



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

16<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> October

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| 9.30 am  | Mornington | G Davis & Mornington LMT |
| 9.30 am  | Mosgiel    | S Pole & Mosgiel LMT     |
| 11.00 am | Glenaven   | G Davis & Mornington LMT |
| 11.00 am | Wesley     | D Phillipps              |
| 1.00 pm  | St Kilda   | TBA                      |

**GAMES NIGHT** – For all the parish. 29<sup>th</sup> October, held at Wesley Hall 7.00pm. Mark it on your calendar. See you there for a fun night!



**MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERT** today Sunday 16 October, Mornington Methodist Church 2.30pm. Featuring beautiful soprano solos and talented pianists. Cost \$2. All welcome.

**OPEN EDUCATION AND A FAMOUS WILDLIFE HAVEN**

On Wednesday 19 October, at 7.30pm in the Mornington Methodist Church, Galloway Street, Alyth Grant, wild-life photographer and regular volunteer at Orokonui, will give an illustrated talk on the work of the now famous wild-life haven outside Dunedin, where kaka, bellbirds, tuis and silver-eyes, takahe and kiwi, skinks and tuataras thrive in a regenerating natural environment under the protection of a predator-proof fence. Bring a friend to this final Open Education presentation for the year (koha \$5). Note there will be no pre-session meal this time: our chef will be away in the North Island.

### **SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH DUNEDIN**

The members of the Dunedin Methodist Parish will have a Service of Celebration with the members of the Wesley Methodist congregation on the **27<sup>th</sup> of November at 1:00pm**

The Purpose of this service is to celebrate the ministry of this Church over the years to its members and its community and the closing of this property for any use of worship.

The congregation is still in the process of deciding another venue for their Sunday services.

Therefore, we would like to invite past members and ministers to join us in this service of celebration.

**Please contact us if you are planning to come:**

Rev Siosifa Pole, [parish@dmm.org.nz](mailto:parish@dmm.org.nz)

(03) 4664600; or

Ian Bartlett (03) 4772349.

**MORNINGTON TOY & GAMES TRUFFLES:** yes, it is that time of year again; Christmas is looming, and soon you'll be thinking, "what can I take to the next Christmas function" – well, your problem is solved...at \$6.00 a dozen, you'll be able to take a treat that is guaranteed to please everyone. Contact Rebecca Neaves, 488-4372, if you would like to order truffles (don't forget, they freeze brilliantly) – we are making them on November 11 and 12, so I will bring them to church on Sunday, November 13 (or I can deliver them to your house). Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the Toy Library!

**The TALL and the SHORT** of it. That's what you get when you line up Christina Weston and Helen Messervy for a photo. The occasion was the most recent meeting of Mornington MWF when Christina was the invited guest speaker - and gave a zesty, off-the-cuff, account of her varied and always-interesting experiences as a Youth Councillor with the Dunedin City Council. It's a role that has rewarded her with a myriad of opportunities to widen her experience of life, and to serve the interests of teenagers like herself. She has engaged with the elected councillors on the needs of youth; she has travelled to meet her counterparts in other parts of the country; she has led on a project to update the teen space at the Public Library; she has featured on local radio and advocated on social media. In other words our Christina has been out there making her voice heard and getting things done. In doing so she's shown herself to be a confident and thoroughly likeable speaker with an ability to influence the powers that be. The MWF certainly thought so, and all of us at Mornington Church watching her future with great support and interest. She holds the DCC Youth position for two years.



**MOSGIEL MID -WEEK SERVICE** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 2pm followed by a cuppa. ALL WELCOME.

**BULLETIN POINTS FROM CONFERENCE** held at Wesley College. For a full report go to the Methodist Church website. Hilda also has a fuller 2 page report available. [hildahughson@gmail.com](mailto:hildahughson@gmail.com) or ph 4876226.

- Methodist Conference is being held every 2 years until 2020, then review. 2018 in Christchurch.
- President Rev Prince Devanandan (Sri Lankan); vice-president Viv Whimster.
- Theme: *Moored to Christ, Moving into Mission*. Image of canoes tied to a strong post.
- We couldn't reach a consensus on president and vice-president elect.
- We ordained five people, with a huge Tongan choir and band participating.
- Buildings under 34% NBS must be closed or strengthened unless an engineer says they are fit to occupy. Many churches are struggling with this.
- We need to comply with new Health and Safety law.
- Wesley College farm is being sold gradually to create a whole new town. The school will be rebuilt elsewhere.
- *Let the Children Live* is halfway so we were encouraged to keep working on this focus and find new ways to make it happen.
- with the government by talking to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.
- We were represented at the World Uniting Church Women gathering, which resulted in having 2 of the 4 exec members from Aotearoa – Mata'iva Robertson (sec) and Leu Pupulu (treas)!
- The new Connexional offices "Weteriana House" will be opened at 50 Langdons Road, Papanui, Christchurch on Friday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm.
- We asked the President to make a statement challenging the Government to reduce child poverty by 10% by the end of 2017.

