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PARISH BULLETIN

2nd March 2014

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 9th March

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

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION - Mosgiel Church leaders are having their First World War Memorial panel restored. We give thanks to the generosity of Linda and Bill Feather whose donation will cover the full cost of this work.

MORNINGTON WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Please come and join us for this ecumenical service prepared by the women of Egypt. This year it will be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church, corner of Whitby and Lawrence Streets on Friday 7 March 2014 at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome so mark this date in your calendar and there will be supper to follow.

GLENAVEN - Helen and John apologize that they will be away in the North Island - and out of contact - from 27 February to 11 March.

POWERPOINT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to learn a bit more about how we are using the TV screen in worship? Would you be interested in learning and contributing to how to put images and words together on the screen using "PowerPoint"?

Rod is running some PowerPoint learning and sharing opportunities in the coming weeks: Tuesday 11th March 7:30-9:30pm; Friday 14th March 7:30 – 9:30pm; Saturday 15th March 3 – 5pm and Monday 17th March 7:30 – 9:30pm. You are welcome to attend one - or all - of these sessions.

Bring a computer if you want to engage in a PowerPoint practice session (Images will be available on a memory stick) or come without a computer if you are simply interested in how a worship service is prepared using PowerPoint. Some themes we can explore include:

- (a) How to tell parable stories with images;
- (b) How to create a one image illustration of a Bible story;
- (c) How to present social events into worship service or advertise upcoming events;
- (d) How to create contemplation in our 'Prayers for Others' using images;
- (e) Does design and beauty in images matter?;
- (f) how to connect a computer to the TV;
- (g) Where do you find images and what criteria are used in selection and construction of images.

If you are interested, there will also be the opportunity to offer suggestions for improvement by analysing old PowerPoint worship services.

All sessions will be held in the Mornington Methodist Church. Open to anyone from the Parish young or old.

Rod

MOSGIEL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Tuesday 4th March at 1:30pm in the Hall Lounge Our Speaker is Mr Neil Gamble who will speak to us about "OLD TIMES ON THE TAIERI" everyone welcome. Bring a friend.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SYNOD Synod meeting and School of Theology will be in Queenstown on the 7th – 10th of March. I would like to see good representation from our parish in these important events. The Parish and the Synod will meet the cost of those who will attend. I need to know the numbers of those who can go by Friday 28th of February for transport, accommodation, and catering purposes. Please contact me for the registration form; 4552923/4664600. Thanks, Siosifa Pole.

ARE YOU NEEDING HELP WITH SPOKEN ENGLISH?

Come along on Friday evenings - 7PM-9PM

WHERE? CHURCH of CHRIST COMMUNITY,
Cnr St Andrew and Filleul Sts, Dunedin

WHEN? Starts Friday 7th March, for six weeks.

Come early for a free snack at 6.30 pm at the drop-in centre.

IT'S FREE - BUT WE EXPECT THOSE WHO ATTEND TO WORK HARD!

Keith Ludgater

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MINI GOLF : Who is the best putter in the pulpit? Can the Cannon retain top spot? Come to Wal's World Mosgiel at 2:00p.m. on Sunday 2nd March and find out who is the best. Mini Golf \$7/round If not golf then the trains will be running and there's a nice café on site. Come and sink the white ball and the challenges of 18 holes. Open to all ages. Cam W 454 5600



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
SERVICE TO BE HELD**



Friday 7th March 2014
At Mosgiel Methodist Church
Time 1.30 pm. All Welcome

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement for informed prayer and prayerful action. For over 80 years services have been held around the world on the first Friday of March. Overall it is administered by an International Committee in New York; in New Zealand a national committee is based in Christchurch. (Check it out at www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz)

Each year the celebration comes from a different country: the theme is chosen and the service prepared by the women of that country's World Day of Prayer committee. This year's service comes from Egypt and has the theme, 'Streams in the Desert'.

In New Zealand there will be around 250 services organized by local interdenominational groups – there should be one near you to which everybody is warmly invited.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following children:

- ☺ Kate Mosley, who turns 1 on 2nd March
- ☺ Kobi Smith, who turns 2 on 6th March

STORY FROM THE MISSION

Leadership development where children are encouraged to take on leadership roles is a key part of learning at Little Citizens. One of the children in the Kiwi room has a love of books and reading, and has taken a leadership role in the reading of large books as a group. She has found the confidence to stand in front of the group, choosing a book to read and taking responsibility for turning the pages as the story is read. Next steps for this child will be to encourage her to extend the leadership into other areas such as helping to get fruit and drinks ready.

