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PARISH BULLETIN

26th February 2017

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 5th March

9.30 am	Mornington	D Phillipps
10.00 am	Mosgiel	S Pole
11.00 am	Glenaven	D Phillipps
11.30 am	St Kilda	S Pole

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE SOUTH DUNEDIN, 2017. You are invited to our ecumenical Ash Wednesday service: Wednesday 1st March, 5.30pm. St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church, Elliot Street, Andersons Bay. The service of words and music will include imposition of ashes, readings & prayers and a homily for Ash Wednesday. All are welcome. For further details, please ask your minister, or phone Jo Fielding (027 662 8233).

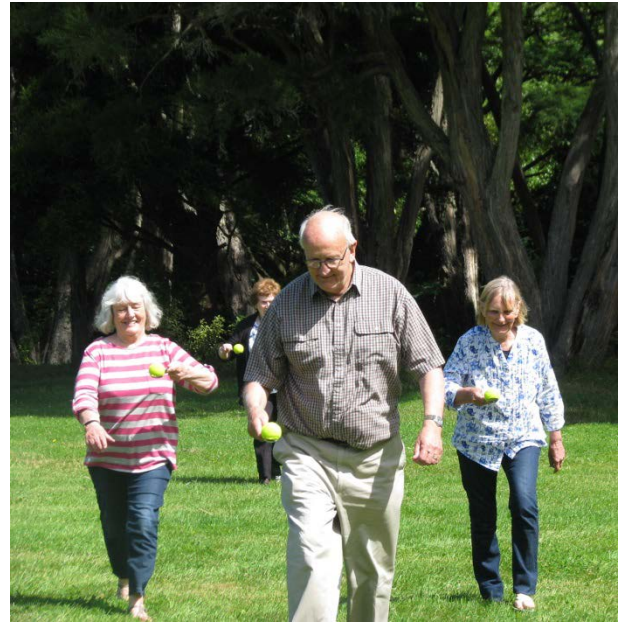
ASH WEDNESDAY - The Anglican congregation of St Mary's invites us, together with the Presbyterian and Catholic congregations, to mark the beginning of the Lenten period by joining their Ash Wednesday service, held on Wednesday 1st of March, beginning at 6.30pm.

BARNABAS FUND has a Lenten Appeal to help churches that are affected by drought in Uganda and Kenya. If you would like to support this appeal please send your donation to Barnabas Fund New Zealand, P.O.Box 276018, Manukau, Auckland 2241

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SYNOD - It will be on Saturday 11th of March at Tokomairiro Union Church in Milton, 10am. I would like those in the Parish who will attend to let me know next week for transport purposes. Thank you, Siosifa.

PARISH PICNIC A fun time had by all...





PARISH STEWARDS - The Parish Council is looking for two people in the Parish to take over the role of Parish Steward when Hilda Hughson finishes her term at the end of the year. The Parish cannot operate properly without having leadership in the Parish Council. If anyone is willing to take that role please contact either Siosifa or Rod.

WORKPLACE SUPPORT BOARD - The Dunedin Methodist Parish has a long time working relationship with Workplace Support. Workplace Support has requested if anyone in the Parish would like to be a member of the Board to represent the Methodist Church. If anyone in the Parish wishes to take that role please contact Siosifa.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO BE HELD**

Friday 3rd March 2017
Catholic Church
Church Street, Mosgiel
Time 1.30 pm. All Welcome



This worldwide movement of informed prayer involves people from 170 countries also many denominations, who together observe a common day of prayer each year.

Through World Day of Prayer:
We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our logo has the cross in the centre formed by praying figures from the four corners of the earth. All are joined together within the circle of the world and enfolded in God's Love.



This year, our service is from The Philippines.

AM I BEING UNFAIR TO YOU?

Join us, to enjoy this happy time, with stories & singing from The Philippines. "Wear your bright colours."

ALL WELCOME.

Greeting MABUHAY! Pronounced "MUH-BOO-HI"
Meaning: "may you live," "cheers" "welcome" Hurrah.

PRAYER REQUEST - Prayer is a unique component of all religions including Christianity. It is a mean in which we are able to communicate with God and maintain contact with others. Please pray for all our sick people either at home or in the hospital. Please also pray for the future of our Parish.

GETTING WITH IT....we are currently considering how best to use the electronic media in our work as a Church. Here's a (light-hearted) peek into the future of electronic worship...does it attract you??

