



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

15th SEPTEMBER 2013

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

9.30am	Mornington	C Gibson
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole (AGM)
11.00 am	Glenaven	C Gibson
11.00 am	Wesley	G Watson
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
4.00pm	Broad Bay	No Service

OPEN EDUCATION: BENJAMIN BRITTEN

This year the world celebrates the centenary of Benjamin Britten, one of England's greatest composers. Professor Colin Gibson talks about and illustrates with new DVDs Britten's life and music for the Christian Church, works like the *War Requiem*, *A Ceremony of Carols*, *The Burning Fiery Furnace*, *Noah's Flood* and *St Nicolas*. Mornington Methodist Church, Galloway Street, Wednesday, September 18, at 7.30pm, koha \$5. A pre-session meal will be offered by Judy Russell at 6pm (ring 455 3727 or register at Mornington), \$15. Please tell any of your friends with an interest in music.



MOSGIEL MID-WEEK SERVICE will be held at Maran-atha Rest Home at 2pm on Wednesday 18th September. All welcome, please come to support our elderly.

STORY FROM THE MISSION

A young 4 year old at Little Citizens has been exhibiting a range of extreme behaviours at the centre which have been putting children and at time staff at risk. A meeting has been held with the CYF worker who has responsibilities working with this child's family, and a psychologist from MOE Group Special Education came to observe the child at the centre today. We are hoping that some strategies and resourcing can be put in place by these two organisations as Little Citizens (even though the staff have done an outstanding job with this young person) do not have the resources and skills that this young person requires. If this does not happen, we may have to withdraw this child from the centre. The Mum is aware of this and is keen to have supports from these organisations.

WILDFLOWERS - a fund raiser.

A list is in the foyer at Mornington for you to purchase packets of WILDFLOWER SEED at \$5 per packet. We'll purchase the number of packets ordered at a significantly lower price, and you'll buy them at \$5 as a contribution towards the very high costs we are facing to earthquake strengthen our buildings to the required standard. Yes, you can say it's a drop in the bucket but it's a start. The wildflowers will make great gifts for your family, friends or neighbours. SIGN THE LIST TODAY. THANKS



MWF MOSGIEL never too old to play Petanque

Our ladies enjoyed an afternoon playing Petanque, ages ranged from 97 to 65 years old. A beautiful sunny Mosgiel afternoon where Allison explained the rules of the game and everyone had a go.



SUSTAINABLE LIVING MORNINGTON COMMUNITY EVENING

COURSE Tuesdays 7 - 9pm from 15th October for eight weeks, in the Mornington Methodist Church Lounge.

This interactive course will help you support lifestyle changes you choose to make, learn and share planet-friendly tips specific to Dunedin, and meet like-minded people in your community.

To register for this free course, contact the facilitator, Maureen Howard, on 473 9967 or mhoward@slingshot.co.nz

120TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW ZEALAND WOMEN WINNING THE VOTE (1893 – 2013)

To commemorate this historic achievement, Mornington Methodist Women's Fellowship invites members of the Parish to a presentation, written and performed by Marion Kitchingman:

ANNIE JANE SCHNACKENBERG

Mornington Methodist Church

Wednesday 25 September 2013, at 2.30pm

Afternoon tea will be served in the church lounge after the performance.

Mrs. Annie Schnackenberg was a Methodist, an active member of the Pitt Street Wesleyan Church, Auckland. She was also a founder member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), the organization that spearheaded the votes for women campaign, led by Kate Sheppard.

MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Members will meet briefly in the Church Lounge at 2pm on Wednesday 25 September, before the presentation of "Annie Jane Schnackenberg".



WE WELCOME ON BOARD KATRINA. Katrina is an existing valued member of the Mission team, who will now take on the added responsibility of the Parish work. For all future notices please contact Katrina by either phoning the Mission office 466 4600 or email admin@dmm.org.nz

THE BOOK OF REVELATION IN ONE SERVICE - is that a joke, or something? Not at all. [Y@M](#)



actually did it last Sunday at Mornington and Glenaven in another remarkable service written and produced by Ginny Kitchingman. The service was cleverly structured so as to divide Revelation into three parts, 1 –3 (Messages) 8 – 16 (Trumpets and Bowls) and 21 – 22 (The New Heaven and the New

Earth) - and in each section the group “ticked off” five activities -some dancing, art work, freestyle illustrating with the congregation, sharing the “revelation”, and in the place of hymns (shock, horror !) three

wonderfully well chosen songs from *Pink, Justin Bieber and Olly Murs*.

We include two photos without description. Together they convey the impression of a service that was packed with “revelation,” conveyed with energy, humour, teamwork and a reverence for the occasion. A great achievement, [Y@M](#).



MEDITATION WITH FATHER DONAGH O’SHEA

Fr Donagh O’Shea OP, an Irish Dominican retreat director and teacher of prayer and meditation, will be in Dunedin from 18-23 September.

