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of Presbyterian Support Otago



Robbie's message

As Christmas approaches, I've been deeply moved by the incredible work happening across PSO.

From generous donations and tireless volunteer efforts to the skill and compassion of our staff – and the wisdom and guidance of our Board – it's clear that our mission to support Otago communities is alive and thriving.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support brings hope, dignity, and care to those who need it most.

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.”
My strength is not that of an individual, but that of the collective.

Wishing you a joyful, restful Christmas and a bright New Year.

Ngā mihi, Robbie Moginie, CEO

Stephanie welcomes new members of the Board

As we approach the end of another year, I'm delighted to introduce those who have joined the Presbyterian Support Otago Board recently. Each brings a wealth of experience, insight, and heart to our mission. We Welcome:

Rev Dr Rebecca Dudley, a respected and experienced international human rights lawyer and Presbyterian minister, ordained in the USA.

Fiona McClenaghan, a Queenstown-based trained radiation therapist with a background in digital health and service design.

Julie Loan, a Chartered Accountant with over 30 years in financial systems and governance across the not-for-profit sector.

Vicki Botting, Associate Director at Deloitte, with deep expertise in accounting and a strong connection to Dunedin's community.

Kurt Thomas, a physiotherapist, and health & safety leader with a passion for rehabilitation and community wellbeing.

Their compassion and commitment to service will strengthen PSO's work in meaningful ways.

We also acknowledge and thank Rev Dr Kerry Enright, who concludes six years of service on the Board. Kerry's thoughtful leadership and deep understanding of governance have contributed significantly to PSO's work and impact.

To our incredible community - thank you. Your generous support is vital. On behalf of the Board, I wish you a very merry and meaningful Christmas, filled with peace, connection, and hope.

Warm regards,

Stephanie Pettigrew, Chair, PSO Board



PSO Board members (from left): Mark Shirley, Rev Dr Kerry Enright, Kurt Thomas, Stephanie Pettigrew (*Board Chair*), Mani Malloy-Sharplin, Julie Loan, Vicki Botting, Rev Dr Rebecca Dudley, Danny Hailes. Inset: Fiona McClenaghan & Stephen Christensen.



“He’s a good kid, man.”

Newly matched Adult Buddy

**Name and image changed to protect privacy (stock image)*

A Match That Matters

At just 11 years old, Thomas* was referred to the Buddy Programme by Oranga Tamariki. He had to wait two years for a match – not because we weren’t looking, but because recruiting male Adult Buddies can be a real challenge. We take great care to ensure every pairing has the right connections, and that takes time.

When his match finally came through, it was thanks to one of our current Adult Buddies chatting about his experience with his colleagues at Unison, the company that maintains Dunedin’s power lines. This Adult Buddy had already made a huge difference to his first young buddy and was now supporting his second. Known for his positivity and passion, he regularly shared stories about the programme. His enthusiasm encouraged a colleague to step forward – and that colleague is now matched to Thomas as his Adult Buddy.

From their very first outing, Thomas came home smiling. Since then, he now runs out the door to greet his Adult Buddy. The two have shared kai (food) and conversations, with the Adult Buddy gently encouraging journaling and open kōrero (conversations) about feelings. Through this, he models what it means to reflect, set goals, work hard, and know your own worth.

And the newly matched Adult Buddy’s words after his first visit with Thomas? “He’s a good kid, man.” And he is – especially with a community of support believing in him.

The Buddy Programme helps build connections, offering consistent, caring relationships that can change the course of a young person’s life. It’s not just about one match – it’s about growing a network of belief, belonging, and hope. This is only possible when the entire community steps up – when workplaces, whānau, and volunteers come together to support our tamariki (children).

“Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.”

With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

Family Works Buddy Programme

If you would like to support this **unfunded programme**, please see our Christmas Gifting Catalogue in the middle of our magazine or visit psotago.org.nz/donate

We are looking for volunteer Adult Buddies across Otago! The Presbyterian Support Otago Family Works Buddy Programme connects adult volunteers, Adult Buddies, with children aged 5-12.

A couple of hours per week/fortnight of your time can make a world of difference!

For more information about the Buddy Programme please visit psotago.org.nz/buddies



Club Enliven Taieri members

Club Taieri where laughter, friendship and banter thrive!

