



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

17th January 2016

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24th January

11.00 am	Mornington	Combined at Glenaven
9.30 am	Mosgiel	R Masterton
11.00 am	Glenaven	
11.00 am	Wesley	Combined at Mosgiel
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

MORNINGTON/GLENAVEN SERVICES IN JANUARY:

24 January Sunday: Combined at Glenaven 10.40am for 11am (HWW)
(Afterwards a pot-luck picnic at Watsons', 5 Cairnhill St, Maori Hill)

There will be no service at Mornington on 24 January

31 Jan Sunday: Parish combined service at Mornington 10am (CG/RM)
At Glenaven there will be no service on 31 January, but 11am services resume with a communion service on 7 February (DP)

UNITED NATIONS WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

"Have faith in the future" Dinner 2016

Thursday 4th February 2016 6.30pm -8.30pm

Venue: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Fenton Crescent, St Clair, Dunedin



Vegetarian potluck: Bring a vegetarian meal or dessert to share

Whānau friendly - face-painting and other activities will be provided

Featuring: Guest Speakers:

Bokyong Mun, United Nations Youth Otago Regional President,
Jinty McTavish (DCC Councillor),
other speakers, poetry readings, music and more !

Transport to venue available: contact David Kitchingman on 476 7767
or dmkman@es.co.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1082968835069500/>

EVERYONE IS WELCOME !

Organised by the Dunedin Interfaith Council

PUBLIC ISSUES FOR PARISH BULLETINS JANUARY 2016

The state of housing is pivotal for health and the cost of housing is a key driver of poverty. A Warrant of Fitness was introduced to bring State Houses up to health standards - with insulation and fire alarms as key issues for health and safety. At present there is a bill to introduce insulation and safety measures in all rental properties. This is important as 50% of New Zealanders live in rented houses and many do not meet standards of warmth and health safeguards. Public Issues is preparing a submission and welcomes any comments from church people. The main concern with the bill is that the standards for insulation are too low. If you have a story on the benefits of good insulation or other improvements please send it to

betsan@publicquestions.org.nz

THE LIFE MATTERS SUICIDE PREVENTION TRUST warmly invites you to attend a panel discussion to hear from people who are passionate about suicide prevention. There will be the opportunity to engage in discussion and ask questions.

Topic: “Breaking the Silence – suicide prevention”

Date: Thursday 18th February 2016 7pm-8pm followed by supper

Venue: Haven Hall, Salvation Army, 575 Princes St, Dunedin

Parking: Available on Princes St and nearby streets

Facilitator: Rev Greg Hughson

Gold Coin Donation

More details (of panellists) to follow

Inquiries; lifemattersotago@gmail.com or cell 027 212 1048

<https://www.facebook.com/events/569600869864832/>

LIFE MATTERS SUICIDE PREVENTION TRUST

Bereavement Support Group - new venue

Please make sure to contact Sandra prior to attending this group to get new venue information and registration form. This is essential.

When: Tuesday, Feb 4, 2016 at 5.30pm-7pm (every first Tuesday of the month except January)

This Support Group is free.

Contact: Sandra for the new venue location and registration:

027 644 8930

lifemattersotago@gmail.com

For details of new venue please contact Sandra 027 644 8930 or email

[**lifemattersotago@gmail.com**](mailto:lifemattersotago@gmail.com)

LOOKING FOR HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION - Qiao, a Christian girl from China will be in Dunedin as she will be studying at Otago University. From Oct 2014 to June 2015 she studied in Auckland, and found suitable homestay through the church. If anyone is interested in contacting Qiao, her email is: q923041105@gmail.com or 923041105@qq.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Alice Mosley who turns 6 on 21st January!

PRAYER NEEDS

Please pray for those who are unwell, frail, and lonely at this time. Our prayers will certainly connect us with them wherever they are. Those who need prayers may contact our Parish Prayer Convenor, Elaine Merrett to share around the Prayer Group your prayer requests.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY - I will be away from the parish for my Annual Holiday from the 11th of January to the 2nd of February 2016. While I am away Rev Rod Mitchell will take care of the pastoral matters of the parish. Rev Gordon Abernethy has offered to help also in the pastoral matters of the parish when Rod is away.

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY - I am planning to run a Youth Ministry Workshop in the parish this year. The purpose of this workshop is to inspire and facilitate the young adults of the parish to maintain their connection with the parish and to participate in the ongoing ministry of the parish. I have approached the Taiwi National Co-ordinator for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Michael Lemanu and he is interested in co-ordinating such an event. I urge the parents, young people, and those who have passion for youth ministry to support this initiative as our vision for the future of 'Let the Children Live.'

