



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

12th August 2018

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 19th August

9.30 am	Mornington	C Gibson
10.00 am	Mosgiel	R Masterton
11.00 am	Glenaven	D Poultney
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

Dates to remember:

15 August	7.30 pm	Open Education (meal at 6pm), Mornington Church
19 August	2.30 pm	Dunedin Musical Society concert, Mornington Church
22 August	2.00 pm	Dunedin MWF, Mornington Church Lounge

OPEN EDUCATION: A GLIMPSE INTO THE WORLD OF MODERN ISLAM

On Wednesday, 7.30pm at the Mornington Methodist Church, Galloway Street, Paul Gourlie speaks about modern Islam as he has known it in Dunedin, and his work with the growing community of Syrian refugees. Don't miss this important talk (koha \$5). As usual, there will be a pre-talk meal at 6pm, catered by Judy Russell (\$15). Sign in for the meal by tomorrow (ring 455 3727). Profits will all go to supporting the refugee group—a significant interfaith outreach to people who have lost almost everything but their lives, and now seek to build a new life here among us.

DUNEDIN MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERT Sunday 19th August 2.30pm at Mornington Methodist Church. Featuring the Rare Byrds with Renaissance and Baroque songs and instrumental music. Also Jenny Whitaker and Jan Harrington-Versteeg singing duets by Mendelssohn, Bach, Handel and Mozart. All welcome. cost \$2

DUNEDIN METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP at MORNINGTON The August Meeting will take place on Wednesday the 22nd of August in the Church Lounge at 2 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Dr. David Fielding & his subject will be "Child health and child labour in Africa". Everyone welcome to come along & hear this interesting, but unbelievable to us, talk. (David is a Member of the CWS Board). Please remember The Fellowship of the Least Coin & because we are now into our new year - our Subscriptions are due.

AN INDUCTION is always a very special occasion, and the service marking the commencement of DAVID POULTNEY'S ministry in our Parish was special in a number of ways. David did not come alone, but was accompanied by a significant number of people from his own congregation in Nelson, but also from the Nelson Marlborough West Coast District. These people acted as sponsors, and witnessed to the affection in which he has been held in his previous appointment.

District Superintendent Peter Taylor presided, and the preacher was Andrew Doubleday, a Christchurch presbyter who began his journey in ministry from Mornington. Then there were the Parish Stewards on behalf of us all, pledging respect, loyalty and friendship. Then there were US the people of the Parish, some of us presenting symbolic gifts to David, emblems of the richness of ministry. It was a satisfying induction, with thanks to all who helped to make it so.

PHOTOS: a. Peter Taylor charges David with the responsibilities of parish ministry. b. David in more informal garb, with Peter Taylor, Andrew Doubleday and Parish Stewards John Hardy and Dale Meredith.





OPEN LECTURE - 15th ANNUAL PEACE LECTURE

Can we think our way to peace? **Dr Rachael Kohn** of *The Spirit of Things*, Australian Broadcasting Corporation. **St David Lecture Theatre, Monday 20 August, 6.15-7.30pm**

Supper to follow at All Saints' Anglican Church Hall, 786 Cumberland St.

Please share this event via Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/events/673980249629904/>

Further information: Rev Greg Hughson University Chaplain
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Dunedin Methodist Parish
April - June 2018

Income

Offerings

Glenaven	1,301.32
Mornington	13,634.80
Mosgiel	3,144.80

Glenaven Property 3,900.00

Rental Income 12,240.00

Other Income 957.23

35,178.15

Expenses

Ministry 21,225.33

Ministry Rental 5,600.00

Removal Fund 275.01

Connexional Budget 1,836.00

Property Expenses 6,825.99

Other Expenses 2,084.61

Conference 0.00

37,846.94



STORY FROM THE MISSION

Ōtepoti Youth Transition House: It been a busy month at the YTH. We have had one resident move on to other accommodation in the community and we have welcomed our first young man to the house who has settled in very well. Everyone has been on school holidays recently so lots of baking, outings, family visits and relaxing has been

happening. There has also been plenty of time to look for suitable accommodation in the community. It has proven very challenging for those not yet 18 but we have made a good connection with a willing property owner and are hoping this will result in something suitable coming along soon. Our Client Support Worker has been supporting the residents with their rental applications and accompanying them on flat visits. We have had some visitors from local agencies; Mackenzie from Te Hou Ora Whanau Services, Jen from Otago Youth Wellness Trust and Jude one of the public Health Nurses offering support for our residents. Chris from Victim Support and Danni at the Otago Polytechnic called with enquiries about how their clients could get on the waiting list.

Dunedin Little Citizens Client Support Work Following a visit to her GP, during which she was given contact details for the service, Ripeka, a single mother of a teenager, self-referred. She explained that she was looking for advocacy in regard to her health conditions. The work with Ripeka focussed on supporting her to build her knowledge and confidence in advocating for her needs with several health professionals. During the time we were working together Ripeka was also able to use these skills in her personal relationships.

At the conclusion of the service Ripeka reflected that the biggest change had been in her perception of her own ability to navigate situations; during the course of the service situations had occurred where her initial thought had been to ask for my support, but she had managed them herself.

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.



HOMELESSNESS

Recently, two items on homelessness in two New Zealand cities, Rotorua and Manukau city, appeared on the TV news on the same evening. It was thought-provoking to hear how the problem was being dealt with in each case.

The report from Rotorua revealed that a shelter for homeless people was to be shut down because it had opened without the proper consents being obtained and the person in charge was warned that he would be liable for a \$200,000 fine if he kept it open and allowed people to sleep in it. Previously the building had been deemed unsafe and, while the homeless were permitted to use the building as a shelter, they were not allowed to sleep there in case there was a fire or another emergency. Incredibly, security guards were employed to go around and wake people up throughout the night! While a Council needs to have some regulations to protect its citizens, it was disappointing that the Rotorua Council did not find a solution other than that of returning the homeless to the streets.

The other report, from Manukau City, described how a large modern busy bus station, which was empty overnight, was to be opened for a number of homeless persons overnight, from 10 pm until 7 am. Mattresses would be supplied and the Salvation Army would assist with supervision and the provision of breakfast.

One could also consider whether legislation on building requirements following the earthquakes has made it unnecessarily difficult for people to obtain cheaper accommodation. There are several older buildings in Dunedin where cheap rooms could be rented but the owners are unable to let them because they do not meet the safety requirements. An

obvious question might be: Is a person more likely to die through a building collapsing in an earthquake or through becoming ill sleeping rough in the middle of winter? Would a change in legislation to allow people to sign a waiver, indicating that they understand that they enter the building at their own risk, help them to access affordable accommodation?

The number of people sleeping in cars or in the outdoors is growing and the situation is a concern right here in Dunedin. The Night Shelter, which now admits women as well as men, is the only emergency accommodation in the city. The Manager recently wrote: “Our clients are leaving here to live in cars, moving to other towns in the hope of finding accommodation or going back on the streets.”

The compassion of a society could be measured in the way it cares for its most vulnerable members. We need more creative and sensible ways of providing shelter, one of the most basic of human needs, for a growing number of people in our city and our country. Ultimately, it is to be hoped all will be adequately housed but, in the meantime, maybe there could be a more practical emergency provision available, linking up the homeless and empty buildings as is being done in Manukau City.

Marjorie Spittle