



Dunedin Methodist Parish

Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone

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PARISH BULLETIN

31st January 2016

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 7th February

9.30 am	Mornington	D Phillipps
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole
11.00 am	Glenaven	D Phillipps
11.00 am	Wesley	S Pole
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

MOSGIEL MWF

Mosgiel MWF Tuesday 2nd February at 1:30pm in the Hall Lounge. We will be launching our Special Project. All welcome.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Celia Cannon who turns 12yrs on Friday 5th February.

Parish Links

Where are the tables? That was the first question as Mornington and Glenaven gathered on January 24th for a combined service in North East Valley. There were no tables in the church for the customary parish carol service on Christmas Eve. Nor were there any for the combined service on the 27th of December; we were able to leave the chairs out just as they had been a few nights before, as the Montessori pre-school takes a short break over Christmas before resuming. When we met last Sunday, nobody knew what sort of numbers to expect, so we laid out chairs only, hoping there would be enough for the combined Mornington/NEV congregation (there were). But the tables were missed, so we put one of them up front for a symbol of our customary sharing, as we looked forward to a potluck meal after the service. The big round tables seem to have become established as typifying the communal spirit at Glenaven, and not just on communion Sundays. They are good for discussions: in a small group people are perhaps able to contribute more readily than when the whole congregation is seated in rows. The tables also provide somewhere to put service sheets and hymn books. It seems they are not just a convenience now -- more like a necessity.

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

Mayor Cull in collaboration
with the Dunedin Refugee Steering Group
Invite you to attend a
**Community
Information & Planning Meeting**
on
Refugee Settlement in Dunedin

TUESDAY
Feb. 2, 2016
6:00pm
Glenroy Auditorium
Harrop St

What can we do to prepare as a City?
What can we do to prepare as community?
What can I do to support?

Presentations by:
Mayor Cull – Dunedin City Council
Andrew Lockhart – Immigration NZ
Rachel O'Connor – NZ Red Cross



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:

Bokyoung 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



STORY FROM THE MISSION

Support and Advocacy: Sonya used to be involved in a range of activities in her community including walking. She loved the involvement with people and went regularly with her close friend. Sadly her close friend died and she stopped going to the activities. After quite some time she realised that she was really missing the company that she enjoyed with her friend and the activities, and that she had isolated herself. It can be really difficult to start again getting involved in community activities by yourself so she came to us for some support to get back into the community. It had become easier for Sonya just to stay at home than to get up and out there and enjoy the things that she used to do. With encouragement to reconnect with her neighbours and supported telephone calls, she made a small tentative start to reconnect with people and invite them back into her life. Sonya is now walking again with a volunteer group, engaging with her neighbours over a cup of tea and card games, and making plans to engage again with older lost friends. Sonya is positive about her future and is now setting some new goals for herself. Using the graph of the ORS (Outcome Rating Scale, which measures a person's resiliency on a scale from 0 – 40. 0 is where a person is experiencing extraordinary distress and 40 is where a person is doing as well as can be imagined), Sonya was able to see her success each week. This was a great visual motivator for her, so much so that Sonya has reached a place where she can continue to engage in her community by herself expanding her people connections.