Every Tuesday, a group of about a dozen men gather at Club Taieri - not for a meeting, not for a lecture, but for something far more powerful: connection. They come for the company and the laughs. And if you ask them, they'll tell you it's "awesome," "enjoyable," and "good entertainment."

Ian calls it awesome. Des says it's enjoyable. Doug, with a cheeky grin, adds, "You're allowed to talk without being told to shut up - at 90, I'm glad about that!" These men, each with a story to tell and a life well-lived, find joy in the simple act of being together.

Games, quizzes, and mini golf spark friendly competition - though no one could quite agree on who the reigning champion is. What they did agree on is that it's fiercely competitive, and the banter flows freely. During a recent ring toss game, there were jokes about starting strong and playful jabs about who was supervising. But what stood out most was the patience and respect shown to each other. No one commented on how long it took some to walk to the mark; instead, there was quiet support and admiration.

Des, who lives with the effects of a stroke, shared how the men help him out. "We all support each other," he said. "Here, you can say you've had a stroke or have dementia, and it's all OK." That sense of acceptance is powerful. "Everyone needs a good laugh every day - and here, we get to do that. It boosts my confidence."

Mike, finds that sharing stories and memories helps his mind stay active. "I feel myself losing things," he said, "but getting together with

these men means telling my stories - and that helps." He also loves meeting new people, and Club Taieri gives him that chance.

Dave appreciates the good company and the opportunity to get out of the house. Des reflected on his past as a full-time caregiver and truck driver. Murray sliced bread at Laurenson's Bakery in Roslyn, where Fresh Choice now stands. Others were shunters on the railways, electricians, and engineers. Ian, a mechanical engineer on the Waipori Dam in his working days, fondly remembers his first job as a message boy, delivering drums of paint by bike. "It was a responsible job," he said with pride.

These stories, shared over games and laughter, are the heart of Club Taieri. It's more than a social group - it's a place of belonging, where men support each other, celebrate each other's histories, and find joy in the present.

At Presbyterian Support Otago, we know that connection is vital to wellbeing. Club Taieri is a shining example of how community, humour, and shared experience can uplift and empower. It's a place where memories are honoured, friendships are forged, and every Tuesday is something to look forward to.

Club Enliven Taieri day programme is open Monday to Friday, with their men's group on Tuesday.

Club Enliven Day Programmes

For more information about Club Enliven Day Programmes in Dunedin, Mosgiel or Alexandra please visit psotago.org.nz/enliven

More than a meal: the heart of our foodbank

There's a special kind of buzz behind the scenes at Presbyterian Support Otago's foodbank. It's not just the sound of trolleys rolling or tins clinking – it's the hum of kindness, the quiet “thank you's,” and the occasional “oh wow!” when someone sees what's in their parcel. It's aroha and manaaki in motion.

This summer, we're excited to introduce Adam, our new Foodbank Coordinator. He's hit the ground running – with a grin and a good dose of humility. “We'll learn together how to put a food parcel together!” He jokes, knowing full well that our incredible volunteers already have it down to a fine art.

Each day, our volunteers get to work preparing ready-to-go bags for singles and couples – the bags are beautifully handmade by local craftspeople to honour the mana of those receiving them – and boxes for families. These are stocked with pantry staples like canned goods, pasta, and rice. When someone comes to collect, we top things off with fresh produce, bread, and chilled items to round out the parcel. There is a trusty list on the wall to help keep things consistent – ensuring every parcel has a good mix of protein, carbs, and veg. If we've got flour and eggs for baking, you might just find a packet of sprinkles tucked in too.

We do our best to cater to dietary needs when we can, depending on what's been donated. While we're incredibly grateful for the generosity of our community, when supplies run low, we carefully stretch our limited funds to make sure every parcel can genuinely feed a household for three to four days.

The foodbank is often the first step for people – parents trying to feed their kids, individuals doing it tough. But it's also a gateway to wider support. Many who come through our doors go on to connect with our financial mentors, social workers, mental health, parenting or children's programmes, or our support group for grandparents raising grandchildren. It's about more than food – it's about walking alongside people, building trust, and offering hope.

