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PARISH BULLETIN

7th December 2014

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 14th December

9.30 am	Mornington	Y@M
9.30 am	Mosgiel	R Masterton
11.00 am	Glenaven	Y@M
11.00 am	Wesley	R Masterton
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

GLORIA - Don't miss the City of Dunedin Choir concert on Friday 19 December, at Knox Church, starting at 7.30pm. It features Vivaldi's Gloria and Christmas music by Bach, Handel, Charpentier and Buxtehude. The choice of such excellent and exciting religious vocal and orchestral music under the leadership of the wonderful David Burchell deserves our support. A welcome change from 'Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer', 'Dashing through the (non-existent) snow', 'All I want for Christmas are my two front teeth' and other Santa Claus choruses.



CHRISTMAS CRISIS - The world premiere of a new play by Ginny Kitchingman will be performed by Y@M on Sunday 14 December at 9.30 am at Mornington and 11 am at Glenaven. *Christmas Crisis* is set in the Emergency Department of Sacred Heart Hospital. We can promise you plenty of medical drama, lots of laughs, singing and dancing, and the Christmas message as well! Come along and enjoy.

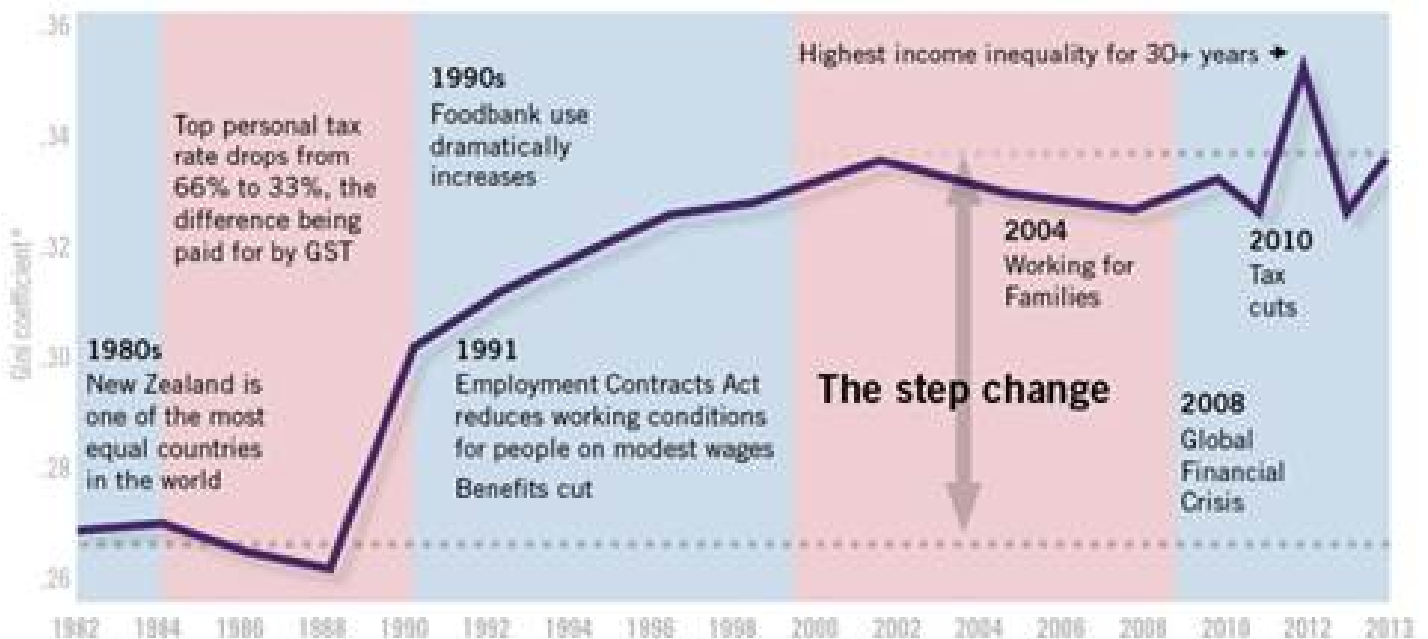
EXPLORERS GROUP FINALE FOR THE YEAR - Members and partners are gathering for a pot-luck meal at Mornington Church this Sunday, 7th December, commencing at 6.00 pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Raoul Sarup, who turns 14 on 12th December!

