



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

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

10.00 am	Mornington	Combined at Mosgiel
10.00 am	Mosgiel	S Pole
10.00 am	Glenaven	Combined at Mosgiel
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

### Dates to remember:

25 July	2.00 pm	Mosgiel Mid Week Service, 40 Forth Street, Mosgiel
25 July	2.00pm	Mornington MWF, Church Hall, Mornington
28 July	12.30pm	Otago District MWF AGM, Mosgiel Church
29 July	10.00am	Pole Family Farewell Service and morning tea, Mosgiel
4 August	7.00pm	Induction Service for David Poultney, Mornington

**MOSGIEL'S MID WEEK SERVICE** is Wednesday 25 July, 2pm @ 40 Forth Street Mosgiel. Please note change of date. This is Rev Siosifa Pole's final Mid Week Service.

**MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - The July Meeting will take place on **Wednesday the 25th July**, in the Church Lounge at 2p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Sue Galloway - subject - "Observations from science and life". Please remember the Fellowship of the Least Coin. All welcome.

**OTAGO DISTRICT METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held in the Mosgiel Methodist Church  
**Saturday 28 July**

**12:30pm - POT LUCK LUNCH**

Please bring FINGER FOOD to share.

**Annual General Meeting** to follow

**Collection for Social services** - going to the Family Support Fund

**PARISH FAREWELL TO OUR MINISTER AND HIS FAMILY**

A parish farewell to Siosifa and his family will be held immediately after the combined 10am service at Mosgiel on Sunday 29 July. Do join us to show our gratitude for his fine leadership and the warm participation of Naomi and the children in the life of the parish. Money has already been given, but if you are able to do so, please bring a gift of food to help provide an adequate morning tea for this important occasion.

**SYMPATHY** - I would like to convey my sympathy and condolences on behalf of the Mosgiel congregation and the whole of the Dunedin Methodist Parish to Wendy, Philip, Cindy and Rodger, and the whole family for the death of Richard Neil Thompson. We thank God for Neil's life and his commitment to our church. It is our prayer that God would grant upon you and everyone who grieves comfort and hope during this period of mourning.

**SOCIAL CONVENER** Cam Weston's initiative in organising a visit to FLETCHER HOUSE at Broad Bay was greatly appreciated by approx a doz. Mornington folks last Sunday afternoon. The significance of the grand old house is that it was the first built by



James Fletcher (1909) following his arrival in Dunedin from Kirkintilloch, Scotland, the year before. As such it stands as the beginning of the Fletcher building dynasty, which has left an indelible mark on the changing face of New Zealand ever since. The house was built for the local storekeeper, Herbert Green, and it stands today practically untouched yet lovingly maintained. Local guide Trish Wilson showed us round, a house with original wall paper, tiny bedrooms, coal range, open fires with paneled surrounds, doulton table ware, well worn carpet squares, fancy pottery, period kitchenalia and many many



reminders of a by-gone age. For all of us it was a step back in time. A little nostalgia does none of us any harm and maybe serves as a reminder

of how plush are our modern homes, and how convenient and comfortable our lives by comparison with our Otago forebears.

Photos: 1. Cam relaxes in the drawing room. 2. Fireplace, tile surround and bellows. 3. Boys bedroom. 4. Quality Royal Doulton table setting.



# INVITATION

THE OTAGO TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY TRUST BOARD IS PLEASED TO ADVISE  
THAT A

PUBLIC WELCOME AND INDUCTION SERVICE FOR REV. OLIVIA DAWSON  
TO THE OTAGO TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY TEAM

WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2018 AT 7.30PM

VENUE THE VALENTINE ROOM – ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE – 333 LEITH STREET  
DUNEDIN

FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

## YOU ARE INVITED

ENQUIRIES TO PAUL TREBILCO 03 473 9628 OR GREG HUGHSON 027 212 1048  
[www.otago.ac.nz/chaplain](http://www.otago.ac.nz/chaplain)



### STORY FROM THE MISSION

#### Milton Client Support Worker:

Keira a single mother of one, was referred to the service by a friend, concerned that Keira had been isolating herself as a result of mental health challenges she was facing. Keira's initial perspective was that she could not see any positives in her life other than her daughter; her family relationships were strained, friendships seemed to be one-way only, and Keira was on a fixed income and under considerable financial pressure.