Our staff put a lot of thought into how to stretch every dollar and every donation, making sure each parcel is practical, nourishing, and packed with care. We're lucky to have regular support from Presbyterian churches, who drop off everything from tinned goods to garden-



Adam, Family Works Foodbank Coordinator

fresh produce, and from partners like Kiwi Harvest, Silver Fern Farms, and Goodman Fielder. Donations of pet food, nappies, and baby food help us support the whole whānau – furry friends included.

The foodbank is a daily swirl of generosity and connection. You might see Community Fruit Harvest arrive with plums, grown just for sharing. Or a mum balancing a baby on one hip and a toddler on the other, whispering a heartfelt “thank you.” It's these moments that remind us: this is community at its best.

As Adam settles into his new role, we're excited for what's ahead. With our volunteers, donors, and supporters behind us, we're here every day making sure no one in our community goes without. But we need your help.

Non-perishable food, canned goods, and toiletries are always in demand – they're the backbone of every food parcel we pack. If you're able, pop an extra tin, a bag of pasta, or a spare shampoo into your trolley and drop it off to us. It might seem small, but it makes a big difference. Or you can give online at fillingourfoodbank.org.nz

Because at the end of the day, this isn't just about food – it's about showing up for each other when it matters most.

Eton Mess

Iona resident Vicky shared with us a recipe from her daughter in law who made a pavlova which didn't work, so she googled 'what to do with a broken pav' and 'Eton Mess' came up.

A popular story claims it was created when a pavlova was dropped and crushed and the broken pieces were served as a "mess". It is a wonderful dessert for a hot summers Christmas Day.

Ingredients for Mess

- 1 ½ cups cream
- ¾ cup plain Greek yoghurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 2 tablespoons icing sugar
- 5 cups mixed berries eg: strawberries, raspberries & blackberries
- 18 ready made meringues (or failed pavlova), broken into pieces

Ingredients for sauce

- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1 tablespoon icing sugar

Method

1. To make sauce, puree the strawberries and icing sugar together in a food processor or blender until smooth.
2. Whip the cream, yoghurt, vanilla essence and the 2 tablespoons of icing sugar until thick.
3. Place a layer of meringues on the base of a serving bowl, top with a layer of whipped cream, a layer of mixed berries and a drizzle of the sauce.
4. Repeat layers, ending with berries.
5. Cover and refrigerate for 6-12 hours.



PULL OUT
CATALOGUE
FULL OF
CHRISTMAS
GIVING!



Olive's Brandy Sauce

Olive's brandy sauce is a family tradition – rich, golden, and just strong enough to make you feel warm from the inside out! Olive never needed a recipe, she had it memorised. Now a resident at Holmdene, Olive is happy to share her favourite recipe to spread the Christmas cheer.

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons custard powder
- Water (enough to make a smooth paste)
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 1 dessert spoon butter
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ cup brandy (it is tradition to test the brandy before adding...)

Method

1. In a small saucepan, mix the custard powder with a little water to form a smooth paste.
2. Add the lemon zest, golden syrup, butter, and sugar.
3. Place over medium heat and stir constantly until the sauce begins to thicken and the butter has melted.
4. Remove from the heat and stir in the brandy.
5. Serve warm over pudding, cake, or dessert of your choice.



Christmas gifting CATALOGUE

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Every gift in this catalogue is a donation - supporting local people in our community this Christmas.

This catalogue is a meaningful way to support people across Otago who are facing significant challenges. **Every gift you choose is a charitable donation that helps fund vital services through our Family Works and Enliven community programmes.** From foodbank support to youth development and supporting older people, your generosity brings hope and practical help to those who need it most.

Your contribution goes directly to where it can make the greatest impact.

- 1. Choose a Gift:** We have plenty of gifts in our catalogue
- 2. Give a Card:** Download a card from our website explaining the awesome impact of the gift you've given on behalf of a loved one. A link will also be emailed with your receipt, or if you are in Dunedin you can pop into our office at 407 Moray Place to pick one up.



Choose a gift

All gifts will go to support an individual or family working with our team at Family Works or Enliven community services who are facing significant challenges this Christmas.

Gift a frozen chicken to the foodbank for Christmas Dinner

Help a Dunedin based family enjoy a Christmas meal with a frozen chicken ready for the oven.

These gifts are distributed to families working with our Family Works team — families who are facing significant challenges and could use a little extra support and care this season.

