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PARISH BULLETIN

6th Aug 2017

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 13th August

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - This is to be held on **Wednesday 9 August** at 7:30pm at Mosgiel Methodist Church.

MOSGIEL CHURCH MID-WEEK SERVICE, Wednesday 9th of August, 2pm.at church hall. Everyone is welcome.

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT MIKE WRIGHT'S FAMILY

A dearly loved Tertiary Chaplain Mike Wright died on 26th July after a short and very aggressive illness. He leaves behind his beloved wife Sheryl and three grown up children. Sheryl will not only have to deal with the death of her life-partner but deal with the practicalities of large expenses and decreased income. Please consider supporting Sheryl and family by making a contribution through ***Givealittle***. The following link will take you a page where you find out more about the campaign - you can leave a message of support and make a donation.

Would you also forward this message to any of your friends who might know Mike and Sheryl. And if you are on Facebook or Twitter please share the ***Givealittle*** page by clicking on the icons on the top right of the page. <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/mikewrightchaplain>

Together we can make an important difference at very sad time.

Steve O'Connor and Greg Hughson

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES for Otago University and Otago Polytechnic Chaplain Mike Wright.

A funeral service will be held for Mike Wright on Wednesday 2nd August 2pm at Hope and Sons Chapel, Andersons Bay Road, Dunedin. Father Michael Wallace from All Saints Church, Dunedin, will officiate.

A combined University-Polytechnic memorial service will be held for Mike in the Otago University College of Education Auditorium, 145 Union St East, from 2.30pm Wednesday 16th August followed by refreshments at Otago Polytechnic, from around 4.30pm.

A special room (H113) is available on the Ground Floor of the Hub at Otago Polytechnic for anyone (including University students and staff) to go to, to remember and honour Mike.

PUBLIC ISSUES FOR PARISH BULLETINS AUGUST 2017

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka.

Prayer and Action for Housing

Housing is critical for New Zealand and will be a top priority for our vote.

For the month of August, we invite you to pray for solutions to housing each week and to understand the housing crisis, give attention and prayers to your neighbourhood, reflect on what makes a house a home and what it means to be a trustee. How is God inviting us to respond?

Start off with the introductory video Week 1 resources.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIVuAAXviXY&feature=youtu.be>

Prayers, videos and backgrounder, courtesy Anglican justice, are available via Betsan (betsan@response.org.nz)

The Climate Conversations Resource is available as hard copy from Betsan or at

http://www.methodist.org.nz/public_questions_network/index2

BIBLE AND INTERPRETATION WORKSHOP

Theme: Bible: New Wine into New Bottles (Wineskins)

Date: Saturday October 28th

Time: 10am – 3pm

Venue: Mornington Church

Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders and anyone who wants to participate are welcome. Please inform us if you will come.

ROD MITCHELL WILL BE AWAY on Leave from the 5th to the 13th of August. If anyone in the Parish has any pastoral matter, please contact me. Thanks, Siosifa.



STORIES FROM THE MISSION

Intensive Numeracy & Literacy (Otago Correction Facility): ILN: I have changed the way I finish my courses recently, having more of an exit interview to find out the student's aims and thoughts for what to do next. It has been very gratifying that they are asking what courses or opportunities there are that we offer as they are enjoying the Methodist way of offering education. This is tying in with the new forms we are now supplying to OCF to help add to the learner pathways for a better outcome from the time spent in prison for the men we work with.

One of my recent grads started the class very timidly. He would have been about the youngest in the group, and very quiet. He was unwilling to say when he needed help and would sit quietly with a look of desperation on his face. By fostering an atmosphere of support and removing stigma, he came to realise that there was no issue in asking for help if he didn't understand something. He grew in confidence and has completed the course, now looking for further education opportunities in the prison environment to increase his options going forward.



Science Kids: To mark the end of the term and another round of Science Kids for both Carisbrook and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Otepoti the children from each school had a shared kai with their family/whānau. This final session enabled the kids to share the experiments that they had been practicing, and they are encouraged to lead the experiments themselves whilst getting their family/whānau to join in.

On Tuesdays Steph has been working with Emily from the Museum with Carisbrook School. They had an awesome family turn out given that there were only 5 children attending on the day, it included parents, brothers, sisters and grandmas who came along to support, all very interested in what the kids have been learning! It was a big success, the children really enjoyed receiving their certificates and the kai too!

On Mondays Steph has been working with Kate from the Museum and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Otepoti. Kate is fluent in te reo, and has translated the Science Kids programme into te reo for Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Otepoti. On their final museum visit to the conservation lab the children were very respectful and interested in what they were shown. To thank the female conservators they performed a beautiful waiata which was about the strength and beauty of women, such a cool way to express their thanks.

On their final session at school the children's whānau came along. The children also performed a waiata for Kate and Steph to thank them for the experience and our time.

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.