PAUL BARBER, of NZ Council of Christian Social Services spoke to Conference about New Zealand’s inequality. This graph says it all. It breaks the myth of New Zealand as an equal country!

New Zealand’s income inequality problem (Courtesy NZCCSS)

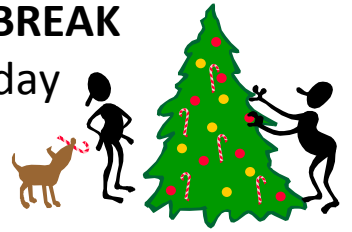


*The Gini index represents the spread of incomes in a country. In a country with a Gini index of 0, everyone would receive an equal income. In a country with a Gini index of 1, just one person would receive all the income. Data source: BNC-1, Table D.9, Perry (2014), Household Incomes in New Zealand, Ministry of Social Development



ORDERS OF SERVICE & BULLETINS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Mission Office will be closed from midday Wednesday 24th December until Monday 12th January. Could you please ensure your Orders of Service over this period are sent to Katrina (admin@dmm.org.nz) no later than **12 noon Thursday 18th December**. The final bulletin for 2014 will be the 21st December edition and the first Bulletin for 2015 will be 18th January. Thank you everyone, wishing you a very happy Christmas.



LEFT AT THE BROAD BAY closing service lunch – platter with two small bowls containing oil and dukkah. Phone Jenny Winter 478 0491 or 021 168 9272 for its return.

BROAD BAY ORGAN FOR SALE – the small pipe organ at Broad Bay needs a new home. Positive Organ Co. 1922. For details, specs, photos, contact Jenny Winter 478 0491, 021 168 9272, mcleanwinter@clear.net.nz.

THANK YOU - I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of Broad Bay congregation and members of the wider parish for your contributions to the closing service of Broad Bay Methodist Church. I am sure the Vice-President, Mrs Arapera Ngaha and all the visiting guests felt welcome and well fed.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve service at Glenaven Church,
Supper 10.00pm, service starts 11pm.



Christmas Day services:

Mornington church combined with Glenaven church, service starts 9.30am

Mosgiel church combined with Wesley church, service starts 9.00am

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

The Advent Bible Study began on Wednesday 3rd Dec 7pm at Wesley church. We started with 5 people and it is still open for anyone who would like to join.

WHAT A SPLENDID COMPLIMENT to the Broad Bay Closing ceremony organisers that last Sunday's occasion took on such a positive celebratory note, well worthy of the generations who have shaped the distinctive and often prophetic witness of those who have made Broad Bay Methodist Church what it has been since the founding of Methodism in the Bay from the 1850's - and the building of the present church in 1966. The Decommissioning Service, based on a liturgy from the United Church of Canada struck a balance between the natural sadness of closure and the gospel truth that in the providence of God there is always the promise that beyond every closed door there is another that opens on to new opportunity. It was a superb service - thanks Broad Bay, and Elspeth McLean for the history. And what a fine lunch in the Community Hall to which the St Kilda congregation were strong contributors.



Photo shows presbyters and former presbyters of the Parish with Vice President of the Church, Arapera (Bella) Ngaha - from left Tim Langley, Barry Jones, Ken Russell, David Bromell, Shirley Ungemuth, Siosifa Pole, David Kitchingman, Colin Jamieson. Final Act - the brand new rainbow candle is extinguished by Lydia and David McLean, a family whose joys and sorrows have been irrevocably associated with the Church in recent memory.



STORY FROM THE MISSION

From Take 10 Streets: A lady showed enthusiasm to see neighbours in the community get to know each. Jackie spoke with her about how this might happen. She concluded that she would like to invite a number of residents to the Hub that she thought would be interested in an initial sit down. She then called around to some neighbours and spread the word.



It was a relaxed affair led by the neighbours where they talked about wishes for the community as well as strengths within the community already. Mainly it was an opportunity for them to sit down together and get to know each other better. The neighbours spoke about a “do not disturb” aspect to the community. They feel that within the neighbourhood they can’t call to neighbours house informally in case they are perceived as intrusive. However Jackie pointed out that in order for 4 residents to come to the coffee and chat, there is a willingness to reach out and also a level of discussion that does happen which is invaluable.

