

# CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND & NELSON, MARLBOROUGH, WEST COAST METHODIST SYNODS

## SYNOD SNIPPETS

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Kathryn Walters no longer has a landline and should you wish to contact her please make use of her cell phone number. If you only have a landline to contact her, she is more than willing to call you back so that you don't incur any extra charge.

### Walk for the Planet is back

The Methodist church initiative Walk for the Planet is back pounding the pavements and meandering around rivers in 2021 to promote the wellbeing of people and the planet and celebrating the cosmos.

First up is the Great Otakaro Avon River Walk - West Side Story on Saturday, March 20, and then we join the Christchurch Walking Festival with the official 10th Great Otakaro Avon River Walk on Saturday, April 17, and the 3rd Kaiapoi River Wellbeing Walk on Saturday, April 24.

Join us for the Great Otakaro Avon River Walk - West Side Story from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday, March 20.

We will leave from the bridge next to the University of Canterbury staff club, corner of Homestead Lane and Ilam Rd at 1pm. We will be joined by Methodist inner city chaplain Rev Darryn Hickling who will lead the final jaunt through Hagley Park and update us on the StreetTs initiative. We will finish at the Antigua Boat Shed Cafe at around 4pm. Distance around 8km.

The 10th Great Otakaro Avon River Walk - Walking Festival - from 10am on Saturday, April 17.

Meet at the New Brighton Pier at 10am on Saturday, April 17, and join us for a journey meandering along with the Otakaro Avon River. Learn about the river's history, the challenges and efforts to restore it. We will finish at the Antigua Boat Shed Cafe. Distance - we are saying around 15km (but it's probably a little less).

The 3rd Kaiapoi River Wellbeing Walk - Walking Festival - from 10am on Saturday, April 24.

Meet at the Kaiapoi Food Forest, corner of Cass and Meadow Sts, Kaiapoi, at 10am. We will take a look around the Kaiapoi River and out to the confluence with the Waimakariri River and return to the Kaiapoi Food Forest by 1pm. Along the way learn about the food forest and food security initiatives in the Waimakariri district. Distance - we are saying around 10km, but it's probably about 8km.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

21 March Crossway opening

26-28 March NMW Synod at Hokitika

16-18 April UCANZ Forum Weillington

### DROP BOX LINK:

For an Updated Directory, Synod Minutes, Executive Minutes, past Newsletters, Waiata and a host of information, click on this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xvstqyd02judkvx/AABiweaiOMPxXpfFOeNDHCcpa?dl=0>

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The Centre for Theology and Public Issues are involved in the following Lent events in Dunedin and Christchurch. We are also pleased to invite you to a ZOOM webinar on 1 April which will be held in the UK (details below and note that times for this are given as both NZ and UK times). These events address sensitive topics which CTPI has been working on as part of a 3-year international project 'When Did We See You Naked?'. They involve challenging conversations, which you might want to consider as part of the Lent period. There is more info on the project at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/ctpi/projects/2020/otago675463.html>

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## DUNEDIN

### [Seeing Jesus as a Victim of Sexual Abuse: Biblical, Pastoral, and Theological Perspectives](#)

Friday 26 March, 7:00-9:00pm and Saturday 27 March, 9:00am- 12.30pm,

The Gathering Area, Knox Church, 449, George Street, Dunedin This is an 'in-person' event (no zoom) led by Professor David Tombs. This course costs \$20. Faith Thinking courses are jointly organised between the Theology Programme and some Dunedin Churches, and supported by Continuing Education at the University of Otago. To enrol go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html>

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## CHRISTCHURCH

### [They Stripped Him: A Contextual Bible Study on Matthew 27:26-31](#)

Date: Sunday 28 March, 6.15pm-7.45pm.

Venue: Transitional Cathedral, Christchurch

A seminar hosted by Theology House. This seminar will follow the 5pm evening service (supper included).

No cost. Further info: <https://theologyhouse.ac.nz/events/palm-passion-sunday-seminar/>

### [Jesus as a Victim of Sexual Abuse: Pastoral Perspectives](#)

Date: Monday 29 March 2021. 5.15-7.00pm

Venue: Theology Discovery Group, The Aldersgate Centre, 309 Durham Street, Christchurch (carpark off Chester Street West)

No cost. Further info and RSVP: <https://aldersgate.org.nz/event/jesus-as-a-victim-of-sexual-abuse/>

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## ZOOM

### [When Did We See You Naked?: Holy Week Reflections on Crucifixion and Sexual Violence](#)

Date: 1 April 2021, 7am NZ time (31 March 2021, 700pm UK time)

Venue: Webinar from Sarum College, Salisbury (UK) and Queen's Theological Foundation, Birmingham (UK),

No cost for webinar – but registration required and numbers are limited. If the limit is reached the hope is to make wider access available as a Livestream. To register:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0TkTI3dWTA-cRXPuXZuevQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0TkTI3dWTA-cRXPuXZuevQ)