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PARISH BULLETIN

16th November 2014

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 23rd November

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

BROAD BAY METHODIST CHURCH CLOSING SERVICE, 11am, 30 November 2014. There will be a shared lunch after the service. Enquiries to Elspeth McLean 478 0547 or Jenny Winter 478 0491. Full details are on the Parish website.

ADVENT STUDY - The date for the first Advent Study is changing from the 26th of November to the Wednesday 3rd of December, Wesley church, at 7pm.

VISIT TO THE MATANUI WATERWHEEL. On Sunday 23rd November we are invited to travel to the Owaka area to visit the recently restored Matanui Waterwheel and farm of Nathan and Linda Wilson. The plan is to leave church after the service at approx. 11:00a.m. and visit the farm (90 mins travel time). As the weather will be perfect bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the large rolling lawn before enjoying the sight of the mighty waterwheel rotating seemingly effortlessly, powered by the thunderous flow from the mighty Matanui catchment (transport available to this industrial site) and for those keen and able, exploration of the disused railway tunnel nearby(bring a torch). Please advise Cam 454 5600 (evenings) if interested in coming to maximize transport. The trip will happen irrespective of weather.

**OTAGO DISTRICT METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
GOLDEN JUBILEE PARTY**

Saturday November 29 2014

Mornington Church

2pm

WEAR SOMETHING GOLD

A golden programme will be provided

One plate per carload please.

Cost \$5.00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Darcy H Pitts who turns 12 on November 22nd!

CONFERENCE IN HAMILTON - I will be away from the parish for the Methodist Conference in Hamilton from 15th to 19th of November. I will be flying from Auckland on the 20th. While I am away Rev Rod Mitchell will take care the parish business. Thank you, Rev. Siosifa Pole.

MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. The November meeting will take place in the Church lounge/Sunday School on Wednesday the 26th, at 2 p.m. All Members from Mornington welcome Glenaven ladies to join us in a "FUN & GAMES" afternoon. This will be followed by a surprise afternoon tea. RSVP to Helen - 4762850 - by Sunday 23rd November.

THE FABULOUS FESTIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT welcomes all and will be held at Mornington Church on Saturday the 6th of December commencing at 7.30pm sharp. Calling any talented individuals ready and willing to show their skills. The extraordinary evening will be accompanied by popcorn and ice cream, no cost but donations to the Kayima Community Primary School. Please contact Annabelle or Campbell Weston during the evenings on 454 5600 if you're interested in participating.



TRAGEDY IN SIERRA LEONE

On Wednesday 19 November, at Mornington Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm, there will be a special presentation by Professor Tony Binns of the Department of Geology, University Of Otago, who has for some years supported the Kayima Community Primary School in northern Sierra Leone, and has been honoured as a chief of the local village for his humanitarian efforts there. Sierra Leone is one of the poorest counties in the world; it is now suffering from the ravages of Ebola. Professor Binns is hoping to raise money to support the continuation of this vital educational work with African children. All profits from the talk will go to the school, as will all profits from the meal held last month for Open Education and the meal (again provided by Judy Russell) which will be offered at 6pm before Professor Binns' presentation. Everybody in the parish is invited to both the meal and the talk; it is something we can do for children much worse off than we can imagine, an occasion for Christian generosity and compassion. Ring 455 3727 to book a place at the meal which will cost \$15 (more if you are able to give more).

FRIENDS who remember Rev David Ahn, his wife Susan, and their 4 children (the youngest born in Dunedin) will be delighted to know that David is being “received into Full Connexion” at the Conference currently being held in Hamilton. This means for David that he becomes a presbyter in good standing with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa. This fulfils a wish on David’s part which he has nurtured for many years, and we shall watch what might develop from this important step for the Ahns. David and Susan and their family have a home at Sunny Nook on Auckland’s North Shore. Grace is close to graduation in Forensic Law and Alex is studying Computer Science. Colin Gibson has sent a greeting to David on behalf of Mornington Church.

MORNINGTON & GLENAVEN were appreciative of a service led by Rod Mitchell last Sunday, calling on the images, memories and lessons of the terrible events of World War 1. Additional poignancy was added to the service at Mornington by the circulation of the Roll of Honour of those who did not return. 37 names - an extraordinary number for a small suburban church, giving an insight into the overall toll on an equally small nation, at the other side of the world from where the hostilities developed.



Photos (G.Davis) - the congregation gathered after the service at the Peace Tree on the cnr Galloway and Whitby, tying white ribbons to convey the mixed emotions aroused by the service.



