



Dunedin Methodist Parish

Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone

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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 18 March 2012

9.30am	Mornington	H.Watson White
9.30 am	Mosgiel	E.Merrett
11.00 am	Glenaven	H.Watson White
11.00 am	Wesley	E.Merrett
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
6.00pm	Broad Bay	H.Watson White

OPEN EDUCATION: YOUTH AT RISK

The first of the Parish Open Education programmes offered this year at Mornington Methodist Church, Galloway Street, will deal with the disturbing problem of young people who physically harm themselves and in some cases commit suicide. Much more of this happens in our own community than is ever reported in newspapers or on television. We will bring some expert presenters who can offer information and suggest ways in which we might help to reduce the incidence of this troubling feature of modern youth culture. The session will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 21, in the church. The charge is \$5, which covers supper as well. As usual we offer a splendid pre-session meal catered by Judy Russell, commencing at 6pm, for a charge of \$15. Book a place by ringing Judy at 455 3727 or signing up (at Mornington only).

Parish Easter Study: Finding a Voice

This set of studies (devised by Hilary Brand) is based on the movie, 'The King's Speech'. The movie tells the story of a man, the King, trying to do his best in a job he was not expecting and not trained to carry out; he needed to find his voice and overcome his fears. Does this remind us of Moses? Or us?

The first session is next **Tuesday, 6th March at 7.30 pm at Mornington Church**, when we will view the DVD of 'The King's Speech' (worth seeing again, or a good chance to see it for the first time if you missed it) thinking about the questions: can a church lose its voice? what might it mean for God's people to gain a voice? if we could speak, what would we say to the world? what is stifling our ability to speak confidently about our faith?

The 5 study sessions will then be held most Tuesday evenings throughout March and in April 'til just after Easter. Movie extracts are the basis for each study with relevant Bible passages and the questions these raise, using the study booklet. Everyone from throughout the parish is welcome. Reminders will appear in the Parish Bulletin.

MOSGIEL MIDWEEK SERVICE –

Wednesday 14 March at 2pm All welcome

BETH MAJOR

Beth will be in Woodhaugh Rest-home (previously known as Leith House) from Wed March 14th for a fortnight to enable Lewis to have a break.

She would love to see visitors.

Parish Property, Finance & Resourcing Committee

Next meeting is on Thursday 15 March, 7.30pm, at the Methodist Mission staff room, cnr Middleton Road & Lockerbie Street, Corstorphine.

Transport to Queenstown Synod meeting, 16-18 March

A van has been booked for travel to the synod meeting. We'll be leaving around 4pm on Friday 16 March and returning to Dunedin on the afternoon of Sunday 18 March. Please get in touch with Jenny Winter if you would like to travel in the van to synod (there is no cost for the travel), ph 478 0491, email: mcleanwinter@clear.net.nz.

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH MOSGIEL AND WESLEY WILL BE HOLDING THEIR HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
PLEASE BRING ANY SPARE PRODUCE YOU MAY HAVE TO HELP US CELEBRATE.

COMING UP: A HARVEST FESTIVAL with a difference!

A HARVEST OF SONG AND WORD will be offered across three services on 18 March, at Mornington (9.30 - 10.20am), Glenaven (11 - 11.50am) and Broad Bay (6-6.50pm). Worship at Mornington will include some new words to old tunes; a different service at Glenaven will be based on negro spirituals; the Broad Bay time will be more reflective, with a series of readings on the day's theme:

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen.

There will be morning tea as usual after the Mornington service and (also as usual) before the 11am service at Glenaven Church, Chambers Street, North East Valley. The in-between time has been slightly extended so the preacher can meet with people at both churches and those who wish can come to both services, arranging themselves a ride if need be. The Glenaven service will be followed by a pot-luck lunch at 12 noon, and the Broad Bay service by a pot-luck supper. Keeping the HARVEST theme, please bring a packet or can of food to the pot-luck meals, so we can take a hamper to the food bank after. ALL WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND...



Multicultural Celebration

We invite people of all nationalities to attend a gathering to share music and dance from around the world as we celebrate Race Relations Day.

International Pot Luck Meal to follow. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Saturday 17 March 2012

Dunedin North Intermediate School Hall
North Road.

