



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> November

9.30 am	Mornington	S Pole
10.00 am	Mosgiel	G Davis
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

**MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Our November Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd - at 2 p.m. - in the Church. The programme will have a Christmas theme and include two stories, two Bible readings & a sing-a-long of favourite Carols. Please remember a small plate of 3 to 5 pieces of food for afternoon tea. This will be our last meeting for 2017, as well as a forerunner & lead up to Christmas. Come along and enjoy the fellowship.



**A SMALL SINGING GROUP** from the St Kilda congregation made a BIG and joyous contribution to the combined service at Mosgiel last Sunday. They have a natural ability to entertain without too much evidence of preparation. Thanks to all six.

It was especially good to see the young Pole men singing with kids much their junior. SOLOMON has returned to Japan for another tour of duty with his Japanese rugby club, and SEKONIA has completed a good season as reserve hooker with the Otago Mitre 10 team, and next year will combine rugby with his university studies.

**GLENAVEN CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES** - Members of Glenaven church will continue to join Mornington church on Sunday morning services until the strengthening work in their church is done.



## THE METHODIST MISSION is opening a Youth Transition Home (YTH) in January 2018

The Mission's new Youth Transition Home (YTH) will provide homeless young people from Dunedin with a safe, comfortable place to live while they pursue education, training or employment. Young people will have 24/7 support and learn important life skills like cooking, budgeting and personal care, to help them achieve independent living.

YTH will be part-funded by Government, but extra help will be needed in the form of donations and volunteer contributions. If you would like to assist, please visit our online registry:

**[www.thankfulregistry.com/MMSouthYTH](http://www.thankfulregistry.com/MMSouthYTH)**  
or contact Christine on 03 466 3407  
or **[hub@mmsouth.org.nz](mailto:hub@mmsouth.org.nz)**.

Mission staff look forward to speaking more about YTH at a Sunday service in November (date still to be finalised).



**THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm in the St Kilda lounge.

**OAMARU/MAHENo VISIT 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.** For this visit the plan is to leave about 11am and travel firstly to St Andrew's, the Anglican Church at Maheno. There we can investigate the inner church beauty while enjoying the cut/picnic lunch you have brought with you. From there we travel to central Oamaru to St Luke's Church on Thames street where we can again investigate the inside of a further substantial building before sharing a hot or cold drink with the locals (please bring a small plate). While there the Lampedusa Cross will be displayed and the choir will entertain with an appropriate song. For further enjoyment one or perhaps 2 open top Buick cars will be present to convey you around the old Oamaru stone precinct of Oamaru if you wish. There will be a small fee for this experience to cover costs.

**CELLO PIECE AT 11 AM TODAY** after the morning service - Dvorak Cello Concerto in B minor, second movement. Judith Davis - cello and John van Buskirk - piano.

### **STORY FROM THE MISSION**

*Science Kids:* This term for Science Kids both Pine Hill and



Ravensbourne School are involved. With 7 students from Pine Hill and 6 from Ravensbourne, making up the majority of each schools senior classes.

To start the term off the students were encouraged to brain storm ways in which they can manage their own behaviour, they discussed things like; listening to others, being kind to one another, walking in the museum, respecting other visitors to the museum, being sensible and

the likes. This is then incorporated into their goal setting that they do at the beginning of each session. The kids are also encouraged to work on something that might be a little bit more tricky for themselves personally, they then reflect on this at the end of the session as to whether they think that they have achieved that goal, and why.

We spent the majority of the first session in the wildlife gallery, the kids were each given a booklet with some tricky questions about the wildlife, they then had to search the gallery to find the answers to these questions. The kids seemed to really enjoy it, and were quite engaged in the process, working together in wee teams to figure out the answers. At the end they got together to share their findings. We finished up the session with a look at the Permean Monsters exhibit, which as usual was a hit!

**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.**



**OF ROSEMARY, RAINBOWS AND REMEMBRANCEI** write this article today, Saturday 28 October 2017: *Raa Maumahara*, inaugural National Day of Commemoration for the New Zealand Wars.

A long time coming, it has been born with a gentle breath. Not the dawn service thousands of ANZAC Day. Just a civil gathering at Waitangi, recall of the 1845 Puketutu Battle, and a small fracas in the grounds of Parliament between supporters of the National Front and those promoting anti-racism.

Perhaps this day is as a baby's first breath, and we as a nation need to take baby steps as we venture forth into this new phase of our bi-cultural journey.

The day is significant. On 28 October 1835, at the home of James Busby, the Declaration of Independence *He Whakaputanga* was signed by the first of the United Tribes. The British government acknowledged this declaration - it kept the British in and the French out. Based on reciprocity, British subjects would be protected in Maori territory, and the King of England would in turn protect the Maori against threats to their mana.

Commemoration: an opportunity to sit and listen, to hear stories of our people, our country. Stories known only by a few; stories breaking through the silence of the generations; stories of grief, pain, humiliation, injustice, confiscation, detention without charge, injury, death.

It is no wonder we should go forward slowly, for what is behind us is uncomfortable when viewed through a lens of 21<sup>st</sup> century values. It is what it is.

My story is of a hikoi, a modern pilgrimage, undertaken two years ago. Not to Jerusalem or Mecca or even Canterbury, but to Opotiki, land of my mother.

Having missed out on the Gallipoli ballot, our family commemorated the day that really mattered, 8 August 1915. That day our two great uncles, best buddies Ernest Jurd and George Hill, died on Chunuk Bair, along with another 502 of their Kiwi compatriots.

As I drove from Auckland, I stopped along the way: Drury; the Mangatawhiri Stream bridge marking the entry to the Waikato; Rangiriri, Huntly, Taneatua. Each place important; each place marked with a sprig of rosemary from my Dunedin garden, and blessed with a prayer. The first rainbow appeared at Mangatawhiri, as I pulled back onto the highway. It reappeared after Huntly, dancing against the distant hills. It taunted at Taneatua, in full colour, just before a shower, the tears of Rangi.

Our Opotiki commemoration was special. Over a hundred people gathered, linked to these two men whose portraits hung in the front hall of my grandparents' homestead, handsome and loved.

Opotiki RSA pulled out the stops with a special service. We placed our red poppies in the field of white crosses, so carefully regimented in alphabetical order by the memorial.

Caitlin Papuni McLellan spoke. What a privilege for us. Head girl at Opotiki College and winner of the ANZ RSA Cyril Bennett Speech Competition, she had spoken in front of the thousands at Gallipoli. Now she gave that same speech here, to her whanau in Opotiki. Her uncle, Kurei Papuni, killed 6 August 1915, member of the first Maori Battalion. A man whose medallion hung on the wall of his family home, but who was never spoken of. A man of mystery and silence. It was Caitlin who uncovered his story, nearly a hundred years later. Her pride in him and her whakapapa was evident as she spoke.

Later that day I met with Whakatohea, leaders and kaumātua, We discussed the possibility of a national memorial for the Land Wars. They agreed this was important, and that any memorial would need to have meaning both locally and nationally.

I felt inspired by their support to keep going with the national memorial concept. In short order I was referred to Rahui Papa, and then on to the petition of the Otorohonga College students for this day of national commemoration. The success of their petition in creating this day is now part of our heritage.

Soon I hope we will have a fitting memorial at Pukeahu in Wellington. There we will be able to sing:

*Now they have all gone  
into the light  
te tatau pounamu  
the greenstone door closed.*  
(Colin Gibson, abridged)

As my sister drove home from Opotiki that August afternoon, she drove through the rainbow.

*Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth. (Genesis 9:16, NIV)*

**Dale Meredith**