MINISTER: "Praise the Lord!"

CONGREGATION: "Hallelujah!"

MINISTER: "Will everyone please turn on their Tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians 13:13. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

P-a-u-s-e.....

"Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God"

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."

"You can log on to the church wi-fi using the password 'Lord909887. ' "

The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshipers:

Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.

Those who prefer to use iPads can open them.

Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cellphones to transfer your contributions to the church account.

The holy atmosphere of the Church becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements...

This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.

Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out.

You can contact the Minister on Twitter this weekend for counselling and prayers.

God bless you and have nice day.



LENTEN STUDY - Will start on Wednesday the 8th of March, 7pm, Mosgiel Methodist Church.

MOSGIEL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Tuesday 7th March when Jenny Leith will be speaking to us about her recent trip to Great Barrier Island 1: 30pm in our hall. All Welcome.

THE MORNINGTON WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Service will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 3 March in the Mornington Presbyterian Church, 16 Maryhill Tce. Supper to follow. Everyone welcome.



STORY FROM THE MISSION

Little Citizens The Kiwi Room:

The children have settled very

quickly into the routines in the Kiwi Room. They enjoy sharing mat time, and sit together on our purple mat, singing a welcoming naming song, action songs, waiata, counting songs, and our regular "Kina Kina" before kai time. We choose our mat time experiences carefully, for example the song "Wind the Bobbin Up" asks the children to "Point to the window, point to the door", developing the children's ability to point to and name objects (24 month Milestones), and engage in joint attention supporting language development (we are both pointing to and looking at the door) and responsive interactions through music. We have introduced named cups for drinking water throughout the day

in the Kiwi Room, and the children have quickly learned to ask for a drink, to sit on the train mat to have a drink, and to clear their cup to the bench. We have great helpers who are able to clear younger children's cups or bottles to the bench. We have had a lovely start to the year, and look forward hopefully to having some new enrolments, as a number of the tamariki turn two and will move in to the Tui Room in May.

If you would like to support the Mission's work with a donation, please visit www.givealittle.co.nz and search for The Methodist Mission.



MENDING WALL

The respected American poet Robert Frost wrote a telling poem based on his experiences in the farmlands of coastal

USA. It is named "Mending Wall" and even by its title seems to hint at something deeper than just fixing broken stone walls. In it two neighbours stand each alongside a broken wall and begin to repair it. These walls are characteristic of areas in New Hampshire and Maine states which border the Atlantic Ocean. The shores and fields provide plenty of suitable rock for boundary walls.

There are two voices in this poem: one, the narrator, doesn't much like walls anyhow, and when the wall ends in an orchard, and against a pine forest he is pleased. The other a rather quiet voice is better remembered because he repeats the statement of his father, "Good fences make good neighbours." The two of them are poles apart in attitude – the narrator sees the other as living in darkness, capable of grasping two stones at once and bringing them to the wall "like an old-stone savage armed."

The narrator seems civilised and has quirky humour. He sees nature heaving with frost against the wall and over time collapsing it; rabbit hunters squirreling out their quarry and in doing so dismantle parts of the wall; wall building when he dares the stones to topple when the

builders' backs are turned; kidding his neighbour that his apples will not cross the boundary and eat the pine cones that belong to him.

In his humour the narrator thinks about what was being walled in what was being walled out, and who he was likely to offend.

Maybe a lesson is in here, not just for us kiwis, but for our American friends for whom the poem was first written. The neighbour who likes the wall, and depends on his father's guidance seems troubled. He lives in a darkness "not of woods only and the shade of trees" but an internal darkness of apprehension about everything beyond the wall, all things beyond his control.

America has had spasms of this sort of dark isolationism. The nineteenth and twentieth centuries were punctuated by times when America retreated within its own borders. It is doing the same now under President Donald Trump. The world outside the USA seems to be responsible for the position the country is in now. President Trump has promise to "Make America Great; America First" – and this means distancing the country from others, whoever they are.

However, the countries of the world are inextricably linked. No end of single countries hoping for a singular, national resurgence will change that truth. The centre of the matter is of course not just found in the poem of Robert Frost, but also in the life of Christ, who accepted all who would listen to his teachings.

We all have a choice – to either accept the fearful imaginings of the darkest recesses of our mind and construct and mend the wall around us to make ourselves safe. Or to tear down the fences, look out to our neighbours, talk with them, and not wall them in or out and give offence.

George Davis

23 February 2017.