

OPENING CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Information Sheet

Saturday 29 February – Sunday 1 March 2020

Opening Celebration (Aldersgate Great Hall): 2:30pm Saturday 29 February

The main event of this special weekend will commence with a pōwhiri and be led by Rev Philomeno Kinera, and the guest speaker will be Rev Dr Mary Caygill. It will be held in the presence of various special guests, including the President and Vice President of the NZ Methodist Conference, and the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern is expected to convey a special greeting. Gifts will be brought by leaders of various faiths. The Musical Director of the Augmented Choir will be the Organist, Wallace Woodley. At the conclusion of the Service, in the Huritau Garden, there will be an unveiling of a Memorial Plaque, remembering the three people killed on the site by the Earthquake of 22 February 2011. Afternoon Tea will follow.

Celebration Dinner (Aldersgate Great Hall): 7:00pm Saturday 29 February

A sumptuous 3-course meal is being catered by Cando (a social enterprise of Laura Fergusson Trust), and volunteer waiters will support a local school funder-raiser. There will also be opportunity for greetings to be shared, reminiscences and entertainment. People with special dietary needs should indicate this on the Registration form.

Sunday Celebration (The Chapel at Aldesgate): 10:00am Sunday 01 March

This service will be led by Rev Philomeno Kinera with guest speaker, Rev Dr Mary Caygill. We will also celebrate Holy Communion together. The Augmented Choir will be directed by Organist, Wallace Woodley. Morning Tea will follow.

Festival of Music (Aldersgate Great Hall): 2.30pm Sunday 01 March

The weekend celebrations will conclude with an entertaining afternoon of music featuring the Augmented Choir, various soloists, and performers representing other Faiths.

Throughout the weekend, there will be a *Children's Art Competition Exhibition "The Essence of Aroha"*, an *Historical Display*, and displays by *Christchurch Methodist Mission* and *Christian World Service* in the Toi Gallery and Wānanga Room.

Friends and former church members unable to attend the Celebration Weekend can send a Message of Greeting to opening@aldersgate.org.nz or by post to Aldersgate Centre, P O Box 1416, Christchurch 8013, well in advance of the weekend.

The Registration Form accompanying this Info Sheet must be returned to opening@aldersgate.org.nz or by post to Aldersgate Centre, P O Box 1416, Christchurch 8013, by 10 February 2020 at the latest.



Wallace Woodley
Opening Celebration Registrar