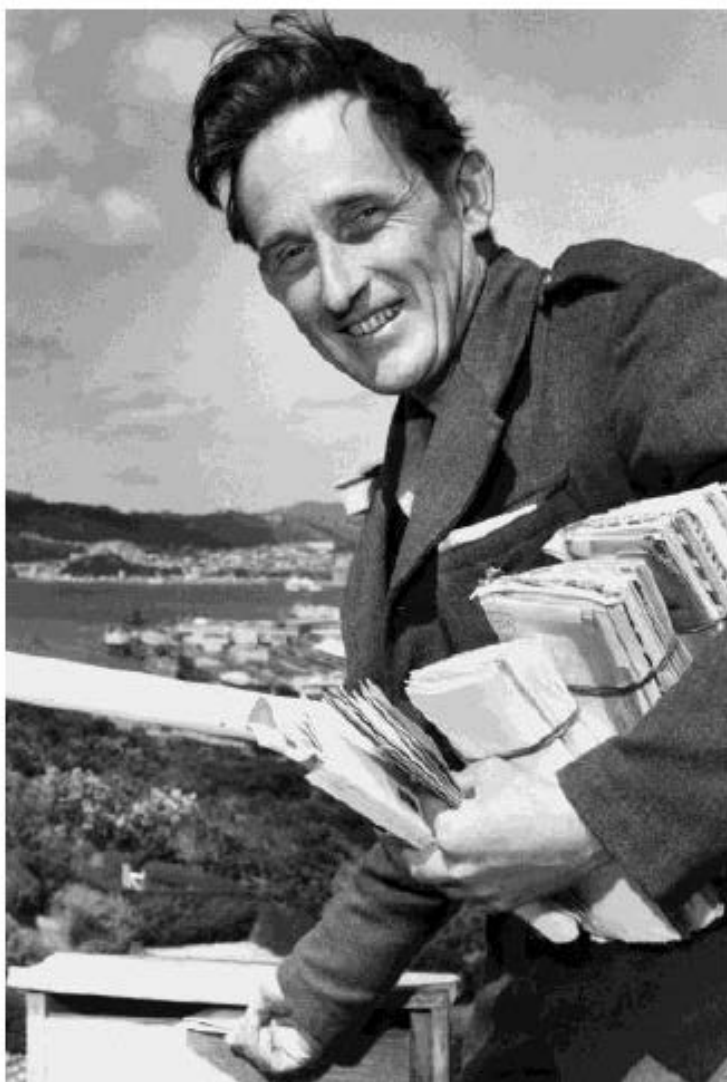


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THE SPIRITUALITY OF JAMES K. BAXTER

31ST AUGUST, 10AM-4PM

BURNS LODGE AT HOLY CROSS,
89 CHURCH STREET, MOSGIEL

COST: \$80 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

In this all-day seminar, we will interactively explore the spirituality of Dunedin's beloved poet. We will look at the different streams that influenced Baxter's spirituality including Catholicism, wairua Maori, mysticism, Twelve-step and his father Archibald Baxter, New Zealand socialist, pacifist and conscientious objector.

Presenters:

Mike Riddell

Writer and playwright

(Via Video)

&

**Professor
Kevin Clements**

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Studies, University of Otago*

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TROUBLING ABOUT YOUR OWN ADVICE?

Last Sunday I heard, on two different occasions, people speaking about how very easy it is to give other people the wisdom of your good advice; but how extremely difficult it is, when facing challenging life moments, to take for oneself that same so freely offered advice. This has led me to reflect on why this might be the case. An example from counselling might shed some light on the dilemma:

A mother comes in wondering how to handle her 13-year-old son. After some general exploration of what was happening, the counsellor asks, "Have you ever in the past given good advice which has had a good outcome?"

"Oh yes" was her response, quickly followed up with a very creative example.

The counsellor listened and then held that creative example of advice in front of the mother. "Now" the counsellor said, "can you try to reconnect to that good advice part of yourself. Ask it, what needs to be done for your son." The mother sat reflecting quietly for a short period and then came up with a wonderfully creative response much, to the surprise of both the counsellor and herself.

Time and again, in a counselling situation, it is discovered that it is impossible for one person both to ask and to answer their challenging questions at the same time! We need other people to hold some of our questions and issues, to provide space and time for our reflection. It is only then that we can get in touch with our own best sources of wisdom.

Perhaps what we can learn from this is that rushing in with good advice to others is not always the best solution. When someone comes to us with a problem, first (before trying to solve another's issues) we may need to check that person's capacity for giving themselves the advice they sorely need. Simply asking them to imagine another person having the issue they have presented and asking them what sort of good advice they would offer that imagined other person, can be very revealing. The person facing the issue is almost guaranteed to have within themselves a more accurate solution than you could ever imagine as an outsider to the issue. And because it has come from themselves, the likelihood is they will seek to carry out their solution. The most useful response from you may be to ask, "So what is likely to stop you carrying out your advice?"

I believe Jesus used this process in his response to the Lawyer found in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25 – 37). Twice Jesus responded to the Lawyer's questions by finding ways for the Lawyer to answer his own questions. By holding another question in front of him and finally by using a story that allowed the Lawyer to see the answer to his question about 'who is my neighbour'?

Saving our advice for ourselves might be more useful than freely proffering that to others! We all need good friends who can hold our questions in front of us so that we might have the opportunity to explore and answer the questions and issues, which block us from recognising our own wisdom.

So let us go and be friends for each other, because it is difficult on our own to recall our own best advice - that advice, which we so willingly hand out to others.

Rod Mitchell