\$15

Dunedin

Gift ID: 01

Gift a toiletries pack to our foodbank

Packed with goodies to keep someone in our community feeling fresh, fabulous, and festive — from head to mistletoe!

While our Foodbank is located in Dunedin, food parcels are distributed throughout Otago as need is identified by our Family Works team.

\$30

Dunedin

North Otago/Waitaki

South Otago

Central Otago/Wanaka

East Otago

Gift ID: 02



Gift ID: 03

Gift credit for pool passes & movie tickets for local families

Help a child or young person enjoy moments of fun and connection!

Your donation provides credit for pool passes or movie tickets, giving tamariki and rangatahi (children and young people) the chance to take part in activities that bring laughter, friendship and a sense of belonging.

\$40

Dunedin
North Otago/Waitaki
South Otago
Central Otago/Wanaka
East Otago



Gift ID: 04

Stepping Stones shared lunch - Adults living with mental health challenges

Bring 20 people together for shared meals and conversations throughout the year. Good food, good company, and a chance to turn "just another day" into something special. Partially funded by clients themselves.

\$45

Dunedin



Gift ID: 05

Gift a support group to help grandparents raising their grandchildren

Some grandparents are doing double duty — raising their grandchildren with love, patience, and a lot of energy! Your support helps lighten the load. Grandy's Group provides Grandparents with information and support on their journey.

\$45

Dunedin



Gift ID: 06

Gift a Christmas treats pack to the foodbank

Add some sparkle to a family's Christmas with a pack of festive treats. This will help purchase items for over 250 Christmas food hampers.

While our Foodbank is located in Dunedin, food parcels are distributed throughout Otago as need is identified by our Family Works team.

\$50

Dunedin
North Otago/Waitaki
South Otago
Central Otago/Wanaka
East Otago



Gift ID: 07

Gift school uniform credit - a gift of confidence for children & teens

Help a child start the school year with pride!

Your donation puts credit in uniform shops, making sure students in our community can step into the classroom feeling confident, comfortable, and ready to learn. These credits will go to families working with our Family Works team who are facing significant challenges.

\$50

Dunedin
North Otago/Waitaki
South Otago
Central Otago/Wanaka
East Otago



Gift ID: 08

Reducing loneliness for older people (Club Enliven) through a fun outing

Help six older adults swap their usual routine for a day of good company, fresh air, and maybe a new favourite café. It's about creating moments to look forward to — and stories to tell afterwards. Club Enliven is a day programme, supporting older people in our community.

\$60

Dunedin

Taieri/Mosgiel

Central Otago



Gift ID: 09

Gift a vegetable pack to the foodbank for Christmas

Christmas dinner just isn't the same without a pile of fresh veggies. Your gift provides a Dunedin based family with all the essentials.

By purchasing this item, you are making a donation to support the Foodbank, helping to purchase vegetables that will be included in over 250 Christmas food hampers.

\$65

Dunedin



Gift ID: 10

Gift 1 week of YouthGrow support to a young person*

YouthGrow is here for young people who are not otherwise in work, school, or training — offering support, skills, and a sense of belonging. Your gift helps them find their footing and set their sights on a future that's truly their own.

*The YouthGrow Youth Development programme relies on both government funding and the generosity of our community to thrive.

\$85

Dunedin



Gift ID: 11

Growing Taller session for a child in Dunedin or Central Otago

These sessions are all about helping kids grow their resilience and wellbeing — because sometimes the biggest growth spurts happen on the inside. Your support means more children can stand a little taller, face challenges with courage, and know they matter.

\$134

Dunedin

Central Otago



Gift ID: 12

Train an Adult Buddy

Friendship in action.

Help a young person find their "Adult Buddy" — someone extra to walk alongside them, share a laugh, and build confidence together. It's about making sure no one has to face life's ups and downs alone (and yes, there may be the occasional secret handshake).

