



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am	Mornington	R Mitchell
	Mosgiel	Combined at Mornington
	Glenaven	Combined at Mornington
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBC

### Dates to remember:

22 April	4.30pm Explorers Group - Mornington
25 April	2.00pm Mornington MWF - Mornington Church
29 April	4.30pm Ecumenical Service - Mornington Church
1 May	7.30 pm PF&R Committee meeting – Mission building

**EXPLORERS GROUP:** will meet at 4.30pm on Sunday 22 April in the Mornington Church Hall. Their focus will be on the bill recently introduced to Parliament by an MP from the Act Party, which proposes to loosen the current laws concerning assisted dying (euthanasia). This is a topic which has ramification for the elderly infirm as well as for troubled young folk (New Zealand has one of the highest rates of youth suicide in the world). We will be sharing views in an open way, not setting out to formulate a group attitude. You are welcome to join the established members of the group for this important discussion.

**MORNINGTON MWF:** The April meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th April at 2 p.m. in the Church Lounge. The Guest Speaker will be Verna McFelin from "Pillars" who will tell us about Pillars which is the NZ part of our Special Project for this year. Come along and learn more about our Special Project. Please remember The Fellowship of the Least Coin.

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT MORNINGTON:** On Sunday 29 April at 4.30pm Mornington Methodists will host an ecumenical service for the four denominations with congregations in the area. It will be led by Rod Mitchell and Colin Gibson, and the theme is weaving community. We hope to have the local Community Police Officer to share his insights into the nature of the Mornington community. Come and get to know other Christians in person, and enjoy a simple service followed by a shared cup of tea or coffee.

**PARISH COMBINED SERVICE** - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Mornington Methodist Church, 10am. Please bring a plate to share after the service.

**THE PF&R COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday 1 May, at 7.30 pm at the Mission building.

**A RETURN SPEAKER** at Open Education, JIMMY McLAUCHLAN from Methodist Mission brought us up to date with progress in establishing the YOUTH TRANSITION HOME, for which planning has been a priority for several years. The House finally opened in February and despite a slow start is now full. It caters for youth who for any number of reasons are adrift, cut off from family and facing an uncertain future. People from the churches and commercial firms have been most generous in furnishing the house so that it is now a warm, comfortable and safe place. Normal stay is 12 weeks, but can be extended, and during that time the Mission staff and other helping agencies provide practical and emotional support to help change the direction of young lives. A remarkably encouraging project by the Mission which has attracted support from Government and other local interests.



Photo: JIMMY McLAUCHLAN with much loved Methodist identity IAN BARTLETT.

Profits from last night's meal, with 24 attendees, was \$155, and will be sent to the Mission in support of the Home. Entrance money for Jimmy's talk is additional and will be added.

**OUSA/Te Roopū Māori ANZAC day service** at the University of Otago, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30pm. Outside the University Staff Club, Main common room (If wet).

Also, there will be a Peace Ceremony around the Peace Pole (Museum reserve) at 12 noon (University Union Foodcourt if wet).



### **STORY FROM THE MISSION**

**Prison:** One student from the Foundation Skills 2 programme has been actively avoiding doing any of the computer based units of work, he gets very worried in case he makes a mistake and won't know how to fix things. His fellow students in the class have been very encouraging of their friend, with their support and some specific one on one tutor help, this student has now had the courage to work on 'Word'. He is now half way through the unit of work and has surprised himself in actually enjoying the work, he confessed last week his confidence in using 'Word' has increased and he is no longer gripped by panic sitting in front of the computer.

**PASTORAL CARE MORNINGTON** - It is helpful to have a record of Church member's Addresses, Phone numbers, and email addresses for our Pastoral Care. If any of these have changed in the last 12 mths or if you are a new Church member would you please fill out the attached slip and hand to Beryl ( Pastoral Convenor )

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Address:-----

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Phone number / numbers: -----

email: -----