



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

21<sup>st</sup> September 2014

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September

9.30 am	Mornington	Y@M
9.30 am	Mosgiel	G Abernethy
11.00 am	Glenaven	Y@M
11.00 am	Wesley	G Abernethy
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

**MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - The Sep Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24 September, in the Church Lounge at 2 p.m. Our Guest Speaker will be Mrs Ainslie Carahan from NZ Women's Institute. Please remember your small change for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. All Welcome.

**ICARE** Charity event for Iraq, Burns 1 theatre, University of Otago, 12 noon Sat 20th September 2014 - come along before or after voting on election day. All welcome.

## **Change, Mistakes & Lessons**

### **The Methodist Mission 2014 Annual Report Launch**

Tuesday 30 September | 12pm - 1pm

Early Years Services Hub

158 Oxford Street, South Dunedin

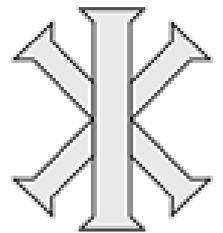
The Mission has experienced a challenging few years - yet we're now stronger than ever.

We'll be sharing the mistakes we've made, the hard lessons we've learned and the tools we've developed to enhance the work of all social service providers and increase the recognition and respect for the hardworking and undervalued practitioners in our sector.

- Mayor Dave Cull opening proceedings
- Presentation by the Mission
- Light refreshments

Please RSVP to Sue Nash - [suen@dmm.org.nz](mailto:suen@dmm.org.nz) by Tuesday 23 September

**CHI IOTA: Thinking about the Parables** - Brought to you by Y@M next week at Mornington and Glenaven. Come along and find out what Y@M have been thinking about the stories Jesus told. It might get you thinking too!



**LAUNCH OF THE ARCHIBALD BAXTER MEMORIAL TRUST** on Sunday 21st September at 3pm in the Dunningham Suite, 4th Floor, Dunedin Public Library

**SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER: The role of religious and other NGOs at the UN** - Weds 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 12 -1.30pm in Commerce 2.03. All welcome.

### **GARDNER Emily Elizabeth Carey (nee Wilson)**

Emily's family would like to acknowledge her many Methodist friends for sharing in the celebration of her life and witness on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014. With sincere thanks, Lindsay.

**EXPLORERS GROUP** meets at 4.30pm on Sunday 28th Sept in the Mornington Church lounge, and we will be hearing from Colin and Rod as they share with us some of the experiences at the recent Progressive Spirituality NZ Conference, the Conference theme was "Beyond the Borders". All interested people are very welcome to attend.

**MOSGIEL MID - WEEK SERVICE** as a mark of respect at the passing of Emily Gardner, mid-week service will now be held on Wednesday 24th at 2pm at Maran-atha.

### **STORY FROM THE MISSION**

*From Approach Community Learning's Support & Advocacy Worker:* On receiving a referral I visited

a client at her home. During the initial assessment I asked the question ARE YOU OK? Are you at risk of harm from someone either physically, emotionally or financially, her body language said it all!



On further discussion, and access to a folder of resources from Te Whare Pounamu, she made a decision. This lady had experienced an extraordinary large number of years of domestic abuse from her partner. She has now chosen to live as a single person – a huge decision for her but once made she has found her own accommodation, has applied for her own benefit and is about to move in the next week.

Her Outcome Rating Score has moved from an initial score of 10.1 (out of 40) to above the clinical cut-off (26 out of 40).

Last week she made this statement to me which says it all – “Sharon I am so looking forward to living on my own, without the abuse, I am so excited, thank you.” And that is why I do this job.



**AN IDENTITY OF WESLEY CHURCH** and Taonga of the Dunedin Methodist community is IAN BARTLETT. Much could be written about Ian as he approaches his 87th birthday next week, but as he read the lesson in our combined service last month it was worth noting that he has never stood still while the years have rolled by. As the only surviving original member of today's small Wesley Church congregation, his roots go deep into the Hillside Rd property that is so much the centre of our parish strategy considerations at this time. Originally a

boilermaker, Ian then did his time as a builder and led the voluntary labour building of the present hall, opened in 1963. 9 years ago Ian woke up to the fact he had listened to countless sermons but lacked "something underneath" to appreciate the deeper meaning of the biblical tradition assumed in those sermons. With that in mind he embarked on two courses of study with the Ecumenical Board of Theological Studies and gained certificates of achievement in Music & Worship 2009 and Methodist Studies 2010.

As many of us are aware, choral singing has been a big part of Ian's life. He's been a member of the Royal Male Choir for 55yrs and alongside his other certificates is the Golden Lyre award for 50 years of "Loyal and Dedicated Service." Ian is justly proud of these achievements in his "golden years." Well done Ian. Photos - Ian with his awards.