FUTURE OF MY MINISTRY - While I am away on my Annual Holiday, the Synod needs to know the future of my ministry in the parish. It means that congregations in the parish need to start talking about my involvement in the future of the parish. A formal parish meeting will be held later to formalise a decision but it is necessary to start the conversation as soon as possible.

STORY FROM THE MISSION

Client Support: I was approached by an MP's office with a referral for a person who needed some guidance to move forward after experiencing a serious assault which left them incapacitated and unable to work. I was asked to see this person and as always asked the MP's office to pass my name and phone number on to the person, it must be their choice to engage.



I received a phone call almost immediately! Our initial assessment was one of collecting information around the traumatic incident, how this has affected their life, physically, emotionally, what changes they have made in regard to their personal safety and the impact this incident has had on the relationship with their family; they have also been recently widowed. Not being able to return to work because of the injuries sustained in the beating has created social isolation and they felt no-one was listening to them.

We created a plan identifying the most important issues for the client – “Safety” - to know what investigation was taking place, where were they at (as they had not heard anything from the police and felt extremely unsafe in their own home) with practical steps to keep safe such as locking doors when hanging out washing or going to the mailbox, and to reduce the fearfulness and often inability to leave the home unsupported. ACC of course were involved, but no other agency.

This plan was devised by the client.

- ACC will fund Driving Miss Daisy, creating independence until they are allowed to drive again – needs medical clearance.
- Needs to look at new accommodation and move in before Christmas. Who will help with this?
- Use own research methods/internet to look at accommodation options.
- Follow up on Police report. Will follow complaints procedure if necessary.
- Circle of friends – utilize all as resources to minimize social isolation, with random phone calls. Out for Coffee/Drinks/Social gatherings.
- Family meetings – discussions, make a list of wants and needs and supports - identify who will do what by when.
- Attend Medical appointments – using Driving Miss Daisy or family/friends for transport.
- Safety Plan in the house – family members to phone in each evening/morning to check.

I would not have been able to come up with a better plan. This client is resilient and is able to articulate their needs and wants, but did not know how to go about this; my role was to unclutter the events and help identify their needs into some format that did not appear as an imposition to others.

This client has engaged with their friends again; has followed up on investigation, used their computer to research accommodation options and arrange house viewings, and the relationship with the family is now back on track.



NEW ZEALAND
RED CROSS
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Volunteers needed

Dunedin will be welcoming newly arrived refugee families in April 2016 and we need Refugee Support Volunteers to help resettle the families.

New Zealand Red Cross supports refugee families during their first twelve months in New Zealand to resettle in the community, develop their independence and help make the transition to life in New Zealand as smooth as possible. Our refugee support volunteers do an extraordinary job and are a core part of the services we offer for newly arrived refugee families. Most importantly, they are a friendly face and supportive guide for a new family.

Anyone with a passion for helping people and an interest in welcoming new kiwis can be a Red Cross refugee support Volunteer. No previous experience in this area is required, as our comprehensive training equips you with the skills you will need. Volunteers receive training from Red Cross staff, along with mentoring and support during their time as a volunteer.

To learn more:

Come along to an information evening about becoming a volunteer on either **Tuesday 26 January** or **Tuesday 23 Feb** at 7pm.

RSVP

To RSVP for the information evening:

Email
otago@redcross.org.nz

Phone
03 477 1527

Visit
31 York Place, Dunedin

You are invited to the Dunedin book launch of

Creating Welcoming Churches

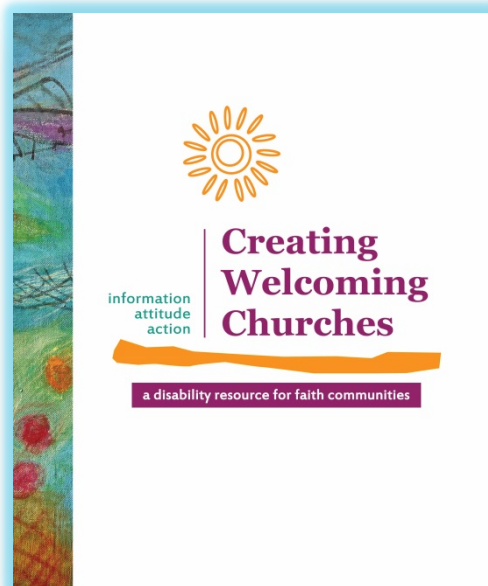
a disability resource for faith communities

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Where: Frank Nicol Room, Hewitson Wing Knox College

When: Thursday February 4th

Commence time: 5.30pm



A short service will be followed by shared refreshments.

Copies of the book will be available for \$10 each. Payment is by cash or cheque.

RSVP (by 29th January) *Catherine van Dorp* email registrar@knoxcollege.ac.nz.

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