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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2013

9.30am	Mornington	S Pole / G Davis
9.30 am	Mosgiel	D Phillipps
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole / G Davis
11.00 am	Wesley	D Phillipps
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
6.00pm	Broad Bay	No Service

FINAL SERVICE FOR WESLEY CHURCH

The Wesley Leaders Meeting has decided to have their final service in the church this Sunday, the 21st of April due to the Beca Engineering report and the Conference Decision in 2011 that any church is below 33% has to vacate the building for the safety of its people. The congregation will move to the hall for Sunday services from now on. This may affect some people but that is best decision that the Leaders Meeting felt is appropriate.



THE CELLISTS OF OTAGO will be presenting a concert in the Mornington Methodist Church on Sunday 21st of April at 3 p.m. Of special interest will be the involvement of the Pipe Organ played by Colin Gibson. Other works include the popular "Tales from the Vienna Woods", Mozart's "Ave Verum" and Debussy's "Golliwog's Cake Walk". Admission \$10, students and children \$5.



MOSGIEL LEADERS MEETING

Tuesday 23rd April, 7.30pm at the Church.

EXPLORERS GROUP

Meets 4-30pm on Sunday 28th April in the Mornington Church lounge. All interested people are welcome to join us

STU BECOMES AN ARCHDEACON

On the 2nd May at 6.00pm, At St Paul's Cathedral, Stu will be turned into the Anglican Archdeacon of Dunedin. Everyone is warmly invited to come.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

I would like to convey a message of sympathy and condolences to Ray and the family for the death of Edna Williams on Wednesday the 10th of April. Edna was a member of Mosgiel congregation and her death is not only affecting this congregation but the whole of the parish. Our prayer that God will grant his peace and comfort upon you during this time of mourning.

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR 28th APRIL

As the Mission Office will be closed on Anzac Day (Thursday 25th April), notices for the 28th April Bulletin will need to be in to Sarah (sarahc@dmm.org.nz or phone 466 4600) by Tuesday 23rd April at 5.00pm. Thank you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jacaranda Horsfall who turns 3 on the 26th April

WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL STATEMENT ON BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

Yesterday marked the unofficial beginning of spring in Boston, Massachusetts - Patriot Day. During this celebration the city and the people in the city suffered a thoughtless and callous attack: two bombs were detonated during the running of the Boston Marathon.

The grim and sad toll so far - three dead and nearly one hundred wounded - is a small number compared to the violence that still occurs every day throughout the world, and whatever twisted justification for the attack is still yet to be discovered. This is a day spent regrouping and asking questions about how and why attacks like this happen, but it can also be a moment to ask what the appropriate response should be.

For some people - after seeing the video footage and photographs of the terror and suffering that filled the streets of Boston after the attack - they can respond with anger, with bitterness and with a desire for revenge. But we may also make an effort to comprehend, to take those images and replace the fear and disbelief with an effort to understand, compassion and love.

As believers in Christ we must not greet the cacophony of explosions with even louder drums of war and fear, but instead with the calm and peace of grace.

The Greek poet Aeschylus wrote: "Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God."

As members of a global family who believe in the salvation offered through Christ's death and resurrection, and the teachings of John Wesley, The World Methodist Council asks that those affected, personally

or peripherally by the horrors of not only yesterday's violence, but any violence to not respond with hatred and further violence, but instead to reply with love and wisdom, compassion towards one another, and a feeling of justice towards those who still suffer from the effects of these acts of terror.

Ivan Abrahams, General Secretary, World Methodist Council

COLIN GIBSON'S 80th BIRTHDAY PARTY on Saturday 7th April was hugely enjoyable, with a variable non-stop programme chaired by Donald Phillipps. Just three random photos show 1. The Mornington [Y@M](#) strutting their stuff 2. Jeanette and Colin seated beneath the 80 balloon 3. Leah Taylor gives her well researched account of Colin's long association with Mornington - with a background photo of the Gibson lad in his (much) younger days. Many thanks were given to Cam Weston as chief organiser of a memorable occasion.



