



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

22nd November 2015

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 29th November

10.00 am	Mornington	Combined at Mosgiel
10.00 am	Mosgiel	S Pole/R Mitchell
10.00 am	Glenaven	Combined at Mosgiel
10.00 am	Wesley	Combined at Mosgiel
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

FOLLOWING ON FROM LAST YEAR a concert is to be held in the Mornington Church on Saturday Nov 28 commencing at 7:00p.m. This is open to all who would like to entertain. To date a wide variety of items have been proposed. Would those who would like to take part please advise Cam Weston on 021 995 130 or 454 5600 so a program can be arranged. Please come, whether performing or not, as an enjoyable night of surprising variety is promised with some crowd involvement required. Shoes for dancing may assist. Entry is a gold coin to cover costs of a simple intermission delight.

5th SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER 29th NOVEMBER - Mornington Methodist is hosting a very special event for the churches of Mornington. Rev. Dr. David Clark, MP for North Dunedin will join us for a meal and the service. Meal 4:30 – 6:30 and Service is at 7pm. David will speak at both occasions on the theme 'Can we afford to be generous'. Please put in your diary.

PARISH COMBINED SERVICE - The Parish will have a combined service on Sunday 29th of November in Mosgiel Methodist Church, 10am. Members of other congregations are expecting to take part in this service. Please bring a plate to share after the service.

A BIG MORNINGTON ECUMENICAL OCCASION - Next Sunday afternoon 29 November at 4.30pm Anglicans, Presbyterians and Catholics gather with us at our Methodist church to celebrate our sense of unity of purpose, to enjoy a meal together, to listen to a leading member of parliament discuss New Zealand's generosity towards others, and to raise money for the CWS Syrian Refugee Appeal.

You are invited to join us as we meet to eat a meal catered by Judy Russell for a charge of \$15 (all profits to the appeal). The Rev Dr David Clark MP will speak at this meal, and will give the sermon at the following service, starting at 7pm. There our choir will be singing part of Vivaldi's Gloria, and there will be carol singing introduced by our fellow churches. A collection during the service will also go towards the Appeal.

Do join us in an expression of unity and concern for suffering people—and for a good old pre-Christmas singalong. Sign in for the meal today or ring Judy (4553727) to indicate your presence at the meal.

EXPLORERS GROUP - Meeting today, Sunday 22 November, at Mornington at 4.30 pm. Everyone welcome!

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH NZ 2015

At the end of November, the week before the Paris Climate talks, people around the globe will march in the largest climate mobilisation the world has ever seen. People are joining together to hold decision makers to account - to send them a message that it is time to start protecting our families, communities and environment from climate change, and it's time to stop protecting polluters.

The Dunedin People's Climate March will be held on Sunday 29 November. People will assemble at the Dental School, 310 Gt. King St, Dunedin from 12.45pm ready to march at 1pm along George St to a rally in the Octagon. In the Octagon there will be speakers and entertainment. The march will be peaceful and whanau friendly. It is a call for climate justice and peace, while celebrating the beautiful planet we share with all other living beings.

If you would like more information, or to register for the march, visit: <http://www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/>

REMINDER:

Please remember all notices including Connections articles are to be received at the Mission Office by 12 noon on Thursday. This deadline is set to allow us time to format the bulletin & do the necessary copying in time. **We cannot guarantee its inclusion in the current week's bulletin if received after this time.**

Many thanks, Mission Admin Team



ORDERS OF SERVICE & BULLETINS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Mission Office will be closed from midday Wednesday 23rd December until Monday 11th 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 17th December. The final bulletin for 2015 will be the 20th December edition and the first Bulletin for 2016 will be 17th January. Thank you everyone, wishing you a very happy Christmas.

ALWAYS WELCOME VISITORS - to Dunedin Parish are Dave & Bev Mullan, here seen with good friend and former colleague Shirley Ungemuth at the Mornington service on Nov 8. Dave and Bev were on a South Island road trip and looking forward to some good weather further up the Island. Superintendent of the Mission from 1972 - 82, Dave is remembered for many things, one of which is the courageous decision to sell Trinity to the Fortune Theatre. For many years the Mullans lived at Paihia but have now moved into a retirement village at Red Beach. They are very happy with the move. And have negotiated Dave's health issues to live an active and fulfilling retirement.



