



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

10th MARCH 2013

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2013

9.30am	Mornington	K Russell
9.30 am	Mosgiel	E Merrett
11.00 am	Glenaven	K Russell
11.00 am	Wesley	E Merrett
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
6.00pm	Broad Bay	K Russell

MINI GOLF CHALLENGE

On 17th March 2013 an invitation is extended to all church members enter into the Dunedin Methodist Mini Golf Challenge. The 18 hole course at Wal's Fun Land, Bush Rd (West end) Mosgiel is the location for this event. It is planned for church members, of all ages, to join in this challenge, in groups of up to 5, commencing at 2:00p.m. The objective is to have fun and enjoy company of fellow church members while advancing around the course with the least strokes possible. The cost for a round is \$7:00/adult and \$4.50/child. If golfing is not your chosen sport you can come and enjoy the surroundings and the café nearby. If you are interested in participating please advise Cam Weston ph 454 5600 so numbers golfing can be advised to the facility.



MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Sunday 17th March, 2.30pm at Mornington Methodist Church. Come and hear Babar the Little Elephant by Poulenc, also two piano works. Cost \$2.00.

BETH MAJOR will be going into Woodhaugh Rest-home on March 12th for 2 weeks to give Lewis a break. Visitors will be welcome

MOSGIEL MIDWEEK SERVICE

To be held in the Mosgiel Methodist Church on Wednesday 20 March at 2pm. This is open to all members of the parish and a warm welcome to anyone who is able to join us. Afternoon tea will follow the service.

TAKING THE HEAT OUT OF THINGS

The **Open Education** programme for the year begins with a talk by the Reverend Tim Langley (former minister in this parish) on dealing with the effects of global warming. Exceptionally hot summers, storm-ridden winters, hurricanes and bush fires, coral reefs dying off, Antarctic ice melting: these are some of the effects attributed to atmospheric warming. Can we do anything about it? Do we contribute to the process by our impact on the environment? Come and hear Tim Langley. Join us at Mornington Methodist Church, Wednesday March 20, at 7.30pm. The usual charge of \$5 for the session plus a modest supper. There will be a delicious pre-talk dinner catered by Judy Russell, starting at 6pm, charge \$15. Ring Judy for a place (455 3727) or sign in at Mornington.



You're invited ...

To the Otago Southland Synod and School of Theology
Lakelands Park, Queenstown 16-18 March
(Synod 16-17 March and School of Theology 17-18 March).

Ron Malpass and Margaret Poynton from Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy are coming to take a session on Pastoral and Hospital visiting on the Saturday afternoon.

Everyone welcome (not just Synod members).

Synod is subsidising this weekend to ensure that anyone who wants to come can come.

Synod Fri – Sun = \$50 p/p or Sat – Sun = \$40 p/p

Synod & School of Theology = \$70 p/p or (\$90 if there from Friday night)

Day visitors \$10 p/p per day

For a registration form please email Rachael Masterton

rmasterton@actrix.co.nz or ring 03 4764867, or ask your Minister.

Any questions, please contact Rachael Masterton.

COMBINED DUNEDIN CHURCHES – RESURRECTION SERVICE

With Guest Speaker – Justin Duckworth. Sunday 7th April, 7.00pm, Regent Theatre. Entry Free. Offering taken.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE - COLIN'S BIG EIGHT-O

Colin Gibson's eightieth birthday is fast approaching, and we in the Parish want to mark it with a party. More details next week.

But please note in your diaries a Parish party at Mornington Church at 7pm on Saturday April 6th. Everyone in the Parish is invited.

It will be a fun night, with MC Donald Phillipps, and a small Committee is organising. ALL WELCOME

STORY FROM THE MISSION

We have been working with a family that has had heavy involvement with CYF for the past 2 years. This month our Support & Advocacy Worker received an email 20 February from CYF saying they are closing the case! This is a huge celebration for a family that have worked really hard to comply with the expectations of CYF and made extreme lifestyle changes that have had a positive effect personally on Mum and her coping abilities and awareness of detrimental associates and people that effect the care and safety of her children.



Housing. Very much in the news where there have been floods, earthquakes, cyclones and storms. Disaster relief includes shelter along with food, water and and medicines; it is one of our basic human needs.

In the case of the Christchurch Rebuild, last week's *Sunday Star-Times* reports on research conducted by the Healthy Christchurch project of the CDHB, which revealed that the earthquakes dealt "a double blow, with anxiety caused by dealing with insurance, repairs and recovery agencies proving more debilitating than the earthquakes."

Even two years on, says a Riccarton woman, some are still living in "terrible conditions". The government's emphasis on buildings, especially in the central city, makes many residents feel they are less important than the structures they live and work in -- if they have work.

Healthy Christchurch is therefore rolling out a positive mental health programme called *All Right*, to run for the next few years. One wonders if people can be reassured, when housing and related financial difficulties beset large swathes of the population, even without the earthquakes.

We're dealing with something much bigger here: the fact that houses are only part of that well-established institution, the Property Market. That market is only for people who have enough money to deal in property, just as the concept of "lifestyle" only applies to people who can afford to make choices about how stylishly they will live.

"Affordable" housing currently being offered in Auckland is well above the region's mean price, but two political parties have plans to make such housing more accessible across the board. Buying a house has never been more difficult for the majority of New Zealanders, so renting accommodation is the norm.

People who pay rent are reimbursing landlords for the capital they outlaid to buy a place, and the interest due on any loans. Most rental houses or flats are, however, "investment properties" -- bought to make money in the first place -- so the tenants are doing more than reimbursing the buyer, they are helping to make them rich, and assisting their entry to the "lifestyler" elite.

It's hardly ever put that way, because it sounds so bad; it has sounded even worse since Christchurch landlords have allegedly been inflating rents when insurance money is involved. It is quite normal in low-income areas that rents are set with the expected accommodation supplement in mind.

I recently re-visited the three-storey house where I lived with my first husband's family from 1968 to 1971, and found it converted to house as many students as possible. There was a flat for one or two in the basement, 3-4 double bedrooms on the ground floor, and 4 upstairs. Although there was what is daintily called a "kitchenette" serving the top two floors, there was no living-room at all!

A house, I'd have thought, was somewhere to live. But for those crammed into rented accommodation, paying by the room, there's no room for life, let alone lifestyle.

-- Helen Watson White