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PARISH BULLETIN

13th March 2011

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2011

9.30am	Mornington	D Phillipps
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole
11.00 am	Glenaven	D Phillipps
11.00 am	Wesley	S Pole
1.00pm	St Kilda	F Hakavalu
6.00pm	Broad Bay	S Pole

CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

This is an appeal from the parish superintendent for the people of the parish to collect non-perishable food to the Methodist Mission office and the staff at the mission will deliver to the Dunedin Embassy for the people who are fleeing Christchurch. The needs are out of proportion and we need as a church to give our support.

This is one of a practical works that we can show our solidarity with those who suffer because of the impact of the earthquake.



AN INVITATION for SUNDAY 13 MARCH

All present at Glenaven (Chambers St) at the end of the 11am service on Sunday 13th are welcome to come afterwards to the Watson/White house for a pot-luck lunch. There will be maps to guide you, and rides can be organized from the church and home after. The Pole family will be our guests, but those who are able please bring finger-food to share; hot and cold drinks provided. - John and Helen, 5 Cairnhill Street, Maori Hill (off Cannington Rd) Tel 467 2936

A VOICE FROM HEBRON

The Open Education programme at the Mornington Methodist Church, Galloway Street, resumes on Wednesday March 16, at 7.30pm. Mai Tamimi, an Otago University staff member and a citizen of Hebron, will talk about life in the West Bank under Israeli domination. She has recently returned from a visit to her home town (famed in the Bible) and has a gripping and disturbing tale to tell, illustrated with her own photographs. If you want to attend the pre-session dinner at 6pm book your place by ringing Judy Russell (455 3727). There is a charge of \$5 for the talk and \$15 for the meal. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear at first hand from one of the most oppressed places in the world of the courage and determination it takes to stand against effectual tyranny. Any profits will go the Christchurch Earthquake Relief Fund.



MORNINGTON WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monday March 14th at 7-45pm. SPECIAL PROJECT 2011 - Habitat for Humanity – Haiti. Speaker -- Joc Watson "Habitat for Humanity" also Haiti earthquake; Building Haiti better.

MEMORIAL SERVICE INVITATION

An invitation from the minister of Knox Church in Dunedin, Sarah Mitchell, for anyone in the parish who wants to join with them in a memorial service for the people of Christchurch, held in their church on Friday 18th of March at 7.00pm. There will be candle-lighting, choral music, readings and prayers.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE:

This will take place at **Mosguel** on **Sunday 20th March** at 9:30am.

BIBLE STUDY (CELL) GROUP.

Geoff Preston is willing to lead a weekly Bible Study Group for anyone interested. A list will be available in the Foyer after the Service.

Kindly enter your name and Telephone number, as well as your preferred day of the week, morning, afternoon, evening (Monday to Thursday.)

This notice will run for three Sundays, after which a get together will be arranged to decide further details.



A MEAL FOR CHRISTCHURCH QUAKE VICTIMS

Judy Russell has offered to prepare a three-course meal (with optional wine) on Saturday 9 April at a charge of \$25 dollars. All profits will go to the Christchurch Earthquake Victims Fund. The meal will be followed by a free movie, *Mousehunt*, a family

comedy. (please ring Judy (4553 727) if you want to share this special meal in a good cause. Or sign in at Mornington, where the meal will be held at 6pm.

CELLISTS OF OTAGO 2011 SEASON

The first concert of the 2011 season will take place in the Mornington Methodist Church at 3pm, **SUNDAY 20 March**.

Proceeds are to be donated to relief for the Christchurch Earthquake.

The usual admission prices of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students will apply, with the proviso that anyone wishing to donate a larger sum will be most welcome to. There will be a varied programme of over an hour with Pachebel, Bach and Faure, interspersed with Glenn Miller, Thelonius Monk and Fats Waller! The cellists will again be led by University executant Heleen Du Plessis. The talented musicians of Dunedin will be on show with David Murray, Myles Chen, Thomas Scott, Corwin Newall, Kirsten Bevin and Florian Beyer.



