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PARISH BULLETIN

7th JULY 2013

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 14th JULY 2013

9.30am	Mornington	R Mitchell
9.30 am	Mosgiel	E Merrett
11.00 am	Glenaven	R Mitchell
11.00 am	Wesley	E Merrett
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
4.00pm	Broad Bay	No Service

OTAGO SOUTHLAND SYNOD MEETING 19-20 JULY 2013

Just an advance notice to remind you that the next Synod meeting will be on Friday evening 19th and Saturday 20th July 2013 at the Methodist Mission offices, corner of Middleton Road and Lockerbie Street, Corstorphine, Dunedin. Paper copies of the documents for discussion will be posted out shortly.

Could you please come to the Synod meeting having discussed in your Parishes/congregations about what the church's 10 year vision statement of "Let the Children Live" means to you. We will be spending time on discussing this and other activities around this statement during the meeting. Regards, Jenny Winter, Synod Secretary.

**OTAGO DISTRICT METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held in the Mosgiel Methodist Church
Saturday 13 July 2013



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| 10:30 | Welcome and cup of tea |
| 11:00 | AGM |
| 12:30 | Lunch - Finger Food lunch. Tea/coffee provided.
Soup provided for a small donation |
| 1:15 | Speaker - Andrea Mosley |

Collection for Social Services - going to the Family Support Fund

OPEN EDUCATION

The story of Elizabeth Fry is the story of a remarkable woman, a Quaker with a Methodist spirit, who worked tirelessly for prison and asylum reform as well as for the homeless of her time. Come along and hear about this extraordinary and inspiring life, from Judith Cowley. Mornington Methodist Church, Wednesday 17th July, 7.30pm. A koha of \$5, and any profits will go to the Mission for their work in the prison at Milburn. A pre-session meal will be offered by our top of the kitchens cook, Judy Russell. Don't miss out; sign in at Mornington or ring Judy to book your place at the table (455 3727).

A HIGHLIGHT of last Sunday's combined parish service in the Wesley Hall was the induction of Rev Dr Rod Mitchell into the part time team ministry that has been vacant for some time. Rod's ministry alongside Rev Siosifa Pole will be particularly at the Mornington/Glenaven end of the Parish, and for the most part Rod will conduct worship on two Sundays in the month. Rod was warmly welcomed into the ministry by an enthusiastic congregation drawn from all parts of the Parish.

Pictures show Rod being formally inducted into office by District Superintendent Rachael Masterton and Parish Superintendent Siosifa Pole, with preacher Rev Donald Phillipps in the background. Rousing contributions were made by the Mornington and St Kilda Tongan Choir.



STORY FROM THE MISSION

This month we got a fabulous response from a parent in their child's profile book.

Pheeew!

What a Journey so far. Cafe
 It's lovely watching shalvia
 grow through pictures and stories.

Seeing her grow and change in look
 and character is so very exciting.
 You have provided an environment of love,
 nurture, and respect, helping and encouraging
 her strenghts, confidence & leadership, qualities
 I love when she comes home telling me what
 she has been doing, who she has been playing with
 and what she has had for lunch, her smile is
 huge and her eyes light up.

Shalvia is growing up to be a caring, funny
 young lady who is happy to tell you what
 she feels, And we thank you for
 this, continue to surround her
 with this we ask and
 support her as you build
 a great foundation for
 her future.



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SAMUEL

SHALVIA

if nothing
 changed there
 would be no butterflies
 ... no butterflies.



From the prayer diary of...



the Mouse of God

I'm just a humble church mouse – I never wanted a cathedral.

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Sweetly the holy hymn
Breaks on the morning air;
Before the world with smoke is dim
We sneak into our lair.

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Mighty mouse which art in leaven, hollowed be your cheese.

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I don't envy you. It's a hard life all right. 167 hours per week in solitary confinement. Then, for one hour, either unable to get a word in edgeways or having to eat some you spoke 2,000 years ago.

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They keep on saying that you made them in your image. They hear what they want to hear. Why don't they listen more carefully? You made them in your garage!

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I've been thinking about it. You're so big, so powerful, so brainy and so perfect. But do you know why I think we get on like a house on fire? You're as quiet as a mouse.

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All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
Blue whales, mice, so wonderful
You rightly made us all.
But middling ones like human kind
And felines, not so well;
You made them cruel and horrible,
As I can surely tell.

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Give us this day our daily mousetrap, and forgive us our twins.

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I really loved the mike and the choir this morning – they were just so squeaky.

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I don't want to be nosey, and perhaps I'm actually a little jealous, but why did you have to produce such a long tale? And such a curly one?

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We love the place, O God.
Wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of highest code
All seismic risk excels.

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Lead us not into termination but deliver us from weevil.

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You have such a lovely home here. All I'm asking for is a mouse pad.

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Amen to that address a while ago on the Jesus Seminar! To think that among the top three most authentic sayings of Jesus was “Blessed are the poor”, or “Congratulations, you poor ones” according to the Scholars Version. Of course, to qualify they have to be as poor as a church mouse.

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“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”? I’m sorry, but I’m not cut out to be a field mouse – I get cold feet.

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That Interfaith Council meeting last month in the church – it knocked the living daylights out of me. I mean, I’ve always lived such a sheltered life. How was it with you?

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I have this gnawing feeling – you, God, need a less human face, and humans need a more godlike grace. I once said that aloud and only escaped by a whisker.

David Catchingman