5.30pm Start

8.30pm Finish

Free to all.



Otago Southland's annual Synod

Coming up 17-18 March is the Otago Southland's annual Synod meeting in Queenstown. It would be great to see as many people there as possible. Following the Synod meeting is our School of Theology where ministers and lay people are welcome to come and share. This year the Revs Peter Taylor (Invercargill) and Alan Webster (Christchurch) will be taking some of our sessions on Creative Worship.

This is held at Lakeland Park on Kelvin Heights in Queenstown, where you will have a lovely view of Queenstown and the majestic mountains.

Total cost for both Synod and School of Theology is \$170 per person which covers food and accommodation. Please let Rachael Masterton know if you would like to come, by Monday 5 March, and if you would like to come but will have difficulty with the cost please contact Rachael also.

Contact details rmasterton@actrix.co.nz or 4764867.

MWF Special Project

Mums and kids, that's mums in the Gaza Strip and our church kids.

Wednesday March 28th at 7.45pm. Speaker will be Joyce Whyman who is a member of St Johns. It will be at Mornington Methodist Church hall.

MWF are most welcome and there will be a gold coin collection for St John. Joyce will give a background of life in the Gaza Strip with a powerpoint presentation and DVD.

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A Story from the Mission

At Otago Corrections Facility a prisoner came into the room where the programme was running in an upset and angry state. The prison guard offered to take the prisoner back to the cell block as he appeared very agitated. The tutor very calmly told the prison officer that it would all be fine and that the prisoner just needed to be involved in the programme, and then she gently guided him to his work and sat beside him to chat to him and get him started. This, again, provided the opportunity for a new narrative for both the prisoner and the prison guard.



I would like to acknowledge the commitment of people at Mornington congregation to participate in leading worship. Thank you for taking part in the training yesterday and we will endeavour to fulfil this vision for the benefit of the parish.



For my Connections article this time I would like to share with you a “Chaplain’s Chat” column which I had published in *Critic*, the Otago University Students’ magazine earlier this week. (see below). As Chaplains we have not had a column in *Critic* for ten years, but thanks to a good relationship with the new editor, we have a fortnightly column this year. *Critic* also now has a new website www.critic.co.nz created by Blair Hughson. If you want to keep in touch with student news, events and perspectives, check out this website from time to time. You may not agree or perhaps even be able to relate to some of what you read, but a selective perusal of *Critic* on line (or hard copy) will give you an insight into the tertiary student world today here in Dunedin, and help you see how some students (and future leaders of our country) view their world.

Chaplaincy column in *Critic* Student magazine

I enjoyed orientation this year. It was great to meet so many students around campus, as well as in our Residential Colleges and around the Combined Christian Groups BBQ on the Museum reserve late at night. What would you say you enjoyed most about orientation? What did you enjoy least? I’d really like to know. If you have time, e mail me.

Life is all about creating memories, ideally good ones. We all have choices about how we are going to live our lives. We have the freedom each day and each night to create the memories we will live with for the rest of our lives. So look after yourself this year. Create good memories. Make the most of every opportunity to learn heaps, to make new friends, to enjoy life, to care for others and to grow spiritually. I fully support and endorse the advice given by our V.C. Harlene Hayne in her *Critic* column last week; “During the course of the year, find

someone with religious views, or political views different from your own. Have a cup of coffee with them and listen to their perspective on the world”.

My background is in Music, Biological Science and Practical Theology. I enjoy making exploring issues that matter, such as the importance (or not) of faith, and how to build respectful relationships between people of different faiths (or no faith) . I've been here in this role for 12 years now and I am a life member of OUSA. My colleagues and I are available to meet with individuals or groups to assist with settling in to University life. We are available to chat about anything that may be troubling you , or to explore existential or spiritual questions in a confidential and non-judgmental setting. Our Chaplaincy offices are at 229 Leith St this semester (next to Liquorland) whilst our new offices are being built in the Link.

Throughout Aotearoa-NZ there are Chaplains serving in our hospitals, our armed forces, our prisons, our schools and in our Universities and Polytechnics. Our Chaplaincy team is here on campus to offer pastoral care and spiritual support , educational resourcing, information, interfaith facilitation, bereavement and grief support and to explore ethical and moral issues together. We are here to support all students and staff.

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