PASTORAL CARE CO-ORDINATORS - We no longer have the Parish Pastoral Care Co-ordinator and I don't think it's required at this time. However, I would like other congregations in the parish to do what Mornington congregation has done in choosing a pastoral care co-ordinator to work for them in pastoral matters. So, I request to all congregations in the parish to come with your nomination to be your Pastoral care co-ordinator. Your job is to work with Rod and myself in pastoral matters that affect your people.

Thanks, Siosifa Pole

PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue to pray for the sick and isolated people of our parish and their families. Through prayers we maintain our connection with them although we might not be able to see them.

CHANGE OF DEADLINE – As I am on leave Friday 7th March, Orders of Service and bulletin notices for the 9th of March will need to be received by 12.30pm on Wednesday 5th March. Please note this is a day earlier than normal. Many thanks, Katrina





I have read and enjoyed many theological books over the years and am aware how people's reading tastes or appetite for particular reading material can be extremely varied. So I was delighted to find myself reading an organizational book that has blown my mind – well not literally, as I hope my mind is still in one piece! However, this was an astounding book and as I read it, I realised this very different book has clear implications for theology and the life of the church. So let me see if I can outline some of the disturbingly exciting implications

The book is entitled “Reinventing Organizations – The emergence of a new organizational model” by Frederic Laloux.

Over my ministry of 45 years I have read and seen many restructuring proposals within the church all with the promise of solving the latest loss of numbers or stopping the musical-chair-shifts to the latest radical expressions of the faith. Often these radically new expressions of the faith were a redressing of the old theology in new clothing. Bring guitars and youth music into the sanctuary with projectors displaying song and images in bright and colourful ways, but don't touch the underlying theology, which tells of humans having spoilt a good creation are faced with a choice of heaven and hell while God (the Father) sits in heaven observing this unholy mess. In these 'contemporary change proposals' no suggestion is made for a shift in the underlying organisational structure or in the theology driving the life of the church. Most new expressions are still highly minister centred or have at their heart an authoritarian, charismatic person giving a powerful lead. The structure of the Catholic Church continues to underpin almost all church structures whether in Roman, Protestant, Orthodox traditions or the many new expressions available in the religious supermarket.

Laloux's research is finding:

“The problem is that we know what's wrong with today's organization; we sense that more must be possible, but we lack an articulation of

how we could operate organizations from a higher ground. What I've been researching are people who went through this transformation and were crazy enough to decide to create a business, a non-profit, a school or a hospital, but on a whole new basis. They launched themselves and their employees into radical experiments, throwing all existing management tenets overboard that didn't fit their values."

One of the exciting findings that caught my eye as I read was the breaking down of work units into self organising units of approximately 12 people. These were the units that made all the decisions about how they accomplished the task. People were seen as fundamentally good and the organisation was designed to trust, draw out responsible behaviour and nurture people beyond their individual egos.

Laioux in an interview about his book continues:

"Now, what is new? Well, in this model, pretty much all aspects of management have been reinvented. There is no more pyramid, there are no job descriptions, no targets, no budgets, for instance! Instead, a host of new, soulful practices are put in place. We won't have time to talk about all the practices, so let's just talk at the highest levels about the big three breakthroughs.

The first one is self-management. Some of these organizations have cracked the way to structure very large organizations entirely without the boss-subordinate relationship.

The power hierarchy is entirely gone, replaced with peer-based processes. This new structure is all made possible by a breakthrough decision-making mechanism that relies on neither hierarchy nor consensus."

If you think this will lead to chaos you are not on your own. Laioux's book is not the flavour of the month in traditional management circles, nor might I add among church administrators. But reading the solid

evidence from a selected range of organizations from around the world, representing industries as varied as health care community nursing to a car parts manufacturing example from France, which is out performing similar factories in low wage China, is stimulating reading. So I was left asking myself if Jesus could read this book would he have been interested in the findings. I suspect the answer may have been a resounding 'about time someone wrote about the power of 12!'

Let me finish with just one more quote:

"Employees, for their part, fear that if they were to show up with all of who they are, they might expose their selfhood to criticism and ridicule and make themselves vulnerable.

Wisdom traditions from around the world speak to this from a deeper level: at heart, we are all profoundly interconnected and part of a whole, but it's a truth we have forgotten, and we live in fear and separation. Our deepest calling in life, these traditions tell us, is to overcome separation and reclaim wholeness.

This spiritual insight inspires these organizations' second breakthrough: they put in place a great number of practices that support us in our journey to wholeness, that make it safe to bring all of who we are to work. Extraordinary things begin to happen when people stop leaving parts of themselves behind. In wholeness we are life-full. We discover in awe how much more energy and creativity there is in us than we ever imagined."

I recommend this book but only if you have an interest in the future shape and exciting possibilities of a 21st Century church that might be able to participate intelligently in the furthering of the evolving, unfolding of life.

Rod Mitchell