



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

18th August 2019

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 25th August 2019

9.30 am	Mornington	H Watson White
10.00 am	Mosgiel	D Poultney
11.00 am	Glenaven	M Hardy
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

18 August	2.30 pm	Dunedin Musical Society Concert
21 August	3.30 pm	Alison Phipps Rent and Refuge
28 August	2.00 pm	Mornington Women's Fellowship
8 September	Coming Up	Mosgiel Church AGM

DUNEDIN MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERT

2.30pm, Sunday, 18 August, at Mornington Methodist Church.

Items include piano, piano trio, singer, and another chamber group. Come and hear some beautiful music.

All welcome. Adults \$2, children free.

ONE OF THE MOST COMPELLING SPEAKERS

It has been our pleasure to hear at Mornington was PROFESSOR ALISON PHIPPS from Glasgow

University. Her address on Tuesday night was REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND THE ARTS OF HOSPITALITY - a bit of a mouthful, but there was nothing heavy or cumbersome about Alison the person as she made a passionate appeal on behalf of the refugees of the world, and speaking out of the unique and special hospitality accorded to desperate refugees fortunate enough to have found their way from stricken Arab and African countries to Scottish "hospitality and protection" in Glasgow.



To quote from the promotional blurb Alison Phipps addresses deal with the "compatibility of faith-based teaching, prayer and obedience" to grapple with "the realities of societies in the grip of fear. Using poetry, liturgy and story," her talks "take a journey into the public square and back into the recesses of the spirit."

Alison Phipps speaks again in the Burns 5 Lecture Theatre OU, next Wednesday August 21, 3.30pm. Her subject *Rent and Refuge: Scotland's street-wise history of sanctuary and solidarity.* All Welcome.

IS GOD GREEN-AND WHAT ABOUT US?

An exploration of human responsibility in the care of the Earth.

Rev Dr Selwyn Jeoman, Presbyterian Minister

Thursday 22 August, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm,

Burns 7, Arts/Burns Building, Albany Street, University of Otago

MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 28th August at 2pm in the Church Lounge.

Professor Gibson is our guest speaker and will tell us of Beatrix Potter's poetry.

All men and women are welcome to join us for this interesting session followed by afternoon tea and discussion.

Please remember the Fellowship of the least coin collection.

MOSGIEL METHODIST CHURCH AGM

To be held Sunday 8th September. ALL REPORTS MUST BE IN BY 30th August. This will be followed by Lunch at "WEAVERS" 12:15pm

Please sign list at church or phone 489 7663. Thank you

COMING UP – GOING DEEPER INTO THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Dr Deborah Bower, Director, SoulScape

Friday 6 September, 7:00pm – 9:00pm and Saturday 7 September, 9:00am-12.30pm

Elim Church, 67 Harrow Street, Dunedin

Each Course costs \$20. Please register online at www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation



DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH EXPENDITURE:**Dunedin Methodist Parish
April - June 19****Income**

Offerings

Glenaven	1,348.99
Mornington	12,150.50
Mosgiel	1,693.40
St Kilda	0.00

Glenaven Property 3,900.00

Rental Income 6,630.00

Other Income 966.30

26,689.19	26,689.19
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Expenses

Ministry 20,951.86

Ministry Rental 0.00

Removal Fund 270.00

Connexional Budget 1,836.00

District Expenses 0.00

Property Expenses 4,034.40

Other Expenses 1,543.10

Conference 0.00

28,635.36	28,635.36
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SOCIAL EVENT**Sunday September 1st at 1.00 pm**

Join in a visit to the Port Chalmers Maritime Museum, 19 Beach Street Port Chalmers.

The plan is to meet at the museum at 1:00p.m.looking at the collection plus items relating to the history on Methodism in the area.

Donald Phillipps has kindly supplied background information for those interested. After visiting the facility we are to share a hot drink at the home of Marcia and John Hardy in Port Chalmers.

Please bring a nibble to share with the drink.

Please advise Cam 021 995 130 or 4545600 if you are intending to come.

Milton:

Client Support

Bruce was referred the service via the Milton Community Health Trust. Bruce is terminally ill - he has been through the same cancer before and had been in remission for 4 years when the cancer returned. It has not responded to treatment, so the decision was made to end treatment.

Bruce was wanting to get everything in order while he is still well.

The need for service for Bruce was in information-seeking; finding which entitlements and supports are available for Bruce and his partner. He also wanted information on completing his Will. Bruce was initially overwhelmed and did not know where to start.

At the final office visit, Bruce had arranged and completed required home assessments, had engaged with Hospice to get support to complete his Will and spoken with the bank to have his Kiwi save released. Bruce is now planning a holiday.