**Dunedin**  
**LIGHT Party**  
A positive alternative to halloween

**FORSYTH BARR STADIUM**

31st OCT 6pm - 8:30pm Gate C  
CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 8 ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED  
NO HALLOWEEN THEMED COSTUMES OR MAKEUP PERMITTED  
**ALL ACTIVITIES FREE**

entry GOLD COIN per person donation

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## STORY FROM THE MISSION

*Client Support:* We have been able to support a Mum who has not had the care of her child from a very young age come to terms with her now teenager, wanting to be adopted by her foster parents who she has lived with for most of her life. This Mum's own life, from a very young age, has been traumatic and continues to impact on her today. Initially she was resistant to the request by the foster parents. She felt powerless and that things were 'out of her hands'. She didn't want her child thinking she didn't want her, and she didn't want to relinquish her rights as the child's biological Mum by agreeing to the adoption. She struggled with her own thoughts and feelings of how throughout her life, systems and people

had failed her, and now the legal request for her child to be adopted was another 'kick in the teeth'. The strength this Mum had was in acknowledging the good care the foster parents were taking of her child and that they provided this when she couldn't. She was clear she wanted the best for her child but she didn't want to lose her. She showed insight as she was able to talk about the possible consequences if she was or was not to sign the applications in terms of a relationship with her child in the future as did not want her child to resent her. While the Mum fought with her emotions and after discussions she was able to reframe the situation to make sense for her. She was able to see that she was a good Mum in allowing someone to take care of her child when she couldn't, and that she was also a good Mum in granting her child a very special request – which was to be adopted by her foster parents. So she agreed to sign the adoption papers and also wrote a letter to her child letting her know why she agreed with her child's request.

This was a big decision in this Mums life and one that caused her great upset. She is happy with her decision not to fight the adoption and looks forward to the day her child comes to her wanting to know her identity. Her decision has also paved a new relationship between herself and the foster parents, and they are happy to keep in touch with her over time.

**If you would like to support the Mission's work with a donation, please visit [www.givealittle.co.nz](http://www.givealittle.co.nz) and search for The Methodist Mission.**



**TWO BEAUTIFUL SERVICES** held this last week were linked by two beautiful compositions by Colin Gibson. (It so happens that the designated Connections article for this week was not available in time, so this gives an opportunity for a wider 'audience' to appreciate the words of both pieces as sung by the Mornington Choir.)

**Dedication of the Lampedusa Cross, Mornington Church, 3.pm, 9  
October 2106**

**O cross of untold grief**

*dedicated to the incoming Syrian refugee families*

O cross of untold grief and pain,  
Of cruel memories that remain,  
You have heard and you have seen  
What should not be, nor ever been.  
Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison,  
Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison.

O cross of mourning, sign of loss  
Immeasurable, O weeping cross;  
Death by fire and death at sea,  
Slow death of hope, as thousands flee.  
Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison,  
Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison.

O cross from scattered driftwood made,  
The cost of poverty and war displayed.  
May we hear your silent plea,  
Do unto these as unto me.  
Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison,  
Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison.

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**Week of Prayer for World Peace: Interfaith Gathering, Quaker  
Meeting House, 7.30 pm, 10 October 2016**

Greg Hughson presided at this combined service which included contributions from multiple faiths: Bahá'í, Church of Scientology, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Daoist, Quaker, Muslim,

Brahma Kumaris, Tibetan Buddhist, Hare Krishna, Sikh, and our own Methodist Choir:

**Waiata for those who died in the New Zealand Land Wars 1843-1881**

Now they have all gone into the light, into the one light,  
Where there are no more angry words, no more battles to be fought,  
No more sides to be taken, no more land to be taken,  
No more wrongs to be righted, no more rights, no more wrongs.

Now they have all gone into the light, into the one light.  
Now let us see justice and mercy unite, te tatau pounamu,  
The greenstone door closed for ever and for ever.

Peace, we say to their spirits,  
Peace we say to each other.  
Peace, only Peace, only Peace.

Amen. Amine. Amen. Amine. Amen. Amine.

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At the Interfaith Service for World Peace we joined in The International Prayer for Peace:

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth,  
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust,  
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace,  
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Such a prayer would have been just as appropriate at the dedication of the Lampedusa Cross.

*David Kitchingman*