



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

*Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone*

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

9.30am	Mornington	H Watson White
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole
11.00 am	Glenaven	H Watson White
11.00 am	Wesley	G Watson
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
4.00pm	Broad Bay	No Service

**MOSGIEL A.G.M. SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER FOLLOWED BY A POT LUCK LUNCH** this lunch is to be soup sandwiches and savouries. This day is also OUR SPRING FLOWER SERVICE anyone who has flowers and would like us to use them Please phone Rosemary Evans on 489 7567.

### EXPLORERS GROUP

Meets 4-30pm Sunday 26th Sept in the Mornington Church Lounge. All welcome.

**GLENAVEN METHODIST CHURCH** (Chambers Street, North East Valley) is holding a pot-luck lunch for the parish on September 25th, Social Justice Sunday. We gather at the end of the morning service, around noon, and finish about 1.30. Hot and cold drinks will be provided, but please bring a plate of finger-food to share. Some may want to arrange car-pooling for people from outlying areas. Inquiries Helen W White (467 2936).

## **OPEN EDUCATION WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER: A CHORUS OF MUSICIANS**

Our final Open Education programme for the year will as usual bring together another group of people with a common interest. (Last year it was gardeners, remember?) This time it will be musicians, and not only will they talk about their profession or their hobby, they'll play some music for us on their instrument of choice (including the Mornington choir). Do join us for another fascinating evening. Mornington Methodist Church, Galloway Street, starting at 7.30pm with a light supper to follow (charge \$5). Proceeds to the choir of Durham Street, Christchurch, which is struggling to cope after the total loss of their church, their music, their pipe organ, the death of three workers on site and the probable demolition of their Aldersgate Centre.

As usual, Judy Russell, our excelling chef, will provide a note-able meal, commencing at 6pm and costing \$15. Please sign in at Mornington or phone Judy (455 3727).



## **OTAGO TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY AND DUNEDIN ABRAHAMIC INTERFAITH GROUP - ANNUAL PEACE LECTURE**

Compassion, Justice & the Pursuit of Peace: Ten Years On from 9/11  
Associate Professor Chris Marshall, *Head of the School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies Victoria University.*

5.30-7pm, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011, St David Lecture Theatre  
University of Otago. Followed by supper in All Saints Anglican Church Hall,  
786 Cumberland Street. All welcome.

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**Also: A CONVERSATION WITH CHRIS MARSHALL** 1.00-1.50pm 26<sup>th</sup>  
September Burns 5 Lecture Theatre (Hosted by Centre for Theology and  
Public Issues) ALL WELCOME.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Liam Bennett who celebrates a Birthday today.

## **CARING FOR CREATION FESTIVAL: Saturday 24th September in the Botanical Gardens**

Creation care is an increasingly urgent part of Christian love and life. On Saturday 24th of September, from 12.30 to 3 pm, Dunedin faith communities will be represented at the 350 Festival in the Dunedin

Botanic Gardens. This festival is part of a global day of action for climate change awareness. We would love to see you there – either to chat, read, (and share home-made bread), or to help us run our stall. If you want to know more or would like to help out with the store and/or provide resources for the stall please contact 'faith communities for climate justice' via Nicky Chapman [nickyhpmn@gmail.com](mailto:nickyhpmn@gmail.com).

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*Today we welcome Joan McDonald as a guest contributor to CONNECTIONS. Joan approached me following a memorable 100th Anniversary Weekend with her old schoolmates from KETC. Joan has succeeded in recapturing the crusading spirit that marked the heyday of the Womens Christian Temperance Union. It will bring back very distant memories for some of us, whose mothers were members and for whom the teetotal creed was a way of life. It raises the question of whether the booze culture inflicting such damage on the fabric of New Zealand life requires a similar crusading zeal from those who earnestly believe the country would be better off without the liquor industry - or whether the philosophy of the WCTU belongs in the past and should remain there. YOU DECIDE. Thanks Joan. Ken R.*

### KING EDWARD TECHNICAL COLLEGE

School reunions are either very good or very forgettable. The K.E.T.C. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary was excellent. My 1950-1954 year group had most attenders still active, the most with hair, and eager to share the myths and stories a large school generates. Seeing photos of the many diverse groups eg. Academic, musical, sport, artistic, I was reminded that at one time it was the largest co-ed school in New Zealand.

When leaving the photo display room a woman blocked my exit, I didn't see her face or her name tag, but noticed the white enamel bow badge of

the W.C.T.U. on her coat. This is the badge of the nearly defunct Women's Christian Temperance Union, earned and worn by the brave woman who began the suffragette movement with votes for woman the outcome of their struggle. She of the badge informed me that there was one member left in Dunedin, now in a rest home and not able to continue the work. I informed her that I had looked for 50 years for the white ribbon enamel badge since my grandmothers had been lost.

"Join today, sign the card, pay me \$15.00 and you can be number two W.C.T.U. member in Dunedin" she gushed. *"I have work for you to do. Dunedin is drowning in booze, and as I walked here from my motel in North Dunedin I thought you should all be disgusted at what your city has become, broken bottles in every gutter and doorway and lying about everywhere"*.

As I went on my way home through the Octagon the frequency of drinking outlets was plain to see, all selling beer, wines, spirits and R.T.D's. A centre city supermarket seemed even more blatant with its aisles of shame stocked very attractively with beer, wine and providing trolleys for customers to load up. Groups of young men and also young women enjoying the freedom to purchase their share of the demon drink. Alcohol is a demon as the outcome of pregnant women who do drink can produce F.A.S.D. babies (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder), the most widely recognised includes facial characteristics, growth retardation, loss of I.Q. points and can be accompanied by A.D.H.D. a disorder now on the rise. Ask any teacher in both a kindergarten, primary or secondary school.

I signed, paid the \$15.00 and await the badge to be sent from Auckland by the New Zealand president of the W.C.T.U., my hockey captain of 1954. So many women remember grandma was a W.C.T.U.'er but no one knew what it signified. A couple of generations of women need to be reminded of the efforts of those suffragettes, and the equality the vote has given us. Vote in this year's election and talk about what still needs to be done about the booze culture, so rife in our young women. I indeed have work to do, my first job to a rest home with a bunch of green, white and purple flowers for the only one W.T.C.U.'er in Dunedin. "Blessed be".

**Joan McDonald**