



The new Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand is the Rev Peter Dunn. Here he is being invested with the korowai tapu by Rev Tami-ana Thrupp, Moderator of Te Aka Puahou, and watched by the immediate past Moderator, Rev Rose Luxford.

In his opening address, Rev Peter Dunn said, "I am a Christian. I openly declare that Jesus is Lord and I believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead."

"As a Christian Community, we believe."



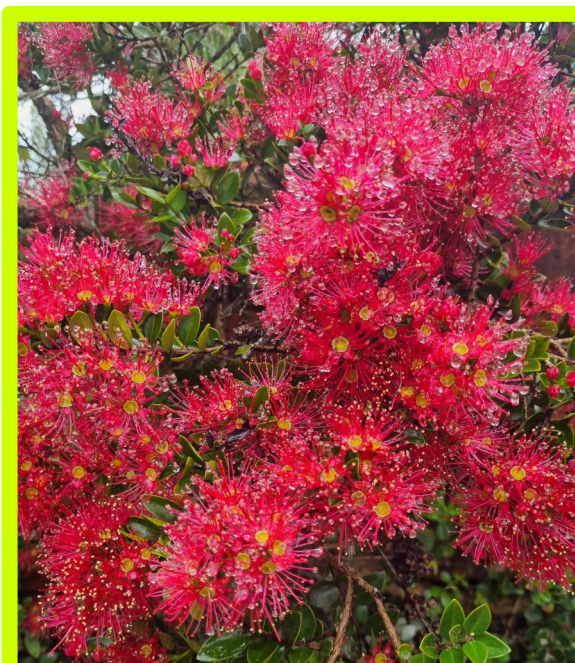
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Preaching Roster

Nov 2	Terry Cowland
Nov 9	Group Bible study
Nov 16	Alpine Presby- tery Reflection
Nov 23	Terry Cowland
Nov 30	tbc

A recent joke from South-
land:

Why did the trampoline cross
the road?

It was having a wheelie good
time!

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From the PCANZ website:

"Rural church people in Aotearoa New Zealand connect ecumenically through the Oceania Regional Network of the International Rural Churches Association.

Within this country, rural church people:

- have deep roots going back generations,
- are new generations rediscovering rural New Zealand,
- know that work, land, the seasons, weather, world markets, animals and crops, are all part of God's world,
- have a long view of the ups and downs of life and are familiar with disappointment,
- know that city models of church life often do not work for them,
- are part of a highly rewarding ministry with many opportunities for leadership.

We are people who understand a church to be viable if it has a mission in its community and a group of people ready and active for that mission."

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Meaning behind the logo for GA25 (See top of back page)

I (the Moderator) have in my mind a picture of a braided river, well known to South Islanders. Mighty rivers that carry significant volumes of water in many channels, where a single channel can be a river in itself until it meets another channel, and the scene changes. The connection with the theme is that, as a Church, we can be described metaphorically as a braided river. Alive, directional, flexible, life-giving, unstoppable in our expressions of the Christian faith, unless it becomes disconnected from its source.

'We believe' is about the source, our Lord Jesus Christ. 'We believe' is about the flow of the river through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. 'We believe' is about the banks that hold the braided river, where the Father is hands-on, as it were, moulding and maintaining the river within the boundaries of what we believe.

The moderatorial logo features the Cross from which the braided river flows, with the context prominently displayed, 'We Believe'. It is my prayer that as people engage with the theme at GA25 and during my term as moderator, our unity in Christ will be affirmed.

What size was the timber that
was used to build Noah's ark?

2 x 2.

What's a miracle that can be
done by a complainer?

Turning anything into whine.

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From the General Assembly closing address of Moderator Rev Peter Dunn:

One thing I discovered was that while books were mostly interesting reading with a wealth of information I could digest and ponder upon, it was the Bible that was transformative with its ability through the illumination of the Holy Spirit to change my outlook in an instant.

An example of this was when I was preparing for a sermon a number of years ago. One of the readings was Job 19:23-27. Here is one of the oldest, if not the oldest book in the Bible, speaking about resurrection. Job is in deep lament about his deteriorating physical condition when suddenly and briefly this is written down: *"But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! Yes, I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!"*

I have always been open and believing in resurrection, but belief in resurrection shifted from thoughts in my head and words spoken from my lips reciting a credal statement to— I suddenly knew in my knower with a deep belief and understanding that God the Redeemer resurrects mortals like me.

Knowing in your knower becomes part of your being. It becomes unshakable, and when a Church makes a "we believe" affirmation about the resurrection knowing in its knower the authenticity, the gates of hell have no power over us. We become sensitized to the truth of the gospel and super-discerning when it comes to those who teach otherwise. Those who teach otherwise in the Church should be challenged. Remember that diversity is not a basis for claiming unity. The person of Jesus Christ and our complete faith in him is when "we believe".

Knowing in our knower. A miracle of God in our lives, a revelation that is so deep that when a Christian community believes together that Jesus is Lord and God raised him from the dead, it creates the climate for miracles.

Psalm 25:12

Those who have reverence for
the LORD
will learn from him the path
they should follow.

Nga waiata 25:12

Ko wai te tangata e wehi ana ki
a Ihowā? Ka whakaako ia i a ia
ki te ara e pai ai ia.

*Our Baptist brothers and sisters in Christ have returned to
their own building. God bless them there, as they blessed
us here.*

Cuppa & Chat

We had a good number joining together in October to learn of some of the projects that the Menzshed does. Our thanks to Darcy Lupton.

Come along on November 7th to view some of Mary Sircombe's beautiful needlework.

Of course there will be plenty of time for a cuppa and chat.

Gwen & Anne



Calendar for October 2025

Sun 2	10.00am	Morning Worship
Fri 7	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 9	10.00am	Bible study discussion service because of planned power outage.
Wed 12	2.00pm	Managers
Sun 16	10.00am	Morning Worship to be followed by AGM
Thurs 20		Office bearers meet with Presbytery Commission
Sat 22	4.00pm	Beattie Home service
Sun 23	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 30	10.00am	Morning Worship