



Dunedin Methodist Parish

Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone

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PARISH BULLETIN

17th MARCH 2013

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2013

9.30am	Mornington	S Pole / Lay Ministry Team
9.30 am	Mosgiel	G Watson
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole / Lay Ministry Team
11.00 am	Wesley	G Watson
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
6.00pm	Broad Bay	No service

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.

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.



EXPLORERS GROUP

As our usual meeting date falls on Easter Day, it was agreed that we would meet a week earlier. So our March meeting will be on Sunday March 24th, at 4-30pm in the Mornington Church lounge. All interested people welcome.

COMBINED PARISH SERVICE

Will be held Easter Sunday 31st March 2013, 10.00am at Wesley Methodist Church, Hillside Road. The Rev. Siosifa Pole will lead the service following which morning tea will be served.

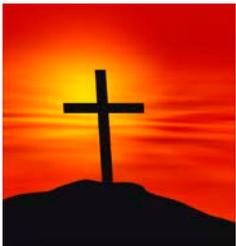
Contributions of food towards this would be much appreciated.

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GOOD FRIDAY, WALK OF THE CROSS

Walk of the Cross - Starting 9 am in the Grounds of Holy Cross Centre, finishing at the same place, the Grounds of Holy Cross Centre, in time for walkers to join their congregations at their local churches.

Church Services will be at Mosgiel Presbyterian Church at 10 am, St Lukes Anglican Church at 10 am, East Taieri Presbyterian Church at 10.30 am, St Mary's Roman Catholic Church at 3 pm.



MORNINGTON GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION

The following are the arrangements for the procession around the participating Mornington churches on Good Friday. Start at the Anglican Church, Whitby Street, at 9am, proceed to Mornington Methodist (9.30am), then to the Catholic Church, Benhar Street (10am) and conclude at the Presbyterian Church, Maryhill Terrace (10.30am). At each church there will readings of Bible passages and the procession ends with a fraternal meal of tea/coffee and hot cross buns. Join us as we proclaim the Easter story to our community.

SOUTHERN WALK OF THE CROSS

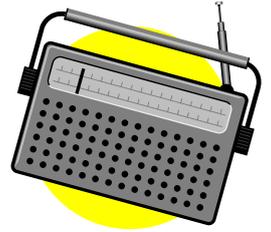
GOOD FRIDAY, ST CLAIR TO CAVERSHAM, ALL WELCOME to join the churches of St Clair & Caversham

- Starting at 9am at the Esplanade (Shark Bell)
- With brief stops for reflection and prayer along the way
- Concluding with a short Good Friday Service at Caversham Baptist Church at approx 10am

Join us for all or part of the journey.

CBA ON NEWSTALKZB FOR 12 HOURS THIS EASTER

Christian Broadcasting Association (CBA) has been given 12 hours of air time on New Zealand's leading radio network, NewstalkZB to tell the Jesus version of Easter. Phone 0900 80 222 to donate \$20 (charged to your phone account) to help CBA introduce people to Jesus this Good Friday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Beth Mosley who turns 5 on the 20th March.

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR 31st MARCH

As the Mission Office will be closed on Good Friday, notices for the 31st March Bulletin will need to be in to Sarah (sarahc@dmm.org.nz or phone 466 4600) by Wednesday 27th March at 5.00pm. Thank you.

COMBINED DUNEDIN CHURCHES – RESURRECTION SERVICE

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

COLIN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Members of the Parish
are warmly invited to a Party
celebrating **Colin Gibson's 80th birthday**.



Come along for a night of fun and nostalgia.
Saturday April 6, 7pm at Mornington Church

No presents. Supper Provided. Spread the word

STORY FROM THE MISSION

We have been working with a lady in the community since the week before Christmas. At the start she was having a difficult time, particularly relating to finances. She has small children and would have found the Christmas period a challenge. The stress of her financial situation was also beginning to affect other areas of her life e.g. health.

We worked up a plan together and the woman identified that the most important area to begin with was food. At the last minute we managed to access a Christmas day food hamper and a food parcel so that she would have enough food over the Christmas period. We even managed to obtain some small children's gifts, a Christmas tree and decorations.

Since this initial trip to the food bank she has needed to visit it on another two occasions. However alongside this we have been helping the family address their finances so that they are now in receipt of benefits that they are entitled to. This will cover basic living expenses and Mum is now able to take steps to pay back monies owed. This has provided some much needed relief. Along with this, Mum has independently taken steps to positively manage her financial situation; she is also to re-engage with budget services as her budgets have now changed.



Slipping between memory and remembrance.

As New Zealanders we tend to frequently see memory and remembrance as two totally different things. "Memory" is what we as humans bring to mind about any event that has impacted on our lives and "remembrance" is a term reserved for institutionalised acts where notable events are celebrated by the state or the region. For example, Christmas Day, Waitangi Day, Anzac Day and Good Friday are days set aside as holidays

by the state and have special legislation protecting them. The regional holiday, Otago Anniversary Day, 23 March will be celebrated two days later this year, on Monday 25th so nobody misses out on the holiday, if employment authorities decide to celebrate it then, or later at Easter.

Good Friday is at the end of this month, and marks a perhaps the most important date in the Christian calendar. The word “remembrance” seems appropriate for use on this day as it is the day marking Christ’s suffering on the cross. But for many of the faith it also seems a day of memory, and by that I mean personal memory. It was less than a generation ago that Christian preachers of almost all denominations proclaimed that Christ suffered and died for us humans and that faith in Christianity was not an intellectual affair but an intensely personal and emotional one. Conversion was a reality of the Christian life. Followers of John Wesley were encouraged to seek a similar conversion experience, “a strange warming of the heart”. Public declamation of that conversion was mandatory and the life hereafter appeared assured in the comfort of that individual step. My word, we have changed in our journey nowadays.

Yet in that central act of Holy Communion, central to Easter, and central to each of us personally we conflate, or fuse personal memory and public act of remembrance. For each person, taking communion seems the most sombre, most personal Christian act of commitment, evoking memories. Yet it is the single most frequently celebrated institutionalised event of Christian church life.

Has the path of the Methodist Church of New Zealand swerved away from the personal commitment sought by Wesley and which was a mark of a “true Christian in past times? Has our fascination with issues of the day distracted us as a Church from recognising what our forefathers saw as of crucial importance? When we sing “For All the Saints” we are indulging in an act of remembrance which is carefully balanced with personal memory. It happens because there is, as was pointed out in a service led by Prof. Colin Gibson recently, a strong underlying appeal attached to that hymn, that someday we may also be a member of that “vast cloud of witnesses.”

This piece was entitled “Slipping between memory and remembrance” simply because the boundary between these two words I believe is much more flexible, and more ephemeral than it often seems to be. In remembrance we are reify-ing (making real for us) the experience of

memory of a person or event. Frequently, and sadly, it is memory of a friend or relative who has died. The memorial columns of the newspapers show much evidence of that habit. But in the act of remembrance we are trying to recall the best and sharpest of our memories of the person. We recall their name. According to post-modernist philosopher Paul Derrida this is perhaps the most important single thing we can do. Naming centralises our thoughts and wishes and intensifies the moment. At that point we slip from remembrance into memory.

The same way, in naming Christ, we strike up a personal experience beyond and deeper than “remembrance”. We invoke the name to ask for forgiveness; to set us on a right path, which has the potential to include all people and all things; to recognise where we are as humans in this vast space; and to be confirmed and re-committed as children of God in a unique way.

- ***George Davis***