\$230

Dunedin

North Otago/Waitaki

South Otago

Central Otago/Wanaka

East Otago



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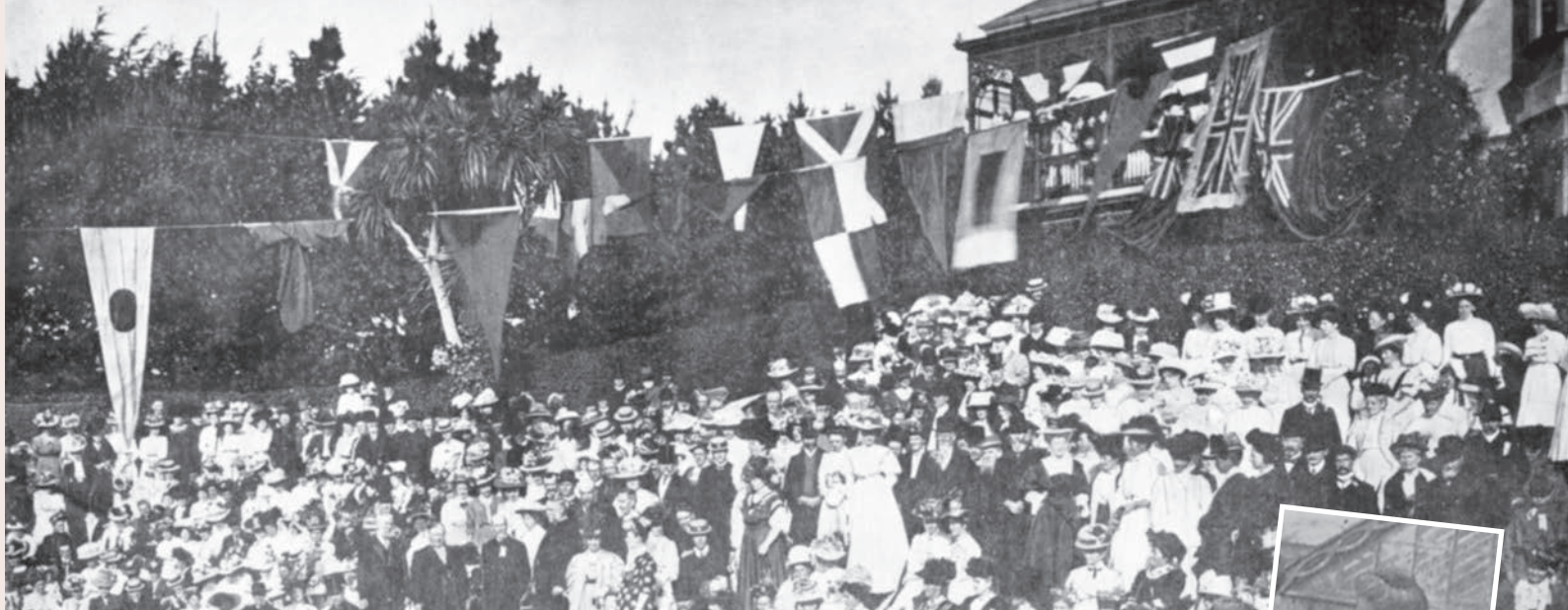
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Some of the 2000 visitors at the official opening of the Presbyterian childrens home at Grants Braes (*Otago Witness* 25 November 1908) INSET: Sister Mary McQueen

A Glimpse into the Past

When Barbara reached out hoping to learn more about her grandmother Maggie, who had lived at PSO's Grants Braes/Glendingning Homes in the early 1900s, we weren't sure we'd find anything. Many records were sadly destroyed by previous staff and are now lost. One of the surviving items is a diary kept by Sister Mary McQueen. The diary covers the years 1907 – 1922, and much to our delight, we uncovered a wealth of detail – school achievements, daily life, and even a photo believed to be Maggie – giving a beautiful insight into Maggie, a kind, caring and academic girl who was cherished by her friends and the Sisters at the home. What we could provide has given Barbara, and her family, new information about their history that was previously unknown to them.

See below for Barbara's story which she has kindly agreed to share

My name is Barbara Williamson, and my journey into ancestry began with a simple yet profound question from my grandson. For a school project, he needed information spanning five generations back. While I could easily trace my mother's lineage, I had to admit that I knew little about my father's family history.

Since retiring, I have made it my mission to dive into the histories of past generations, piecing together their stories for future generations. This journey led me to Presbyterian Support Otago and, ultimately, being able to complete the story of my grandmother, Maggie (Margaret Hill), and her mother, Alice Hill.

