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Housing Minister Opens New Block of Wesley Village Units



IMPORTANT DATES:

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MCNZ Conference 17-20 Nov

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Hon. Dr Megan Woods, the Minister for Housing, opened Wesley Village's new block of four accessible units on Friday 30 July. The new units will provide long-term housing for older people and people with disabilities, says CMM's Executive Director Jill Hawkey.

The tenants for whom these new units will be home were among the guests and Jill notes that they were delighted by the attendance of many local community representatives,

including Simon Britten - Deputy Chair Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board, Sarah Pallett - MP for Ilam, Alexandra Davids - Community Representative, and Mike Davidson - Councillor for Papanui.

CMM has been providing housing for older people for over 40 years, with 60 households currently part of Wesley Village in Papanui, Christchurch.

“Our real concern is that we have as many people on our waiting list, and our turnover is very small,” says Jill. “There is a growing number of people who are reaching retirement age who have rented all their lives and there is very little affordable rental accommodation for them when they get older.”

You can be the difference in the lives of older people who worry about finding somewhere warm and secure to live by choosing **Improving the wellbeing of older people** from the Donation Purpose drop-down menu at <https://www.mmsi.org.nz/donate>.

“Making the Gospel relevant”

A workshop for lay worship leaders, lay preachers, and all those involved in team ministry who help with worship

Saturday

25 September
9.30am—3.45pm

Christchurch North Methodist Church,
Cr Harewood Rd and Chapel St
Christchurch



The keynote speaker in the morning is Sister Kathleen Rushton RSM who will speak about aspects of John's Gospel.

Our afternoon speaker will be Garth Bezett, Director of Theology House whose topic will be “A Big Gospel for a Complex World”.

Cost: \$10 per person, \$30 per parish
Please bring lunch to share; morning and afternoon tea provided
Registrations to:
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Christchurch 8013
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