***Here is an edited version of my 2014 annual report presented to the Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board earlier this month.***

**Distinctive ministry of spiritual support and pastoral care for students and staff including support for Heads of University Residential Colleges.**

During July I was invited to bless our OUSA Recreation Centre in Albany Street. The blessing was part of the official opening of the newly renovated Centre, with our VC, politicians and other University and OUSA leaders present. I have received a warm note of thanks from Ruby, President of OUSA. During the year I have had many meetings with individual students offering support in the context of grief, study stress and fear/distress/anguish arising from events in Gaza and Iraq.

Monthly meetings of the newly formed Life Matters Suicide Prevention group are continuing. I have become a trustee, and our constitution has been finalised. Recently I helped judge the Pacific Islands week debates on campus, a very enjoyable occasion. In recent weeks I have visited St Margaret's College and Cumberland Colleges. There have been innumerable discussions and interactions with students and staff out and about around campus.

**Religious harmony, peace and respect on campus and elsewhere in Creation**

The visit of Lord Leslie Griffiths was a great success as was the National Interfaith Forum (27-29 June) and our annual Peace Lecture (7 July). I continue to chair the Dunedin Interfaith Council and to host monthly meetings of the Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith

Group (DAIG) in the Upper Room. I arranged a DAIG visit to St Hilda's school last week. During Islam Awareness week this year I assisted with publicity and chaired an interfaith dialogue in the Main Common Room on campus.

### **Educational and resourcing responsibilities for Christian and other groups.**

For several months now I have been assisting the Otago Combined Christian Groups network to re-structure into a Ministry Support Network and a Student Network. The new Student Network executive has met twice now in the Upper Room, preparing for a Combined service on campus on 19<sup>th</sup> August. The last meeting of the Dunedin Inner City Ministers Association was held at the Coptic Church, hosted by Fr Philemon. Recently I organised a meeting for all Dunedin Church leaders to meet with Rev Dr David Clark and Mr Michael Woodhouse for breakfast in Burns Hall. Unfortunately Metiria Turei did not turn up. It was a worthwhile time when the politicians heard Dunedin Church leaders concerns. There was a report in the ODT.

### **Effective communication and partnership with local, national and International Church and Chaplaincy networks.**

I am continuing to participate in monthly Skype meetings arranging the next International Association of Chaplains in Higher Education conference for July 2016. I spent a week in Melbourne (13<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July) including attending face to face meetings of the International IACHE committee in Bendigo, Australia (La Trobe University) on 15<sup>th</sup> July. We checked out the Conference venues, and confirmed keynote speakers. I visited Professor Abdullah Saeed at Melbourne University and confirmed that he will be one of our keynote speakers. I also attended three sessions led by members of the MOTIV Chaplaincy team from the Netherlands.

## **50 year celebrations**

Rev Lewis Lowery began his work as the first ecumenical chaplain at Otago University on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1964. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August at Student Health (upstairs), a special celebration afternoon tea was held celebrating Lewis's foundational contribution to both Chaplaincy and Student Health.

## **Annual Anatomy Department Service and something to consider seriously**

Each year I lead a service of thanksgiving for the Otago University Anatomy Department. Families of those who have given their bodies to the Department are invited to come together for a service to be thanked for allowing their loved ones' bodies to be made available to train future doctors, physiotherapists, dentists, anatomists and scientists. This year's service, attended by over 300 people earlier in September was held at the Riccarton Racecourse in Christchurch. (We alternate annually between Dunedin and Christchurch) For the ninth year, we sang as a hymn specially composed for the occasion by Professor Colin Gibson. At this service each year we honour many people who, often because of their faith commitment, have decided to dedicate their bodies to science, to train health professionals. In the words of Colin's hymn "We honour those who gave, to others of their very self, to teach, inform and save." If you would like to discuss what it might mean to donate your body, please contact Kathryn McClea, Bequest administrator, Department of Anatomy, Otago Medical School ph. 479 7131 PO Box 56 Dunedin [kathryn.mcclea@otago.ac.nz](mailto:kathryn.mcclea@otago.ac.nz) or have a chat to me first. Donating our body is one way in which we can continue to be a blessing to others, and enable healers to be trained, after we have died.

**A Hymn honouring those who have donated their bodies to our  
Anatomy Department Tune : St Anne**

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal home.

The world in which we take our place  
Lies folded in your care;  
Love will remain and life persist  
And knowledge flourish here.

Lord of the living and the dead,  
We honour those who gave  
To others of their very self  
To teach, inform and save.

Their lives were fruitful of much good  
To their community;  
With gratitude we celebrate  
Their lasting legacy.

We lift their names, O Lord, to you,  
Great guardian of each soul:  
True wisdom, everlasting love,  
In whom are all made whole.

Verse 1 Isaac Watts (1719)

Verse 2-5 Colin Gibson (2005)

Arohanui,

Rev. Greg Hughson     *Kaiawhi wairua, Otago University Chaplain*