The prayer by Vincent O'Sullivan from *Requiem for the Fallen* bears repeating

From the fear that we have of fear
 From the hate we return for hate, free us.
 From the memory that scars, from the wounds that grieve,
 From the racket of battle as hope deceives,
 From the stalking of death and unmarked graves, free us Lord.
 Save us to return to our partners, our wives,
 to the touch of children, to ordinary lives.
 From the final shadow across our path.
 From the hurl of grenades and impending wrath,
 From the ashes of bleakness, free us Lord.

OTAGO / SOUTHLAND SYNOD MEETING, Alexandra, Saturday 22 November 2014. Anyone is welcome to come to Synod which will be meeting at St Enoch's in Alexandra. Morning tea is at 10am, the meeting starts at 10.30am. As well as the usual business we will be farewelling Rev Martin Oh and his family, who are leaving the Alexandra-Clyde-Lauder Parish. Rachael Masterton, the Synod Co-Superintendent and Jenny Winter, Synod Secretary are also finishing in these roles at this meeting. Enquiries and transport arrangements, phone Jenny at 478 0491 or email mcleanwinter@clear.net.nz

STORY FROM THE MISSION

Support & Advocacy: One client who successfully relocated to another city while keeping the financial impact at a minimum to her budget. It was a great experience walking along side my client as she achieved her tasks put in place by our discussions and over a period of just eight weeks relocated her home and family of three young children to be nearer to family support for when her fourth child is born.



CHANGE

I don't know whether it's true that familiarity breeds contempt – the saying's been round long enough. Maybe it's better to say that familiarity breeds carelessness. One all too frequent example should be enough – driving on the left side of the road. We do so in New Zealand without giving it a thought. Some of us will have driven in other countries where the rules are different, and will know how essential it is to be careful. How many avoidable accidents have there been in our tourist wonderland - how many family tragedies might not had there been had a little more care.

What sort of response do we make to the reports of such accidents? I know I sometimes feel quite impatient. Why can't people remember the rules – they're simple enough. They've only got to do one new thing – keep to the left – that's all. Surely it's not too much to ask our visitors to make one change in their habits.

That sort of thinking has been reinforced, for me, in reading the comments made by Mikhail Gorbachev when he was in Berlin for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. If ever there were one event that symbolised the end of the Cold War it was that. But Mr Gorbachev warns us that we're on the brink of another. Is it true that the Western world is changing – but backwards. What have we learnt?

What is change, after all. There is a newish phrase - disruptive innovation - used to describe how change happens. It's an idea that came from the world of business, where product marketing is as often as not based on the idea that we have to get rid of the old in order to reap the benefits of the new. Faith in such disruption is the best illustration, and the worst outcome, of that larger historical transformation we call secularization. It is what happens when the invisible hand of market forces is regarded as sufficient explanation and justification for change.

The trouble is that innovation and disruption, as ideas originating in the arena of business, are now applied to arenas whose values and goals are quite different to the values and goals of business. People aren't the same as the latest cell phone or brand of toothpaste. Schools, colleges and universities, churches, libraries and museums, hospitals and aged care, even good-old-fashioned journalism, are considered fair game for disruptive innovation. Of course they have revenues and expenses and infrastructures, but they aren't industries like Apple Mac or McLeans.

Doctors have a significantly different set of obligations to their patients, teachers to their students, ministers to their congregations,

curators to the public, and journalists to their readers. Such obligations lie outside the realm of earnings. They are fundamentally different from the obligations a business executive has to employees, partners, and investors. I wish Mr Joyce understood this.

Let's not for a moment, however, imagine that disruptive innovation doesn't ever happen within New Zealand Methodism. Let me list some examples:

1. The impact of Christianity on Maori spirituality - 1820s.
2. European settlers and sovereignty over the land - 1840s.
3. The democratization of Church leadership - 1870's
4. The struggle for gender equality from the 1880's.
5. The battle for Prohibition - 1890s.
6. Two World Wars and pacifism, from 1915.
7. The Depression and the politicization of social care, from the 1930's.
8. The bi-cultural/multi-cultural journey - from the 1970s.
9. The debate on human sexuality - 1990s.

'And he who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new.'" Have we the least idea what this means? Is God a disruptive innovator? Of course God is – surely that's as good a way as there is to describe the incarnation.

But God's hand is not the 'invisible hand of market forces' – rather it is the wounded hand, there for all to see, nailed to the cross. The price tag says 'Jesus Christ, King of the Jews.' The real value is incalculable – beyond price – life itself.

Donald Phillipps