STORIES FROM THE MISSION

Little Citizens:

We have a child with English as a second language in the Kiwi Room, coming up to two years old, so we have been closely observing her acquisition of English words and language for her Milestones. Every now and then during the day we hear her clear voice singing “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” or our waiata “Kina Kina”. She leads the children in singing our Welcome Song to mat time in te reo, and our karakia kai. We have a strong focus on learning through music in the Kiwi Room, and by working through the Language Milestones with this child we have been reassured that this teaching strategy is working and bearing fruit. We have had conversations with Mum around her language at home, and discovered that she speaks Mandarin fluently, with an extensive vocabulary and stringing words into sentences. We shared with Mum the English language Milestones her child has met, and she was very pleased, acknowledging that her child loves music, and that learning is an important part of their culture.

Next Step Training:

One of our youth students informed us two weeks ago that his family would need to move to Christchurch. This young man has been with us from February 2015 and is a good student. He had already achieved NCES and NCEA 1 in the first half of this year and was working towards his NCBAC and NCEA 2. Like most young people his goals were to achieve NCEA 2. Because he was now moving to Christchurch and would need to get a job to help support his family it became very important that he achieved at least NCEA 2 before leaving us. He was determined to finish before he left. His plan was reworked with him requiring 11 units to be completed in 2 weeks. He finished his NCEA 2 at 4.30pm on the last Friday!

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An Article from Uniting Church Magazine in Australia... Digital Orthodoxy because ministry is

more than faith by numbers...

TechnoChurch

I was interviewed a month or so ago by Emma Halgren who was writing an article for the Insights Magazine on Technology and Worship, she was interested specifically in me sharing my thoughts on what technology is indispensable in worship and what some of the pro's and cons of using technology in worship may be. There was a feeling that some people see technology in worship as a distraction, detracting from the primary focus of worship. Also on the table for discussion was wanting to explore the ways in which technology has changed and is changing the way that we relate to one another, especially when concerning young people.

I won't go into the bits and pieces where I was quoted too much, if at all, but I did want to write down some thoughts that I shared in the conversation that didn't necessarily make it into the article, primarily for my own benefit, but also because from my perspective the most interesting parts were not used in the article.

One of the things I spoke about was the way that the church has been obsessed with, if not addicted to the technology of "print." I know that some people may not view print as a technology, but it was a technology that ultimately changed the way that we communicate with each other, it changed the way that we learn, the way we teach and it ultimately changed the world that we live in and it has never been the same.

The church has taken to print in such a way that it seems to think that it is indispensable and, for the most part it's primary means of

communicating, relating, teaching, learning and worshiping. When you think about it worship for most churches has been surrounded by 101 ways to transmit print, from our bibles to our hymn books, our overhead to our digital projectors, our preaching to Sunday schools, our church newsletters to our websites are all ways that we transmit print. It's all words, words, words... and we're addicted to them. It may not be indispensable, but if our actions are anything to judge by we certainly believe that it is something that we simply cannot do without.

One of the things that I've come to realise is how much this has benefited adults and dis-empowered young people, a world surrounded and drenched in print, in words and letters those who can read have the power and all the information. It follows then that a church that relies on print has very little space where children and youth can be empowered and participate. Print, especially a lot of our theological and liturgical print favours the literate, and it REALLY favours the intellectual literate.

This is reversing with the rise of a culture that relies heavily on images, a change that the church is struggling with just as much as the adults who have become so reliant on being the primary source of all wisdom and the only ones to be able to read and "understand" the print culture around them. But this change has meant that it's the children and young people who are able to understand a lot which has previously been hidden or out of their reach. Tolstoy's trilogy TLOTR for example, a story that had been too far out of the reach of your average 13 year old is now a movie trilogy that can be watched by anyone with the patience enough to sit through the 12 hours that it takes for the series to complete. Radio, movies, television and now the internet, podcasts, iphones, laptops and mobile phones are opening up a world that has been dominated by adult reason and knowledge hidden in large books to a world of young people who seem to be reveling in having the ability to understand and interact with it in a way that most adults struggle.

Obviously these issues mean a lot for us as a community, and I won't go on (I've already written enough for tonight) except to ask some of the questions that I think we are facing, or need to face if we take all of this seriously.

- *What does worship look like for a community who no longer relies on print?*
- *How does a worshipping community change the way that they share their christian tradition and story if not but through print?*
- *What does this mean for Christian education? In particular how do we move beyond a system that relies on the ways of print (Sunday school in particular and also SRE, bible studies etc) to a way that uses a number of different mediums, and that also includes young and old learning and sharing together?*
- *Are we being called to a way of worshipping and communing that is more aligned with the old oral traditions of communities than the written culture that we're still moving from?*

I think the way that we answer these questions will define the type of community we become, I'm excited about the changes and a bit frustrated that these questions still remain to be asked or recognised in many of our churches.

What other questions should we be asking?

Rod Mitchell