Corrections:

Literacy and Numeracy:

One of my recent students said that he truly appreciates the time we spend with them – that we work to help them understand rather than just deliver material in the ‘traditional’ way. He, and many others, always struggled with school and training as the material was not delivered at their pace or in a language that they could easily understand.

He felt that it helped to make a genuine change in his life, and that he had developed some new skills and self-confidence as a result.

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.



Let us Now Praise Not So Famous Women

Adapted from a talk given to the Mornington MWF AGM

In the *Book of Ecclesiasticus* there is the exhortation “*Let us now praise famous men.*” It is an enduring discrepancy in many faith communities that a majority of participants are women and these groups need the effort, generosity and time of women to survive but it is men who are to the fore in leadership and in the memory of the faith.

I want to share with you two stories of women pioneers, one Jewish one Christian. The first woman to be ordained as a rabbi and the first woman ordained a priest in the Anglican Communion.

Regina Jonas was born in Berlin in 1902. She grew up a poor, mostly Jewish, neighbourhood. Early on, Regina Jonas felt her rabbinic vocation. Her passion for Jewish history, Bible and Hebrew was apparent even at high school. She grew up, unlike most German Jews who belonged to Reform or Liberal Synagogues, in an Orthodox one and in identifying and talking about her sense of call would have had no precedent or example to draw on.

In 1924, she matriculated at the *Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums*, founded in Berlin in 1872. This liberal institution admitted women as students but Jonas was the only woman who hoped to be ordained as a rabbi. All her fellow women students were studying for an academic teacher's degree.

Soon thereafter, the Principal who admitted her and agreed to ordain her died and his successor proved unwilling to ordain a woman. As a

result, Regina Jonas graduated only as religious teacher. In the following years, she taught religion at several girls' schools in Berlin, where she was known to be a very popular and committed teacher.

In 1933, the workload for Jewish teachers increased tremendously, since the students who had to leave public schools due to antisemitism not only needed Jewish knowledge, but also needed to learn to be proud of their Jewish heritage. Nevertheless, Jonas continued to pursue ordination. Finally, in 1935, Rabbi Max Dienemann executive director of the *Liberaler Rabbinerverband* (Conference of Liberal Rabbis) agreed to the ordination.

Only a few years of rabbinic work in Berlin were granted to Regina Jonas. She herself put a strong emphasis on her pastoral work, visiting the sick in the Jewish Hospital and caring for those elderly whose economic situation was becoming more desperate. In 1940 and 41 she preached in several cities in northern Germany. In 1942 Regina Jonas and her mother were deported to Theresienstadt. There she worked alongside the psychoanalyst Viktor Frankl and her fellow Rabbi Leo Baeck in counselling prisoners. She would meet women off the trains who arrived terrified and would offer support to Jew and Gentile alike. She continued to teach and lead worship as best as she could.

On October 12, 1944, she and her mother were deported to Auschwitz and probably killed the same day. Before her deportation to Theresienstadt she had the foresight to give her papers to the Jewish archive in Berlin. After the war this was in the Eastern Zone and it was inaccessible to researchers until German reunification. In that time her story was forgotten. It was only when these archives were open that her story could be told, sadly Baeck and Frankl, both of whom survived, made no mention of her in their writing after the War.

Florence Lee Tim Oi was born in Hong Kong in 1907 and in 1931 responded to a sermon at the ordination service of deaconesses which encouraged women to give their lives in service and ministry. She was

ordained a deaconess in 1941 and served in what was then the Portuguese colony of Macau.

This was a tumultuous time in China, Japan had invaded and occupied much of the country, including Hong Kong. However as Portugal treated Macau as a neutral territory. However it was impossible for people not resident in Macau to travel there, the Bishop of Hong Kong, who had jurisdiction over Macau took the unprecedented step of ordaining her as a priest IN 1944 despite his own personal reluctance about women's ordination, to ensure the sacramental life of Anglicans in Macau could continue. When informed of this the Archbishop of Canterbury conveyed his personal understanding of the situation yet felt compelled to publically condemn the action.

After the War her position became an anomaly, she had like many women entered into what was regarded as men's work and when men returned she felt compelled to step back. She never renounced her orders but did not exercise them again until the Anglican Church in Hong Kong officially approved the ordination of women in 1971.

In later life she lived first in the United States and then Canada, where she died in 1992. She is venerated in the calendar of saints in the Anglican Church in Canada and the Episcopalian Church in the United States.

Let us remember their stories, be moved by their courage and faith and let us nurture a community which affirms each and every one.