The work involves supporting Keira to identify specific aspects of her life in which she felt a change could be made, to identify what those changes might look like, and to provide encouragement for Keira to take those first steps towards a better future.

During the course of our work together, Keira began to make these small changes in her life, which helped her to develop a more optimistic outlook not only on her circumstances, but also in her ability to make choices for a positive change. At the conclusion of the service, Keira told me that her family relationships had improved, she had recently gotten back in touch with old friends, her debts were reduced and she'd been interviewed for a job, and her general outlook on life had improved greatly.



## **CHANGE**

Since we shifted from Christchurch to Port Chalmers 18 months ago, John and I have been adjusting to

many changes in our lives with varying degrees of success. Now that I've joined the honourable company of the 'retired', I have more time to ponder and wonder and watch the people and other forms of life I encounter. Small things delight me. A fat wood pigeon balancing on the powerlines sways precariously. The changing tides and differing colours of the harbour, flocks of seabirds and occasional shipping movements, from small yachts to occasional tankers, along with accompanying tugboats, viewed from our kitchen window provide an endless source of fascination.

However, the rate of change can sometimes alarm us. When I talk with other 'oldies' we often commiserate about how difficult we find it to deal with the pace of technology. We struggle to make sense of our new

‘smart phones’ and computers which are now essential adjuncts to communication, and when we ring a help line we are even more confused. My favourite response is to say something like *‘I’m old and disabled and I need you to slow down!’* It works at the time but it’s not how I really want to see myself!

In church we sometimes look back nostalgically to the old favourite hymns, but when I actually read the words in those hymns when I’m planning worship I realise that we’ve come a very long way since the days when ‘men’ included women and ‘brother’ included sister as well. I can sing ‘Amazing Grace with gusto but do I really want to call myself a ‘wretch’? My favourite solution – old tune/new words can be helpful, but echoes of the old words persist!

Currently our gospel readings are taken from the sixth chapter of Mark. It’s a very busy period for Jesus and the disciples –it moves along at a dizzying pace with events tumbling on top of each other. It begins with Jesus being rejected by the people of his home town. He then calls the 12 disciples and sends them out in pairs, casting out demons and healing the sick. After the grisly interlude of John the Baptist’s beheading, we return to feeding the five thousand, Jesus walking on water and finally, more healings of the sick.

I’ve been wondering what it must have been like for the disciples as they followed along behind, trying desperately to keep up. How did they deal with the pace of change? Apparently they didn’t always do very well, as Jesus rebuked them for their lack of understanding and faith on several occasions.

So where does this leave us in our sceptical age? How can we adjust the beliefs and faith we grew up with to the new and bewildering world we now live in? Can we find a different perspective?

Recently we've been watching a TV series called 'One Strange Rock'. It's based on reflections by former astronauts as they've looked at earth from space. What comes through strongly is that, from space, there are no boundaries between peoples apart from the natural ones. We are one human race who must learn to get along with one another peacefully.

For many years I've told myself, when I find myself in conflict, to 'find your compassion'. I wasn't sure where that phrase came from but a Google search identified it in a speech by Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, a Muslim teacher who has worked to heal relationships between Muslim and Western communities in the aftermath of 9/11. 'He founded the Cordoba Initiative, a non-partisan international organization that works to provide innovative solutions to conflict between Muslim and Western communities. In this speech, Imam Faisal Abdul Rauf combines the teachings of the Qur'an, the stories of Rumi, and the examples of Muhammad and Jesus, to demonstrate that only one obstacle stands between each of us and absolute compassion — ourselves'

In 1993, John and I shared this favourite song/circle dance with family and friends at our wedding: *Maybe this is the healing, that we share this feeling, and find a compassionate love, passing from my heart to yours, passing from my heart to yours, passing from my heart to yours...*

Marcia Hardy