

# DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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## PARISH BULLETIN

17th November 2019

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

9.30am	Mornington	D Phillipps
10.00am	Mosgiel	D Poultney
11.00am	Glenaven	D Phillipps
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Mosgiel Leaders Meeting 7pm (Mosgiel Church)  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Mornington MWF 2pm (Mornington Church)

## EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ALL BULLETIN NOTICES / ORDER OF SERVICES



Please note that we have had a change to the email address for all bulletin notices and Order of Services. This is due to a team of administrators sharing the role of Parish Administrator. Please update your records to [bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz](mailto:bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz)

## RELOCATION OF DAVID POULTNEY'S OFFICE

David is now based on Oxford Street at The Mission Oxford Street Offices, his office is near the King Edward Road end of Oxford Street. Visiting the building is a little complex and parking nearby is in short supply. If you would like to visit please advise David beforehand and he will meet you outside the building and bring you in.



## DAVID POULTNEY– OUT OF TOWN

From Friday afternoon to Saturday evening David will be at a meeting of GLAM (Gay, Lesbian and Methodist) in Christchurch. This is a national network of GLBTIG people in the MCNZ

**MOSGIEL METHODIST CHURCH LEADER'S MEETING** to be held in the church lounge on **Tuesday 19 November at 7pm.**

## MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday 27th November at 2pm at the Mornington Methodist Church.**

To celebrate the Christmas Season the Women's fellowship have planned an afternoon tea of Christmas treats.

Our special guests are Celia Cannon, ballerina and Robyn Abernathy and Lynley Kloogh, singers. All church members are invited to join us. Please come and enjoy the wonderful talents of our church family as we prepare for Christmas.

## **DUDO CULTURE FOR DISABLED – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Rita and Zoe are two third year Occupational Therapy students from Otago Polytechnic. We are currently doing our project with Budo Culture for Disabled. Budo Culture for Disabled is a Dunedin-based non-profit martial art school, which offers classes for people with a range of disabilities. Budo has been a great platform for the participants and their families to learn new life skills and make connections in the community. The lack of volunteers is their constant struggle. They are looking for people to help out in their Saturday morning classes from 10:30am (through to 12:30pm optional). Although some degree in martial art knowledge/background is a bonus, patience and willingness to help is the key, since the volunteer organisers and even the participants are supportive and they will provide training! If you are interested, please contact Rita on 0210 837 4277 or Lee Hart on 027 738 6012.

## **WEST PAPUA LIBERATION REPORT**

### **LATEST NEWS** - *Moves to engage Journalists in the West Papua Struggle*

Pacific Media Centre director Professor David Robie has condemned the Australian and New Zealand governments and mainstream media for their “deafening silence” over the West Papua crisis.

Speaking in the pre-conference keynote for next month’s Melanesian Media Freedom Forum (MMFF) at Griffith University, Professor David Robie, said Canberra and Wellington needed to get behind the Vanuatu-led Pacific initiatives on West Papuan self-determination or face growing insecurity in the region.

He told the audience – which included experienced “Pacific hands” – that the 1969 UN-mandated plebiscite on the future of West Papua was a sham and that a fresh vote was urgently required.

Dr Robie described the mainstream commercial media’s reporting of recent protests in Papua as “shameful.” Dozens of people have been killed and many thousands forced to flee over the past three

months as Indonesian military and police clashed with Papuan demonstrators.

Dr Robie said some Pacific media were doing a better job of covering the crisis than mainstream Australian and NZ news organisations.

He also said it was embarrassing that international news agencies were doing a better job of covering something “right on our own doorstep”. He spoke about the principles of “human rights journalism” as a guiding framework for covering conflicts in the region.

He commended specific journalists and media practitioners who have incorporated this into their work and “stuck their necks out in defence of a free press.”

“It takes serious guts to do so in the Pacific.”

During his keynote, Dr Robie presented a “wish list” for journalist action, including pressing for an impartial investigation into cases of arbitrary arrest and impunity in West Papua; open access to news workers, diplomats and human rights advocates; and a new independent plebiscite on West Papuan self-determination.

After his speech, Dr Robie unfurled the West Papuan flag of independence – the *Morning Star* – and wrapped it around himself, saying: “Journalists really need to decide where they stand in relation to the issue.”

The room of journalists, academics and activists then came up to the front and joined Dr Robie around the flag.

<https://asiapacificreport.nz/2019/10/29/pmc-director-blasts-politicians-media-over-shameful-silence-over-papua-rights-violations/>



## **STORY FROM THE MISSION**

### **Milton Little Citizens**

We celebrated Māori language week introducing some more kupu into the programme, and sharing of Māori legends and stories with the children. Tamariki are becoming familiar with some te reo Maori vocabulary and some commonly used phrases and using this in conversations.

As a centre we have started working towards getting a Healthy Heart award. Sarah is overseeing this process working with our cook and the teaching team.

Tamariki have been challenging themselves physically and we have introduced a trapeze swing to extend on their skills. We are in the process of selecting more equipment to purchase to enable further development of physical skills and competence. Tamariki are exploring their ideas and working theories, expanding their knowledge through their play and interactions with others.

The interest in doctor and vet role play continues and caring of the baby dolls. Through their play, children are learning to recognise feelings, both their own and others, and discovering how to respond to these feelings.

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## FACING THE FUTURE:



We are about to enter a new age of technology within our church community by taking on the challenge of 'Online Streaming' of worship services and educational events to the outside world. What this may mean for worship leaders and people who will need to work our technology is yet to be fully comprehended. On Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September Colin and Rod travelled through to Alexandra to meet with the Rev Andrew Howley to see first-hand their Online streaming procedures. They are presently streaming educational material to a small community in both Roxburgh and Lawrence. It is our hope to build a good relationship with Andrew so we might co-operate not only with their present programme but seek to build into the Queenstown area with worship resources and good quality educational materials. So with some exciting challenges ahead of us as a community I am suggesting we will need a common worship formula and framework to guide how we focus and deliver worship not only for our community but seeking to develop worship experiences for people viewing through TVs at home or hopefully with a small gathering of people to make up a living community in outlying areas of our country and globe or in places like hospital or prisons.

## The four pillars of integral life practice —

Wake Up, Grow Up, Clean Up, and Show Up — all have something to do with our capacity to recognize and exert our free will:

1. **“Waking up”** is a way to reveal the opportunity for creative choice in every moment, helping us recognize the creative potential beyond the limiting parameters of our accumulated Knowledge and wisdom. Prayer and meditation are important in helping us wake up.
2. **“Growing up”** helps us discern more possible choices, to understand the moral/ethical impact of those choices, and to align our creative choices with our deepest felt purpose, thereby increasing the overall quality and impact of our choices. Here listening and seeing good quality spiritual literature and artistic material is very important.
3. **“Cleaning up”** helps liberate our choices from our own hidden biases, allergies, addictions, and other behaviour patterns. Brokenness is part of our world. Breaking Bread and learning to forgive help build and renew community. All of these determine our overall capacity to be able to make a difference in our wider community.
4. **“Show up”** and make truly creative, skilful, and appropriate choices in our lives, our relationships, our careers, so that our world is improved and made better for future generations.

Each of these pillars of practice have a profound and lasting effect upon our ability to overcome our habituations and find novel ways to exert our free will in the direction of increasing goodness, truth, and beauty. How might they shape our worship? Watch this and other spaces, as we explore developing creative, on-line live streaming. Let's look forward to further conversation in the future.

Rod Mitchell.