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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 28 June 2020

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 24th June 2.00 pm Mornington MWF AGM Mornington Church

ON WORSHIP AT LEVEL ONE

We rejoice that we can Worship and gather together in comparative normality. Yet as we recall that there have been two cases of Covid 19 following a breach in quarantine procedure we must remember this apparent normality is a fragile thing.

Knowing that some people do not yet feel they can return to Church and that some of you who have done feel uncomfortable about holding hands in the Grace I would strongly advise that for the time being we share the Grace without holding hands. Likewise the Peace should be contactless, or indeed omitted, at this time. However low the risk might be our rituals should never be a stumbling block or a source of a needless discomfort.

David

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday 24th June 2020 at 2pm
in the Mornington Methodist Church**

The meeting will be held in the Church and the Rev David Poultney will chair and address the meeting. All members of the Fellowship are invited to attend. Due to the recent Covid 19 crisis it has been decided that our usual social afternoon tea will **NOT** be held after the meeting.

At the AGM we will discuss how and when these afternoon teas will resume for future meetings.

STORY FROM THE MISSION

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One resident that we had in the house during the lock down has now moved out and living in a flatting situation. He was basically skipping out of the house with a big smile on his face and the change in attitude from when he started at the house and up until he left was amazing. He opened right up and appeared confident and content with where he was at and what the future held for him. Before he left he cooked the staff a meal as a show of appreciation. He has been in touch since leaving and his mood is the same as when he left.

On the day he left we had another resident move into the house. She has been an excellent addition to the house. She is of Maori (Kai Tahu), Samoan and Pakeha decent. She is 17 years of age and has been through a lot during her young age. Her mother died 8 months ago which can be a very traumatic experience for anyone let alone a 17 year old. On top of this, she was responsible for her mother's care for 18 months prior to her passing. Coupled with this she has no real family support and is entirely on her own. Up until coming to the house she has been in various emergency housing situations. When I went to pick her up from her last residence (a motel) there were 30 gang members out in the driveway. As you can imagine she was very happy to leave that motel and come to the house. Upon seeing her room at the house she started crying and stated that the last time she had her bed made for her was by her mother before she passed. She has been at the house for just over a week and the change is obvious. She is laughing, smiling, positive and engages well with others.

We have also had another resident start at the house. He is a young Maori male of Kai Tahu decent aged 18. He is very quiet and has a strong belief in god and the scriptures (he went to a Seventh Day Adventist boarding school in Palmerston North). Once he joined the

house and we had completed the paper work, he went to meet and chat with the other resident. After an hour or so I went to check up on them in the lounge and they were playing monopoly and laughing together.

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Are You Ready?

WHAT: Aflame is an Otago wide youth group gathering, over two nights and one day. Aflame is about helping youth groups to reconnect and strengthen their youth groups after covid. Aflame aims to help relight a new fire of confidence and love for Jesus. Moreover, it will level up participants ability to support each other.

WHO IS THIS FOR: Aflame is for youth leaders and their youth group. This youth event is aimed at young people in school year 9 and upwards. Aflame exists to strengthen what is already going on in each church's youth ministry. We hope to only be a tool for youth ministries to use to help ignite a fire of love for Jesus amongst the youth and to encourage participants to be a catalyst for Jesus.

KEY OUTCOMES:

1. To relight their spark for Jesus
2. To fuel their purpose and calling for life
3. To build a flame of confidence to be who they are called to be
4. To equip youth with skills to champion others on in their calling

WHAT TO EXPECT:

FRIDAY EVENING: Opening night we will lay the foundation for our time together. Participants will hear two amazing stories about young people who with their spark for God changed history.

SATURDAY: Through a variety of session styles (speakers, experiments, drama, and small groups, the day will focus on discovering Jesus the flame and what it means to be a catalyst with your spark and how to fuel the spark in others.

SATURDAY EVENING: Hear about the thrill of being a flame for Christ. Discover your calling and champion others on in their calling.

WHEN: Friday 3 July and all-day Saturday 4 July 2020

WHERE: Dunedin City New Life, 48 Stafford Street, Dunedin

REGISTER: \$40 per person. Youth Leaders can register their youth group at aflame.tickets.org.nz

COLLABORATORS:

BRAVE LOVE NZ: A woman's movement, empowering women to fully surrender to Jesus and bravely walk out the specific call God has for their lives.
www.bravelovewomen.org.nz/