STORY FROM THE MISSION

A young Dad phoned looking for support to access childcare and enquire about subsidies. With his partner and two young children, they moved to Dunedin from the top of the North Island to be closer to her family. They set up house, Dad got himself into Polytech and a part time job working in a kitchen. Sadly, within a few weeks the partner ended the relationship and asked the Dad to leave. Already enrolled in Polytech and not wanting to leave his children, Dad found a two bedroom flat and was given access to the children overnight on Mondays and Tuesdays. He needed childcare for these two days while he attended Polytech. The Mum had already enrolled the children in daycare which used all the allocated WINZ subsidies, meaning Dad was unable to access any subsidy support for his allocated days. Being on a student allowance he was unable to afford the \$180 for two days care. When the Support and Advocacy worker visited his home, he had very little resources and household items; he was sleeping on an airbed, had limited kitchen utensils, no furniture to sit on and he had a box in the corner with his study notes on it. His first priority was to find a way to continue to attend Polytech whilst not forfeiting his rights to see and have his children. He has no family or supports in Dunedin and only the friends he has, he met at his new job. His ex-partner was not open to changing days or accommodating his situation. He let Polytech know of his situation and they granted extra time to get himself sorted. Affordability for childcare was the main issues and his income was definitely unable to meet the fees. After some calls home to his family, it was decided that his younger sister and nephew would move down for a period of time and live with him while caring for his two young children on Mondays and Tuesdays. A short term solution while he finishes at Polytech. With that issue solved in the meantime, he needed to gather household items to accommodate having the children overnight. He visited Rona's Room at the Hub and we were able to supply kitchen items, bedding and blankets, books and toys for the children's rooms, cushions to sit on, a BBQ and a study desk. A very humbled young man who was overwhelmed by the support offered. He was invited to bring his sister, nephew and children down to the Hub to participate in the play groups and coffee mornings as a way to integrate into a new community and meet new people.



CREATION.....a 'post modern' interpretation of the Genesis story.
(Tongue firmly planted in cheek)

There are many Creation myths. As with any story handed down from generation to generation, there is an element of truth in every story. These truths are gathered together for the first time in one story.

In the beginning there was father god, mother god and god the son dwelling in eternal infinity. Mother and father god had big plans. They had a vision. A vision of galaxies, stars, suns, moons and planets. Systems of ordered beauty which would bring forth life of unlimited diversity and variety.

To this end they worked tirelessly (they were god after all) in their infinite laboratory, situated at the bottom of the infinite garden, carefully crafting the essential cosmic components of their creation.

Their piece-de-resistance however, was the formation of 'seed souls', created in their own image and stored in the heavenly vaults of the infinite laboratory, at the bottom of the infinite garden.

As each seed soul was lovingly and uniquely fashioned, they hummed to themselves a tune;

“ Every soul is sacred,
Every soul is great,
If a soul is wasted,
We'll be quite irate.” (Apologies to Monty Python)

From the beginning, the son observed his parents, taking an intense interest, and growing in the knowledge and love of creation. However, we all know a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing!! So it was, that at some time, (for want of a word for something that isn't yet) god the parents took a well earned break and headed for the popular 'Black Hole' for a cosmic latte.

Now, as a thousand years in god's eye could be a day, the divine smoko would be approximately six years, forty-nine weeks, one day, seventeen hours, nineteen minutes and fifty-eight point one seconds (give or take a decimal point). This was plenty of time for the first begotten son to go down to the infinite shed at the bottom of the infinite garden to do what first begotten sons to best....fiddle !!

Entering the laboratory, god the son noted again the inscription over the lintel 'Womb with a view' and wondered "what is a womb?" and "what is a view?" Once inside, he noted the orderliness with which his parents had organised their work space. Coils of time were stored in worm-holes. Cans of quarks sat next to containers of neutrons, positrons and atoms. Jars of light and dark in varying shades nestled between spectra of colour. Sealed cylinders of energy had been carefully separated from urns of fission and fusion. Of course there were also the seed souls, safely housed in the heavenly vaults awaiting the calmly created, carefully placed planets to which they would be personally presented in the fullness of time. The son took this all in thinking "I can help!" He busily set about gathering the ingredients for some creating of his own.

The time eventually came when god the parents started thinking about returning to the infinite shed at the bottom of the infinite garden, to resume their careful work of creation.

Suddenly, there was a cataclysmic cosmic explosion....

The heavens were rent asunder. There was fission and fusion (not to mention confusion) everywhere. The energy was limitless. Light and particles were scattered at unimaginable speeds. Time stood still before slowly uncoiling from the wormholes.

Above the tremendous cacophony, the first begotten son heard the voices of his divinely flabbergasted parents" JESUS CHRIST! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?????????!!!!!!!

The god family watched spellbound as chaos birthed creation from the womb of god. What a view! However, this had NOT been part of the god-parents vast eternal plan.

God the father spoke "I have a cunning plan, so cunning you could put a tale on it and call it a.....myth, Creation is happening, let it be so!" And so it was. And God saw that it was good.

Now, god the father and god the mother wanted their son to learn he must take responsibility for his actions, so he was entrusted with the care and oversight of all that had been created since he set in motion the “big bang”. He grew to love all of creation, but especially the little seed souls. He has a special affinity for them, having visited in seed form, one of the planets called earth in order to demonstrate his unconditional love for all seed souls and commitment to creation. So god the son grew in stature, wisdom and favour (especially with his mother and father). Sadly his life on this planet would come to a very sudden and very ghastly end.... but that is another story..... for another time!

Trish Patrick

Notes:

Quotations and misquotations from; 'The Holy Bible', 'The Meaning of Life', Monty Python, ' A Room with a View', 'Black Adder', 'Fiddler on the Roof', Mathematical Calculations – David Patrick