read the Bible, pray and live out the life of Jesus Christ.**



## **Diocese of Dunedin Faith Communities**

**Reading the Bible  
Praying  
Living out the life  
of Jesus Christ**

## Reading the Bible – Pānuihia te Paipera Tapu

The scriptures underpin all that we do. **Pānuihia te Paipera Tapu**, reading the Holy Bible, reveals the person of God as seen in Jesus Christ and expressed in the Holy Spirit. For us, reading the Bible includes: telling the stories; deepening faith and understanding of our place in God’s universe and; sharing our faith journeys, opening up our lives to what God continues to say to us. It entails a commitment to reading the Bible, allowing it to speak to us in all that we do. Reading includes proclaiming and reflecting on the Bible in public worship and private prayer, as well as studying it with each other.



## Praying – Pūmautia mā te inoi

We see prayer and worship as central to who we are as communities of faith. **Pūmautia mā te inoi** expresses how we are strengthened by prayer. This call to prayer whoever we are and whatever it is about, allows us to listen and speak to God as we become more aware of God’s pull upon our lives within our wider communities. In prayer we open ourselves up to this call. As the early disciples did, we ask Jesus to teach us how to pray, committing ourselves to deepening our prayer life together.



## Living out the life of Jesus Christ – Noho tahi ai i a Ihu Karaiti

Living lives that reflect the life of Jesus Christ or **Noho tahi ai i a Ihu Karaiti** (living) as one with Jesus Christ, is the result of our reading of scriptures and prayer. As Jesus walked the earth over 2000 years ago, we continue to place our feet in Christ’s as we take part in God’s mission in Aotearoa – New Zealand. We want our life together to attract others into places of faith and belonging, where they too can encounter Jesus. This includes worship that moves us beyond our ordinary lives to encounter the Divine, but also sets us apart to care for our world and our communities. Alongside Christ we place ourselves with the most vulnerable in our world, seeking transformation that brings God’s kingdom on earth. We give ourselves as Christ did: generously to all and overflowing with love.

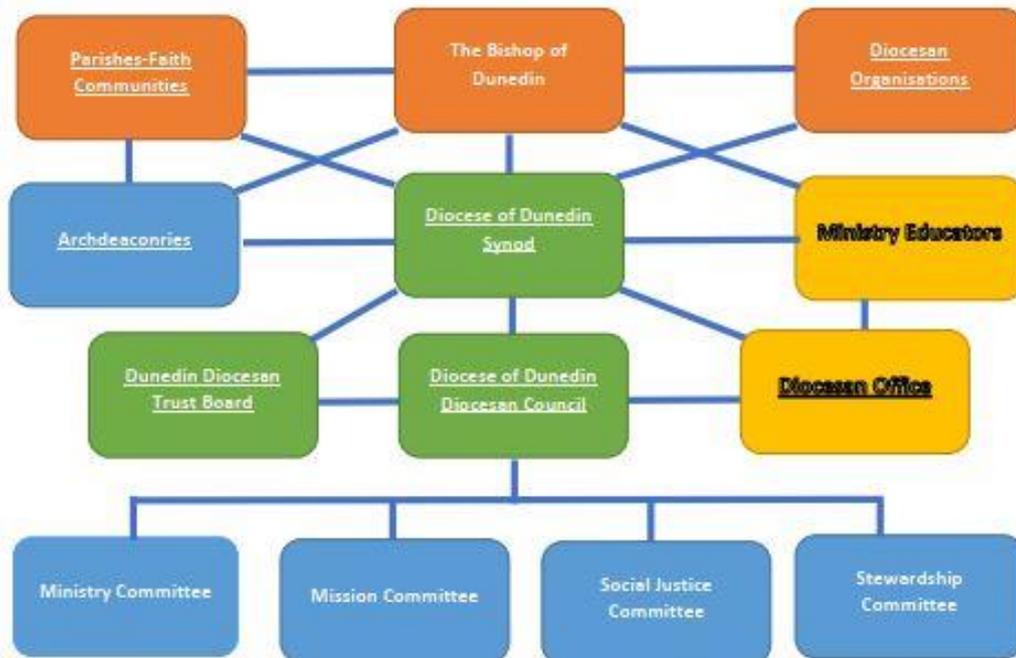


Diocese of Dunedin, part of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia,  
**Te Hahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tireni, ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa**

# Diocese of Dunedin Organisational Chart



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