Each morning from Wednesday to Saturday 18-21 September, Donagh will celebrate **MASS** (and give a talk about **PRAYER AND MEDITATION** after mass) at **HOLY NAME** church at 8.30 am. From Wednesday to Friday also at Holy Name, Donagh will give talks on **MEDITATION AND PRAYER** after each Mass; and in the evening at 5.15 pm, on these same days, there will be a talk and a time of meditation. (*Together these events, morning and evening, may form a time of retreat*)

Day of Retreat.

Donagh will lead a day of retreat at St Patrick’s Centre, 42 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin on Saturday 21 September from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Numbers will be limited so if you wish to attend please email your name to alafair@kinect.co.nz and ask for a form to fill in

OTAGO TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY TRUST BOARD 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

You are warmly invited to attend the Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy 50th celebration dinner which will be held at Salmond College on Wednesday 27th November beginning at 6pm. The Chaplaincy Trust Board was established in 1963 and has worked to serve the University, the Polytechnic and the former College of Education throughout the last 50 years. For this reason the board is holding a special dinner featuring a variety of musical items and an after dinner speech by Colin Gibson who served on the Trust Board for many years. Tickets can be purchased from Carol Clarke. Please RSVP to Carol Clarke (contact details below) by October 15th, 2013. It would be wonderful to have you in attendance. Please forward this invitation on to others who may be interested in attending.

Ticket Secretary Contact details and ticket purchasing details

Tickets (\$65 each) can be obtained from Carol Clarke, Student Services Divisional Office, Clocktower, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054. Ph 03 479 5752, email carol.clarke@otago.ac.nz . When you order your tickets please supply a residential address, by email, phone or post. Carol will post the ticket or tickets to you.

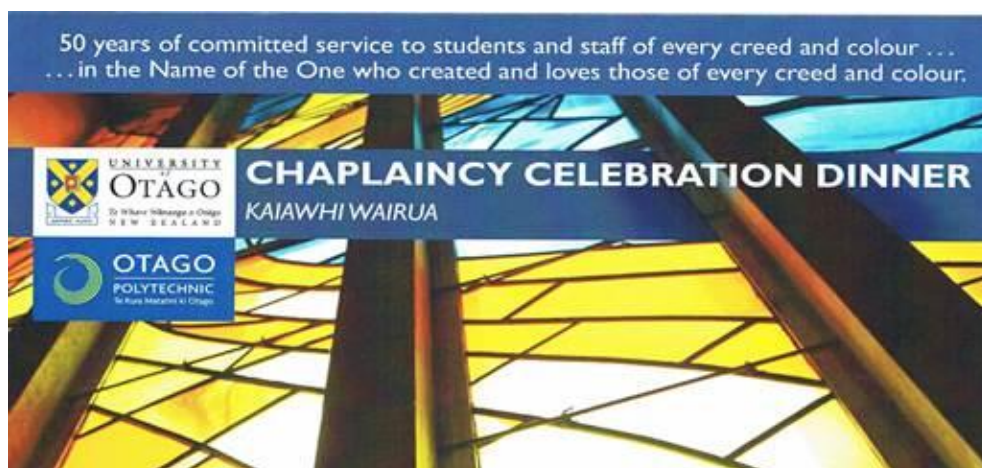
Payment options:

1. (preferable): electronically into the Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board BNZ University of Otago bank account 02 0929 0132985 00 using the narration "50th Dinner" to identify your payment.
2. Cheque made out to "Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Board" to Carol Clarke.

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United Nations World Peace Day Activities Ōtepoti Aotearoa 2013

1) Panel Discussion: "Creating a Culture of Peace in New Zealand"

What does a culture of peace in New Zealand mean? What does it look like and what steps will we need to take to get there? Such questions will be explored in this interdisciplinary forum for discussion on peace.

Chair: Professor Richard Jackson (Deputy Director and Director of Research at the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Panellists: Professor Peter Crampton (Pro-Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences)
Dr Janet Stephenson (Director of the Centre for Sustainability)
Dr Katerina Standish (National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies)
Professor Paul Tapsell (Te Tumu: Maori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies)

Date: Friday the 20th of September

Time: 5:15 pm

Place: Owheo Building, AV Studio at the University of Otago

For bookings email: peaceandconflict@otago.ac.nz

To be live-streamed at:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/its/services/teaching/streaming/otago029235.html>

2) World Peace Day: Community Affirmation and Celebration

Date: Saturday the 21st of September

Time: 11am – 3:30pm

Place: The Octagon, Dunedin Central

Come and join this special space created in the name of peace: a place to share knowledge, inspiration, and passion for the creation of a community for all – both locally and internationally. Many events will contribute to this celebration and affirmation including speeches, music, poetry, food, teach-ins, a yoga mala, stalls, face-painting and much more!

