



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 16th March

9.30 am	Mornington	R Mitchell
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole
11.00 am	Glenaven	R Mitchell
11.00 am	Wesley	S Pole
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

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

FREE CONCERT MORNINGTON METHODIST CHURCH – 2.30pm Sunday 16th March. Dunedin Musical Society featuring Sunnysideup Choir and piano items. All welcome.

LENTEN STUDY - I prepare to do a series of study during the Lent Season. If you are interested in joining this Lenten study group, please contact me on 455 2923. Siosifa

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

EVENTS IN MARCH WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK – The Centre for Theology and Public Issues is hosting a symposium on 'Poverty: Global and Local', on Monday 17 March, 9.30 am – 3.30 pm, St Margaret's College, Dunedin. Special guest speakers are as follows:

Archbishop John Sentamu, (the Archbishop of York) and his wife, **Margaret Sentamu**; the **Revd Jono Ryan** (New Zealand Director of Servants to Asia's Poor), **Professor David Fielding** (Professor of Economics, Otago Business School) and **Gillian Bremner** (CEO of Presbyterian Support). Each of these speakers will be addressing the theme of Poverty from a Global and/or local perspective. Contact the Centre for Theology and Public Issues for registration forms – Kirsten Kyre (03) 4716458. Registration is **\$55** per person, and this includes morning tea and lunch.

If you can't make it to the symposium, there is another chance to hear the '**Archbishop of York in Conversation**' later that day, **Monday 17 March** at **4.30pm**, at the All Saint's Church, 786 Cumberland Street, Dunedin. The conversation will range widely over issues concerning the church locally and internationally, and consider particular projects and themes of Archbishop Sentamu's own work in the UK. All are welcome!

OPEN EDUCATION: THAT THEY MAY LIVE - Open Education for 2014 opens with an important topic, the way we treat our children in New Zealand. Do you know that many New Zealand children are experiencing abuse? Did you know that New Zealand has the fifth worst child abuse record out of 31 OECD countries? That on average one child is killed every five weeks? That most of these children are under five, and the largest group is less than a year old?

Open Education brings a speaker from the Women's Refuge in Dunedin and will have a free booklet available to those who attend. Learn what we could do about it. See you at Mornington Church, Galloway Street, at 7.30pm; bring a friend, and spread the news. As usual, the koha for admission is \$5, and a pre-session meal starting at 6pm will be offered by our wonderful cook, Judy Russell, for a charge of \$15.

THE OTAGO DISTRICT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Celebrating 50 years of Women's Fellowship

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014 at 2:30pm

At Mornington Methodist Church

Celebration Dinner \$20,00

If you have any memorabilia of District Events
please lend to Margaret Connor or Fay Richardson
for displaying during the afternoon.



Come dressed as if you were attending your first meeting in 1964
Hats, Gloves, Pearls and Furs etc.

Come with stories to share

RSVP by 19 March

Fay Richardson 489 5485

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QUARANTINE ISLAND: Fitting in with the parish meeting on 22/3 which the YAM members are invited to take attend from 1:30p.m. until approx. 2:15p.m. to have their input. Following this an overnight camp has been arranged on Quarantine Island. The boat is arranged to provide transport from the back beach at Port Chalmers at 3:00p.m. (weather permitting) There are 30 bunks on the island with electricity for cooking and lighting. Sleeping bags and a pillow will be required. Church members are invited to experience the island on Sunday 23/3 when the boat is booked to provide transport at Midday from the back beach at Port Chalmers with the trip back for all at 4:30p.m. on 23/3. Cost of the boat is \$10 return and there is a landing donation of \$2 to the island wardens. The noted transport has been booked but numbers are needed for catering for the camp. Please bring a cut lunch if coming on 23/3 and hot drinks will be available on the island. If you would like to come please advise Cam Weston on 4545600 or at church by 15/3 to allow to planning. Those overnighing will be advised of the specific details for this.

HORSE RIDING: YAM and any other children, who may wish to come, have been offered the opportunity to experience horse riding. The date is Sunday 30/3 and location just out of Balclutha. All are welcome. The arrangement is to leave church about 11:00a.m. after the service travelling together to Balclutha. Those taking part are asked to take their own lunch and a drink. There will be 2 plus horses to ride and due to location, near the Telford Equestrian Center, this is not weather dependent. All participants will be able to have a ride and will be asked to help with the horses and saddles. Please advise Cam by 22/3, 454 5600 or at church, if you would like to attend to allow for transport arrangements.