HALF-TIME MINISTRY POSITION IN THE PARISH

A meeting facilitated by Rev Jill van der Geer for the Methodist Church of NZ, and attended by the District Co-Superintendent Rachael Masterton, the Parish Superintendent Rev Siosifa Pole, and the Parish Stewards was held on 4 March, at which the matter of filling the half-time Dunedin Parish vacancy was discussed. There was only one applicant for the vacancy from within NZ, Rev Ken Russell, who applied to fulfill a 0.25 position (half the vacancy). The following ideas were discussed and will be referred to the Parish Council for further consideration and approval:

- That the Parish look to fill the current half-time Ministry vacancy under a Local Shared Ministry team model.
- That Rev Ken Russell be appointed to a 0.25 position immediately, subject to ratification by the Otago-Southland Synod. A covenant stating responsibilities for preaching and pastoral care will be attached to the position.
- That the Dunedin Parish immediately seek to employ a youth worker for 4-5 hours per week.
- Further discussion to be held over the appointment of a pastoral coordinator for the Parish.

This arrangement is to be reviewed at the end of the year unless a more suitable half-time ministry option becomes available sooner. This model will be explored at the PF&R meeting on Thursday 10 March and recommendations placed before an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council in the near future, date to be confirmed.



THE MISSION IS ON THE MOVE!

The Administration Office of the Methodist Mission is on the move! We will be relocating to the Middleton Road Community Centre (old Corstorphine School) temporarily until Wesley Village is established. The office will be closed on Friday 25th March for moving, this will mean any articles/notices for the Bulletin and material for Orders of Service must be into Sarah no later than Tuesday 22nd March at 5.00pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

To Amy Jones who celebrates a Birthday 16th March.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4th March Earlene Owens and Captain Val Tong stand in front of the display table. This years service was written by the women of Chile.



A Christchurch prayer

The earthquake which struck Christchurch on 22 February has deeply affected us all. I was involved with University Orientation week on campus at the time the quake hit. Many students, especially

those from Christchurch found it very difficult to enjoy their first week at University and many are still struggling to focus on their studies. Some students I met from Christchurch on the afternoon of the quake forced themselves to attend the toga party that night in an attempt to cheer themselves up. Going out to a party was not possible however for those who were anxiously awaiting news of loved ones. Some are still waiting to hear news. One Otago student is still unaccounted for. Another student, Sisi is now known to have died. Her funeral is being held this morning (Sunday 13th) in Christchurch.

Since the quake I have used the prayer below from the Christchurch Anglican cathedral website homepage, in my own prayers, praying with others and in leading worship. I have found this prayer to be very helpful in giving expression to my, and our feelings of vulnerability and fragility at this historic time where grief is permeating our whole society. We are now in the season of Lent. This is a time of sacrifice. How much are we prepared to give of our time and money to help alleviate the distress and grief of our neighbours?

Greg Hughson, University Chaplain

A prayer from <http://www.christchurchcathedral.co.nz/>

Lord, at times such as this, when we realise that the ground beneath our feet is not as solid as we had imagined, we plead for your mercy. As the things we have built crumble about us, we know too well how small we truly are on this ever-changing, ever-moving, fragile planet we call home. Yet you have promised never to forget us. Do not forget us now. Today, so many people are afraid. They still wait in fear of the next tremor. They remember the cries of the injured amid the rubble. They roam the streets in shock at what they see. And they fill the dusty air with cries of grief and the names of missing dead.

Comfort them, Lord, in this disaster. Be their rock when the earth refuses to stand still, and shelter them under your wings when homes no longer exist. Embrace in your arms those who died so suddenly this week. Console the hearts of those who mourn, and ease the pain of bodies on the brink of death.

Pierce, too, our hearts with compassion, we who watch from afar, find only misery upon misery. Move us to act swiftly this day, to give generously every day, to work for justice always, to pray unceasingly for those without hope. And once the shaking has ceased, the images of destruction have stopped filling the news, and our thoughts return to life's daily rumblings, let us not forget that we are all your children and they, our brothers and sisters. We are all the work of your hands.

For though the mountains leave their place and the hills be tossed to the ground, your love shall never leave us, and your promise of peace will never be shaken.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

