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## PARISH BULLETIN

15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 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 17<sup>th</sup> December – Mosgiel Social Event 7pm (Mosgiel Church)  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Walking sing along – 6pm (start Mornington Church)

**MOSGIEL CHURCH FAMILY** you are invite to our Christmas social event Tuesday 17th December 7pm to 9pm in the church. Please bring a party plate.

**FOR ALL, FOR ANY CHURCH GROUP**, who enjoy a walk and good company and a joyous sing please join in the walking choir on Sunday 22nd December leaving from the Mornington church at 6:00p.m. Using vehicles we will travel to Summerset to serenade the Pearces with our lovely voices then returning to the church via Eglington Road before walking to residences to sing joyfully to appreciative Church members. Please advise Cam on either 454 5600 or 021 995 130 if wishing to be part of the choir or if you would like a visit to your house. Please disguise yourself with some Christmas decoration if an effort to travel incognito.



**MOSGIEL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** afternoon tea held at Village Green Sunnyvale was enjoyed by those who attended. We were pleased to be able to share this with the Rev David.





## THE LATE CLAIRE MCLEOD

Claire McLeod died on the evening of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a private family farewell at a convenient time.

Claire with her husband late husband Neil were both Local Preachers for many years and Claire was a Parish Steward in the '70's. Coming from Alexandra in the late 60's the family attended Trinity until the closing of the congregation. Claire and Neil transferred to Dunedin South where Claire took an active leadership role as well as providing Sunday School material at the combined monthly service with the Tongan congregation. Claire served on the Parish Council until she could no longer get around easily. Claire was also a volunteer for the Mission by being actively involved in their Goodwill Stores and baking for the Friendship Centre. Their home was one of hospitality to newcomers to the city church and soup was delivered frequently from her kitchen when there was illness.

## WARM GREETINGS FROM THE THEOLOGY PROGRAMME

There's always something wonderful coming up in the programme. Check out the information below to find out more information about what's in the pipeline.

### ➤ **New webpage for Home-Educated Year 13 Students**

The Theology Programme welcomes home-schooled Year 13 students to try studying theology. Homeschoolers can take introductory theology papers or study Ancient Greek and Hebrew. Find out more;

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/distance/for-home-educated-students/index.html>

➤ **Semester 1, 2020 January Intensive: Theology and Mental Health Paper.** More Information:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/index.html?papercode=PAST307#2020> or

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/index.html?papercode=MINS405#2020>

Intensive Dates: 27-31 January

This paper will be taught by Prof John Swinton (University of Aberdeen). This paper will cover topics such as depression and anxiety, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, psychosis, and dementia. This paper promises to be a valuable experience wrestling with significant pastoral concerns that many counsellors, pastors, chaplains and health professionals face every day.

➤ **2020 Theology papers!** The list is now available at:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/>

It's never too early to register for an upcoming paper. If you've got questions about any of the items mentioned here, please contact us at [theology@otago.ac.nz](mailto:theology@otago.ac.nz) or +64 3 479 8639 .

## **STORIES 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.

Tamariki have been challenging themselves physically and we have introduced a trapeze swing to extend on their skills.

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.

### **Short Course – Driver License for ABLE**

A group of men who have literacy, memory and processing needs, are taking the opportunity to learn road code theory and practice test questions in preparation to sit their Learner Licence.

At this stage we have completed eight sessions. In this time there has been measureable progress in the skills and knowledge of the students. For example, at the start the men were able to sit and focus for 10 questions in one go. (The requirement is 35 questions.) As of this week, they have all twice completed 35 questions in one go. The pass mark for the Learner Licence test is 32 or more out of 35 questions, or 91%.

During the first weeks the scores were around 60% – 70%. Scores have improved, and this week were from 82% - 91.4%. While the facilitator still provides support and guidance for some answers (to maintain positivity and morale, and to teach certain points or strategies) they have noticed that the students are remembering answers to questions they have come across before, and improving their strategies for thinking through possible answers. Some of their strengths include visual literacy (understanding road signs for example), determination, perseverance, and humour.

### **Client Support Work - Dunedin**

Molly, a single mother of three in her early twenties, contacted the Service in regard to a dispute with MSD over her benefit entitlements. From our initial phone conversation, Molly's methodical, thoughtful approach to finding solutions for her situation was evident; at that



stage, there was nothing directly that Molly could do to influence the machinery of MSD to work, and so she instead used her energy and ingenuity to develop strategies and options which could support her family in the event that MSD did not act as rapidly as she needed.

Throughout the Service, Molly demonstrated her resilience and problem-solving, as well as her focus on the wellbeing of her children. She remained patient through the process of waiting for a resolution, developing several contingencies for possible outcomes. Supported by the Service, Molly was able to advocate for herself during her interactions with representatives from MSD and eventually gain a positive outcome.

**If you would like to support the Mission's work with a donation, please visit [www.givealittle.co.nz](http://www.givealittle.co.nz) and search for The Methodist Mission**



### Services at Mornington for December 2019–January 2020

Date	Time	Venue	Leaders
1 December (1st Advent)	9.30 am	St. Marys	
8 December (2nd Advent)	9.30 am	Mornington (with St Mary's congregation)	Rod Mitchell
8 December (2nd Advent)	7 pm	Mornington (combined Mornington churches' Carol Service)	Rod Mitchell and choirs
15 December (3rd Advent)	9.30 am	Mornington (Choir's Christmas Music programme)	Rod Mitchell and Colin Gibson
22 December (4th Advent)	9.30 am	Mornington	Donald Phillips
24 December	10.30 pm	Glenaven (Christmas Eve)	David Poultney and Rod Mitchell
25 December	10 am	Mornington (combined with Glenaven)	Rod Mitchell
29 December	10 am	Mosgiel (combined Parish)	David Poultney
5th January	9.30 am	Mornington	David Poultney
12 January	9.30 am	St. Mary's	
19 January	9.30 am	Mornington Presbyterian	
26 January	9.30 am	Mornington	