STORY FROM THE MISSION

A busy start for the year at the Hub:

- With increased numbers coming to the Breast Room and more Peer Support training being offered this year.
- Post natal Depression support group has started;
- The NZ College of Midwives have been holding their review meetings at the Hub in January.
- The combined Footsteps and the Step Ahead Playgroup has commenced.
- We have had some very generous donations of clothing, household goods and baby wear. Also a donation of toys from a disbanded playgroup via the Ministry of Education.
- St Kilda Rotary have been in touch and would like to proceed with painting the play equipment, erecting the shade sail over the sand pit, investigating a cover for the sandpit and giving the Picnic tables a paint.
- Christine attended the Well Child meeting held at Rainbow Preschool.
- Sport Otago will be running an Active Explorers: Animal Safari event as part of their Active Movement programme at the Hub in February with children joining from Little Citizens Childcare,

Rainbow Preschool, Pacific playgroup, Dunedin Korean playgroup and the Salvation Army Step Ahead playgroup.

- The Dunedin Korean Playgroup celebrated Chinese New Year with a traditional meal and some of the parents and children wore their National Costume.
- The Blokes Shed is busy mending chairs, unsticking windows and several other small maintenance and repair jobs.



We have *Connections*.

But not what an uninformed observer might think.

None of the many 'connecting' innovations you might think, actually. Not a digital version of snakes & ladders or scrabble. Not a radical new take on the iconic jig-saw. And surely not a successor to meccano, or even Lego. Nothing like any of those. Not even, for the benefit of Telecom, a suggested improvement on their own inexplicable choice of a new name, Spark.

No. We Dunedin Methodists have *Connections*, a weekly column in our Parish bulletin of which this is approx number 322. Launched on Feb 23, 2007, it is certainly unique in Methodism, and possibly in any other church bulletin of any other denominational hue in this country. As such, we should treasure it, and never, never, take it for granted.

It is timely on this seventh anniversary to declare a number of salient details about Connections. When launching the column at the behest of the Parish leadership I envisaged a weekly comment on current affairs, making "connections" between the life of the world and the imperatives of the gospel, "a column that makes broad brush strokes,

not overtly religious but applying a liberal perspective to weekly events from the personal to the international."

From early 2008 the column has been faithfully maintained by a core group of contributors displaying a wide range of styles and perspectives, and broadly speaking, keeping faith with the original objectives. As the convener of that group, my role has never been editorial, the writers being entirely free to express themselves and to make their own gospel/world connections. I am extremely proud of that core group, people who have made space in often-busy lives to write with insight and originality. In the course of so doing they have regularly produced offerings worthy of a much wider circulation than the limited scope of our own small Parish.

With a few deletions and equally few additions that core remains intact. There is David Kitchingman with his wide-ranging letters to Jo; Donald Phillipps is always scholarly and well resourced; George Davis has his special insights on Anzac history; Greg Hughson is a local interfaith pioneer and our contact with student life; Colin Gibson is currently on leave but always choice in his fresh approach to life, faith, imagination and music. Yours-truly simmers with indignation against corruption, wondering if justice will ever be done. Elizabeth Brooke-Carr was in from the beginning with her penetrative pen and exquisite word pictures; Anna Chinn was always stirring, radical and provocative; and then there was the late Joan Robertson, sensitive and broadly caring to the end. Helen Watson White has since joined the team with her journalistic skill and ecumenical dimensions, and so has Laura Black from the Mission, adding a social justice scope. Trish Patrick brings occasional insights from her contact with the workplace, and both presbyters, Siosifa Pole and Rod Mitchell have been roped in for their mature reflections on church and society. Both are now regular members of the team. We appreciated the passion of both Yvonne Dasler (Blenheim) and Rosalie Sugrue (Kapiti Coast) as guest contributors along the way, and our own Cam & Kristen Weston and

Blaire Hanna have chipped in when requested. What a kaleidoscope of life experience, passion, insight, and care from those 18 writers in 322 *Connections* articles over 7 years!

This has been my way of alerting the Parish to such a good thing that is rolled out in our bulletin every week. It will continue at the good pleasure of our Superintendent Presbyter and the Parish leadership. Thankyou. We trust our words will continue to provide substance and stimulus to the witness of the Parish, not only through the bulletin, but via the Parish website to the world.

But secondly, it is also my pleasure to give notice that thanks to the generosity of a Parish member a 92-page book containing a selection of 45 Connections articles is to be published in the coming Easter. Watch the bulletin for a more detailed announcement on matters such as print numbers, how-to-order, cost (if any) and likely date of availability. The book is being edited by Colin Gibson and myself, and will be published by Philip Garside Publishing Ltd of Wellington.

We are anticipating this work will be keenly sought-after, and that most of our regular readers will want to order a copy or two for selected family/friends outside the Parish.

Meantime, good reading, and God Bless.

Ken Russell