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PARISH BULLETIN

20th March 2016

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 27th March

9.30 am	Mornington	C Gibson
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole & Mosgiel LMT
11.00 am	Glenaven	C Gibson
11.00 am	Wesley	S Pole & Mosgiel LMT
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – The guest speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday 23rd March at 2 pm will be Mrs Corinda Taylor, who is the chairperson for Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust.

EXPLORERS GROUP - The next meeting is on Sunday 27 March, at 4.30 pm in the Mornington Lounge.

LAST LENTEN STUDY - It will be on Wednesday 23rd, 7pm, Mosgiel Methodist Church. All are welcome.

SUBMISSION TIME: NZ LAND WARS NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY

Public submissions are now being invited by the Maori Affairs Select Committee on the Petition of Waimarama Anderson and Leah Bell. The closing date for submissions is Thursday, 21 April 2016.

The aims of the petition are:

1. To raise awareness of the Land Wars and how they relate to local history for schools and communities
2. An introduction of these local histories into the New Zealand Curriculum as a course of study for all New Zealanders
3. To memorialise those who gave their lives on New Zealand soil with a statutory day of recognition.

Should we as the Dunedin Parish, consider making a submission on this proposal?

For more information, contact Dale Meredith ph 467 2070.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Beth Mosley who turns 8 on the 20th March!

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PASTORAL CARE: All Leaders of the Mornington Pastoral Care Group are kindly invited to an afternoon-tea at Andrea and Elden Mosleys home, 4 Fenton Crescent on Sunday 10th April at 2pm. We will review our groups and make changes as required and will talk about our ongoing role within the church. Please come and bring your ideas on both these subjects. If you are not able to attend please let Beryl or Andrea know.

EASTER DAWN SERVICE - The Easter dawn service that is usually held at Broad Bay beach at 7am is cancelled this year. Those who organise this service are not available this year.

BULLETIN – EASTER WEEKEND – Due to public holidays, please ensure all articles to be included in the bulletin for 27th March are in to the Administration Office by lunch time on Wednesday 23rd March. Many thanks, Katrina.



SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is to be held on **Wednesday 30th March. Time: 7.30pm. Venue: Wesley Hall.** Agenda: PF&R committee need us to decide whether to demolish just the Wesley church, or church and hall together in order to make the site more attractive to potential buyers. There has been very little interest so far. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

YOU'LL BE SAYIN' -"that's not much of a specimen as far as plants go", and you'd be right. It might even qualify as the saddest flamingo plant in the world. But this particular flamingo is not sad at all. To tell you the truth it's a flamingo with a very "easter" story to tell. Along with many other prized possessions this plant was burned almost beyond recognition in the fire that destroyed part of Greg & Hilda Hughson's home in January. It looked a sorry sight at the time, severely charred and denuded of leaves and flowers. But as the picture shows this flamingo plant is recovering from its burns and shooting up fresh green leaves. It seems it's only a matter of time before it flowers. LIFE from DEATH. A message of hope for Greg and Hilda, and for us all.





2-day ASIST Suicide First Aid Course – DUNEDIN

Lifeline is holding an ASIST Suicide First Aid Course in Dunedin on Weds 30 and Thursday 31 March 2016. Please pass this invitation on to friends, family, Church members and colleagues (Ministers/Pastors/Priests) who you think may benefit from this training. For more information, please refer to our website: www.suicideprevention.org.nz ASIST is presented by Lifeline Aotearoa and supported by the Ministry of Health.



STORY FROM THE MISSION

Client Support Worker: Jenny makes a time to meet with all new parents of children at Little Citizens and recently met with a mother whose child has some developmental



difficulties. The family are from overseas and English is their second language. Both parents were happy to meet with me and Jenny engaged primarily with the mother. She completed the PCOMS Outcome rating scale and scored 23, which is just below the clinical cut-off and she had low scores on the Individual well-being and Social scales, with a higher score on the scale relating to family. When asked she said she feels supported by her husband and family but she struggles with her daughter's difficult behaviour and would like to know more about how to help her. She has few social supports and feels awkward socially because her English isn't good.

We discussed some strategies she could use to help her daughter with her behaviour and one of the ideas was contacting the Family Network to meet other parents who understand her situation. Making the first phone call was difficult for her as she did not feel confident, but with support and encouragement she called and left a message asking someone to contact the family. Jenny also showed her some information about free English language classes for immigrants. With further discussion it was thought that Autism New Zealand may have some useful resources to help her daughter, for example, with toilet training, and she left a message for them.

Jenny visited the client again two weeks later and she said that the strategies with her daughter were helping and she had made contact with the Family Network and Autism NZ and had arranged meetings. She appeared more confident and scored 30 on the PCOMS outcome rating scale, with her scores fairly even across the measures, indicating an improvement in her personal well-being and her feeling of social support. She didn't feel we needed to meet again and I have seen her at the Centre where her daughter is making good progress.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR DREAMS

Numbers 12:6

In the Bible we read that God gave certain people a special understanding of dreams. Joseph who had the coat of many colours was one of these people. His God given knowledge of dreams saved his life and gave him special favour with Pharaoh. God had a reason for Joseph having authority in Egypt during this time.

Dreams speak in a dream language using a combination of literals and symbols. The symbols will have meaning to the dreamer. Some symbols are universal and have the same meaning to a wide number of people. Other symbols can have personal meaning. This means they will only have the correct meaning to the dreamer. When you mix combinations of literal, symbolic and personal symbolic into a dream it becomes a "composite." These dreams can be very difficult for a person to understand without help.

When a dream uses literal language there is no need for interpretation. The problem is knowing when a thing seen in a dream is literal or not. One method I prefer is trial and error. The more a person records and tries to understand their dreams the better they should get.

People ask me frequently how to remember their dreams. The answer is "wake up and write them or record them on a voice recorder." The more you record your dreams and try to understand them the more your dreams will try to communicate messages to you. **The more you work with your dreams the better you should get at understanding them.**

Tell someone today that God spoke to you via clear voice and see what kind of response you get from the religious community. They've been taught and have come to believe that God doesn't speak to people anymore. Their excuse for this is "We have the Bible." They think if we have the Bible God doesn't need to speak with people anymore. What Jesus said in the Bible contradicts what these people say. He said when God lives within people He will be their guide. He will communicate with them on a personal level. The entire purpose for the Creator to be incarnated was to create a bridge between the lost humans and God the Father. His own spirit became the Holy Spirit upon ascension.

The truth these people do not want to accept is that God is not speaking to them and they consider themselves worthy. The truth is God stops talking to people who refuse to listen. The people who are most likely to refuse to listen are people who honestly believe God doesn't speak to His people with a voice anymore. Who are they, they are *religious* oriented people who call themselves by their God's name.

Visions, dreams and night visions are a one possible medium God uses to communicate with people. Let us help one another treasure our night messages.

Rod Mitchell