We also discovered the level of talent, skills and resilience within even these four residents and commented on how much there must be within the entire community. One man is an English and Psychology tutor, one lady volunteers for St. John and loves chatting to people, one lady had been through lots of difficult times and has come out on the other side with computer skills and knowledge of perseverance, and the final man has a love of motorbikes and cars.

Where to from here? Both men admitted they would love to see more community spirit and would come to events - one man said he would also love to be in an active role while the other man would come along but was not interested in being the planner. Both ladies were keen to get the ball rolling and thought a good first step would be to go back out and chat to the neighbours about what they would like and if anyone else would like to be involved in planning some form of neighbourhood introduction.

While they do not know what form it would take or what they would like to see happen, they do know that for anyone else in the community who would also like to get to know their neighbours something can happen. Nevertheless they understand that some people will come, some people will play an active role and some people will not be interested, and they respect that fact.



WAIMATE WOMEN DURING WARTIME.

This week Prime TV on Tuesday at 8.30pm will screen *Anzac Girls* (I'm not much gone on the title), a counter to the plethora of mostly Australian-based masculinist stories about how Anzacs helped win the Great War. Another programme I do appreciate is the BBC feature *Wartime Farm* which makes a great effort with dramatic realism. In this article I wish to comment on the Waimate community.

Like many country districts Waimate was hit hard by the sacrifices it made in twentieth century wars. The South African War Memorial opposite the St. Augustine Church has its own memorials too; the Memorial Clock tower with its Second World War Roll of Honour of 91 men; the World War I Archway entrance to the Gardens, with its 151 men and 3 nurses (here the losses equated to 10% of all available men in the district); Otipua or Beaconsfield war memorial and other church memorials and official military cemetery plots.

The names of 3 women are written on the Waimate and districts war memorials, in Wellington and Dunedin Hospitals. On the Great War Memorial Archway to the Gardens the three names are the first inscribed. They were Staff Nurses Marion Sinclair Brown, Catherine Fox and Mary Gorman – all closely associated with this district. They were victims in the *Marquette* sinking off the Greek coast at 9am on 23 October 1915. The placing of their names at the head of the inscriptions is a tribute to the service of all nurses in war.

Who were these three women? And were there more with connections with Waimate? In a contemporary report, the *Grey River Argus* and the *Oamaru Mail* (3 Nov 1915, 4) carried the news:

Grey River Argus, 4 November 1915, Page 8

SOME OF THE NURSES. GLOOM IN WAIMATE.

WAIMATE, November 3. Five of the missing nurses from the transport *Marquette* are well-known in Waimate. Nurse M. Gorman belonged

to Kapua (Waimate), and trained in the Waimate Hospital, which she left four years ago and became sister at the Wellington Public Hospital. Nurse Fox belonged to a well-known Studholme family, and was trained in the Dunedin Hospital. Nurse M. S. Brown left Waimate about six months ago for the front, being then in charge of Dr. Barclay's Private Hospital. She belonged originally to Waimatuku, Southland. Nurse Hilyard is a sister of Mrs. Geo. Pitcaithly, headmaster's wife. She was trained at the Christchurch Hospital. Nurse Isabel Clark is also believed to be a Waimate nurse. Nurse W. E. Jamieson belongs to Auckland, and is a cousin of Nurse Jamieson, of Waimate. James Bird, of Waimate belonged to the No. 1 stationary hospital staff. His name is not in the list of survivors.

Flags are half-masted to-day and there is quite a gloom over the town.

So indeed, while 3 are listed, of the 10 nurses who were drowned on the *Marquette*, in fact 6 had a connection with Waimate. Isabel Clark, Mary Gorman and Catherine Fox all nursed at Waimate Hospital, Nurse Marion Brown was at Dr Barclay's Private Hospital, Nona Hilyard sister of the Waimate Headmaster's wife, and Nurse Mabel Jamieson who came from Auckland but had a cousin of the same name nursing in Waimate. As well, in the same tragedy, James Bird of Norton's Reserve was also drowned - he had been a chemist's assistant in the town. There is much more information to be found in John Meredith Smith's *Cloud Over "Marquette"*, a self-published 1990 Christchurch book.

The recent listing of Mornington church's memorial list of soldiers in the Great War has the same extensive community links. War affects all. Women play a greater part than was recognised in the past. Prime's *Anzac Girls* starting on Tuesday night might help make up for that deficit.

George Davis 4 December 2014