3) World Peace Day Sermon

Date: Sunday the 22d of September

Time: 10 am

Place: The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul the Apostle, The Octagon Dunedin

In a sermon to recognise World Peace Day, Richard Jackson explains how his own commitment to peace is rooted in his reading of the life of Jesus Christ and the radical kingdom values he preached. He argues that just war doctrines distort the teachings of Jesus and ignore the reality of war, and that Christians and the institutional church ought to adopt a radical pacifist posture which actively opposes all forms of militarism in society and openly struggles to establish peace and justice.

Please note: set within a traditional Anglican service

'FAITH THINKING': offered by the Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago in conjunction with some local Dunedin churches.

“Spiritual Practices – Sabbath, Fasting and Prayer” by Lynne Baab

7.00 - 9.00 pm on Wed Sept 11, Wed Sept 18, Wed Sept 25

Venue: Burns 5, Albany Street, University of Otago

Cost: \$30 (Students/Unwaged: \$20)

To register and pay in advance:

Please contact the Summer School & Continuing Education Office, Central Library, University of Otago (corner of Albany and Cumberland Streets).

continuing.education@otago.ac.nz or ph 479 9181.

Coming Up:

Visual Faith: The Gospel Told Through Art – Murray Rae

Friday October 18, 7.00-9.00 pm and Saturday October 19, 9.00am-12.30

Venue: Elim Church

Cost: \$30 (Students/Unwaged: \$20)

INTO THE UNKNOWN



I read an article the other day on the subject of genius. The writer believed the word was being totally over-used, and that ‘genius’ was too easily ascribed to merely talented people. He illustrated his point by recounting the five or six occasions when he has talked at length with Nobel Prize winners. He found them generally dull and uninteresting people – he had hoped for insight or inspiration, and there was none.

He quoted the words of a famous philosopher, who had offered a way of distinguishing between the two ideas of genius and talent. “Talent is like the marksman who hits a target, which others cannot reach. Genius is like the marksman who hits a target, which others cannot see.” I think this an inspired piece of wisdom, and in such dark days as these in the international arena, we desperately need those who are able to pierce the darkness.

Here’s another, and for me, strikingly relevant quotation – and many of you who read it will remember the words. They were used by King George VI in his 1939 Christmas message – not long after the outbreak of war, when a long darkness had fallen over Europe and the whole world. What may surprise you is to learn that the author, Minnie Louise Haskins, was a lecturer in economics at the London School of Economics – a secular institution if ever there were one.

‘And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.” And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”’

I don’t intend dwelling solely on the horrific situation in Syria. Dreadful though it is there, other places in the world have their own hosts of people who are hurting. We

do nothing to solve these hurts by invoking the power of darkness. Remember President Bush's notorious phrase – 'the axis of evil'. It eventually came to cover a whole series of countries, like Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Cuba, and so on. As if the world could be rationally divided into places of light and places of darkness.

Always in the mind of the fundamentalist is the tendency to see things sharply differentiated in black and white. The blackness is to be destroyed - worse still, to be overcome by weapons of mass destruction – which, almost by definition kill and maim the innocent. It is arrant hypocrisy to claim that such means are ever justified. One of Colin's inspired hymns has the title *Tree of Peace*. Listen to its first verse again:

Where shall be found that holy ground
where we may plant the tree of peace,
strong to survive through fire and storm:
where shall such peace be born?

The second verse begins with three key words that define the meaning of peace: 'Our common theme....' Surely peace **is** the common desire of all people!

Do we assume that Bashar Hafez al-Assad the President of Syria, has no desire for peace at all. That the same is to be said for Kim Jong-un, the Supreme Leader of North Korea. How do we find the way to dialogue, rather than threaten, such world leaders. Grave promises of retaliation made on the public stage may simply suit the national interests of leaders who feel they **must** remind the world of their greatness.

At the height of the Cold War the ageing Prime Minister of England, Winston Churchill, paid a visit to President Eisenhower, in the hope of convincing him to open face-to-face negotiations with Soviet Russia, rather than threaten the use of nuclear missiles. Churchill used a phrase at a private luncheon that has gone down in history – it was to the effect that, "To jaw-jaw always is better than to war-war."

The writer of that article on 'genius' to which I referred regarded Churchill as one of the very few people of genius among politicians. Some of you may be surprised at this. But if ever there were a time when we need politicians with a touch of genius it is now. In this increasingly complex and constricted world they are the ones who must lead us into dark places with an equal measure of confidence and humility.

The piece that the King used in his speech still echoes in our hearts and minds. Maybe we think of Jesus of Nazareth as the one standing at the gate of the years. Certainly he is the one who has overcome the last enemy, time itself. Certainly, too, he is the one who first ventured into the darkness of death, and was not lost.

But peace is not so grand a thing that we have to leave it to world leaders. It starts here:

Here is the place where, by God's grace,
we in our time must plant Christ's peace,
deep in our hearts and minds and souls,
making the dream come true.

Donald Phillipps