Alice passed away far too young, at 40, leaving behind three young children. Her eldest (12) and youngest (8) were both adopted after her passing, as their father had long been absent.

This left me with the lingering question: what happened to my grandmother, Maggie (then aged 10). Searching through records at the Dunedin Library, I discovered that in 1912, Maggie might be connected to the Glendingning Home.

I reached out to Presbyterian Support Otago and much to my amazement, they responded, sending me entries from Sister Mary McQueen's diaries from 1907 to 1917. And there, in black and white, was the information I had so desperately sought about my grandmother, Maggie.

I took them up on their offer to see the diaries for myself, spending a couple of hours absorbing the handwritten accounts that provided clarity, insight, and—most importantly—relief. Among the valuable discoveries was a photograph, which I strongly believe depicts my grandmother.

This discovery underscores the profound value of historical documents. These fragile pieces of paper – wills, school records, diaries – hold the stories of real people and their history. Without them, the past can fade into obscurity, leaving unanswered questions and lost connections.

My search is far from over, but through every buried clue, I am uncovering a legacy that might otherwise have been forgotten. I hope my journey inspires others to dig into their own histories, to preserve the records of their ancestors, and to safeguard the memories that shape our collective past.



Together Otago launch in Mornington, Dunedin, October 2025

Together Otago: our commitment to community wellbeing

Earlier this October, Presbyterian Support Otago held the very first Together Otago event in Mornington, Dunedin – and it was more than just a gathering. It was a celebration of shared commitment to the wellbeing of our communities.

Together Otago is a new initiative designed to bring together those who walk alongside PSO – donors, volunteers, churches, businesses, Mission Advocates and staff. These are people who don't just support the work of PSO; they carry the same heart, the same values, and the same desire to respond with compassion and experience to the needs around us.

This event was a space to strengthen one another, to sharpen our collective response. We heard from Robbie Moginie (CEO), Nicole Devereux (General Manager Family Works) and from each other.

And yes, there were scones, jam, and cream – a delicious reminder that hospitality and warmth are part of the kaupapa too.

TOGETHER OTAGO DATES 2026

All events will be held on Wednesdays 3pm - 4.30pm.

- 1 April – Cromwell (not an April Fool's joke!)
- 3 June – Milton
- 5 August – Oamaru
- 7 October – Dunedin

Whether you bring your heart, your experience, your care for community – or all three – **we invite you to join us.** Together, we'll workshop ideas, share updates, and build partnerships that make a real difference.

Email us at team@psotago.org.nz if you would like to register for any upcoming events.



Strategic Plan

Our new Strategic Plan is now available on our website, setting out our priorities for the next five years.

As a long-standing social service provider in Otago, we're committed to leading and collaborating to realise Our Vision (Tō Mātou Matawhānui) – every person is valued and grows in a safe and strong community.

New volunteers join our team

We are excited to announce a new set of volunteer roles within our church communities – PSO Mission Advocates. Our mission advocates will help us to strengthen and grow the connection between PSO, their church and the wider community. Sharing stories that make a difference in people's lives, as well as sharing their needs and that of their communities with PSO. We would love more Mission Advocates, if you are interested in volunteering on behalf of your church community please email team@psotago.org.nz



Joy Davis, Mission Advocate, East Taieri Church

After three incredible years, as Community Relations Advisor it is time for me to embark on my next life chapter. My time at PSO has been extremely rewarding, filled with good memories of amazing people, across Otago, who turn up every day to serve others.

I will still have a link to PSO, as the Mission Advocate representing East Taieri Church, joining other Mission Advocates from Mornington, Dunedin South, Coastal Unity, Batch, Maungatua and Lawrence/Waitahuna churches. My focus on community service remains, I look forward to having more time to dedicate to that, and to working alongside you all. Thank you for your support over the past three years, as we undertake this next chapter, with God's help, we will continue to make difference, together!



Jo Sime, Mission Advocate, Trinity Community Church

I'm Jo Sime, a member of Trinity Community Church (Maungatua Presbyterian Church – Outram) and work for Presbyterian Support Otago as their Quality Advisor for the Enliven Team, a role I have had for the last twelve years. I live in Outram with my husband on our farm and have two children, one who lives in Dunedin and one in Christchurch.

I was nominated by the Trinity team to be their Mission Advocate as this is a role I currently have been doing by default as I have been a liaison between PSO and our church since becoming employed at PSO. Being able to share and support the work that PSO does is a privilege and I look forward to continuing to share both to Trinity team and also to PSO how we can support each other in the mission and work that PSO does.



Claire Radford, Mission Advocate, Dunedin South Presbyterian Church

I'm Claire Radford, a member of Dunedin South Presbyterian Church (St James) and a retired Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB). Married to Craig, with four adult children and six delightful grandchildren; faith and family have always been central to my life.

It's a privilege as a Mission Advocate to help strengthen the connection between PSO, our church family and the wider community. Faith, for me, is best expressed through caring for others, and this role provides many opportunities to do just that — to share stories of hope, kindness, and practical support that make a real difference in people's lives.

Walking alongside others, listening, and offering encouragement brings a deep sense of purpose. Seeing God's love in action through Presbyterian Support reminds us daily how small acts of compassion can have a lasting impact.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." — Romans 8:28



Over the
past year we
helped....

5,852

Family Works clients
(▲ 4% increase)

29,352

Family Works client contacts
(▲ 9% increase)

4,974 + 282

Food parcels
supplied
Christmas
meal boxes
(▲ 9% increase)

217

Children who participated in
Family Works programmes

Behind every number is a person... many of them unseen, unheard and on the margins.

As we reflect on PSO's impact this year, we're reminded that our mission is about more than services – it's about connection. Malcolm's Christmas message begins with Mary and Joseph, and invites us to consider what it means to be welcomed, to belong, and to see one another fully.

Malcolm's Christmas message

Behind all the tinsel and the second helping of pavlova, there is something about Christmas that ought to give us pause. Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem, which is where Joseph's family is from. But the place is crammed and 'there is no room at the inn.'



Wait a minute! This is where Joseph's family comes from. Why can't he stay with them? Somewhere along the way, the connection between Joseph and his extended family gets broken. Who knows who started it? Who knows who stopped sending Christmas cards, with the obligatory family update, first? What matters is that a connection broke.

So, when Joseph turns up with his pregnant wife, not only is the motel full, but no one remembers that this guy belongs there, that he is actually one of them. And, of course, Mary carries a child, a child that would be a gift, a gift that would bring 'peace on earth' as the angels sang to the shepherds. But Bethlehem didn't receive that gift with open arms.

There are people in our communities, like Joseph, who belong to us, but that connection has been forgotten. There are people in our communities, like Mary, who have profound gifts that we all need, but we don't always make room to receive them. This Christmas, let's try and remake those connections and hold space for those unexpected gifts.

Rev Dr Malcolm Rex Gordon
Ministry team, First Church of Otago, Dunedin

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You might notice something different...

Presbyterian Support Otago is adopting a refreshed brand identity, generously gifted by Presbyterian Support Northern and approved by Presbyterian Support New Zealand for use across all regions.

The PSO Board has endorsed this change as it offers a more modern, unified look and supports our community focus.

Still us, just refreshed...

We have begun the process of updating our digital platforms and will gradually replace printed materials as needed over the coming years.

This phased approach ensures our branding is updated and implemented with minimal financial impact. During the transition, it's expected that both old and new branding will coexist for a period of time.

Introducing **OpShopSocial**, the new name for our charity opshop, Shop on Carroll.

More than preloved finds, we're a space for creativity, connection and conscious shopping. Every purchase, workshop and event helps PSO support local people in Otago.



Presbyterian Support Otago

Familyworks Enliven OpShopSocial

About our new branding...



The Presbyterian Support symbol is based on raranga (Māori weaving) and represents whānaungatanga - people working together to support others.



Family Works features the harakeke (flax plant) representing the family unit - with children at the centre, surrounded by parents and grandparents - tamariki, matua and tipuna.



The Enliven symbol represents a person's mauri (life force), drawing inspiration from the sun and flower forms - symbols of warmth, energy, and care. The teal colour and vibrant design reflect positivity, optimism, and our commitment to helping people thrive as they age.



The opshop's new symbol emphasises the social aspect of charity op-shopping - shopping that supports our community. OpShopSocial is an inclusive space where social connection, creativity and kindness can flourish.

OpShopSocial

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Our new name is launching December 2025