

# DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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## PARISH BULLETIN

15th November 2020

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2020

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Mornington Methodist Church  
 Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Spring Working Bee – 10am-12pm Mornington Church  
 Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Explorers – 4.30 pm – Mornington Church Hall  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Combined Parish Service at Otakou – 11.00 am  
 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Visit to Rev David's office – 2.00 pm

**TODAY** you are welcome to an informal pot-luck lunch at the Watson White house: 12.30 at 5 Cairnhill St, Maori Hill 9010, off Cannington Rd (which has more parking). Please bring your food already on a plate or in a box, ready to eat. Thank you, John and Helen.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held in the Mornington Methodist Church on Wednesday 18 November at 7:30pm. Please note change of date. This is the Annual General Meeting. If you have any items of business, you wish the Council to deal with please send them to the secretary Fay Richardson at [malk.com@hotmail.com](mailto:malk.com@hotmail.com)

**SPRING WORKING BEE** at Mornington church for all those who are able to help with a little tidy up of the grounds from 10 a.m. till 12 p.m. on Saturday 21st November.

**OUR EXPLORERS MEET A PERSIAN SAGE** - The final meeting of the Explorers group for the year will be held at our usual time, Sunday 22 November at 4.30pm in the Mornington church hall. Our topic will be the immensely influential writings of the Persian sage Rumi (1207-73). All are welcome to join us, and ahead of the meeting we will circulate illustrations of his work to those interested. Look up this 13th-century poet, Islamic scholar, theologian and Sufi mystic on Google and discover riches.

**MOSGIEL'S** visit to Rev Davids office Wednesday 9th December, 2pm. Please bring a small party plate as this will be our Christmas Leaders meeting as well. Transport will be provided.

### **COMBINED PARISH SERVICE AT OTAKOU** **Sunday, 29th November 2020**

Te Runanga Otakou have extended a warm welcome to the Dunedin Methodist Parish to hold its Combined Service on the fifth Sunday of this month at Otakou. The service will be in the beautiful Memorial Church at 11.00 am, and will be in 'traditional' Methodist form.

After the service we will gather in the large dining-room where we will be able to share the food we have brought with us. Te Runanga have generously offered to provide the hot drinks.

Before the meal together there will be a little speech-making – a welcome from the Otakou people, to which we will reply. Otherwise our gathering together will be fairly informal. We will need to be on the way back to Dunedin by 1.30pm.

Maori protocol makes the Memorial Church a sacred place into which food should not be taken. When you arrive, therefore, come a little early so that you can drop your supplies at the dining-hall beforehand - it's just a minute's walk away. By the way, it takes a good hour to get there from Mosgiel. The road-works on the Peninsula are usually on shut-down over the weekend.

Nearer the date we will be suggesting a Maori waiata or two that we can sing, and there may be a Maori hymn or two that will be part of the service. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. The church holds over 100 people, and possibly some of the Otakou people themselves will join with us. They have honoured our long association by naming us 'hapu' - we're part of the clan!



## **STORY FROM THE MISSION**

### **Ōtepoti YTH**

Jane came into the house aged 17. She learnt a lot of skills from her Mum who was a very hard worker. When Jane was a teenager, her mum was diagnosed with a terminal disease and she passed away. Jane was devastated and now had no-one in her life. She spiralled into a world of drugs and alcohol, couching surfing at houses wherever she could for quite some time. Youth Services became involved with Jane and found emergency temporary accommodation for her. When she came into the YTH, Jane engaged with other external support services who supported her through counselling and moving into training. This was a rocky journey and took time. As Jane was starting to turn her life around and becoming settled

and routine, she started to think about her next step around leaving YTH into independent safe accommodation. Her first step was to look for employment. She got herself a job at a chicken farm where she quickly realised that this was not the role for her. The following day, she got herself a new job in the hospital kitchen. Jane is now looking for independent accommodation which should not take her too long.

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

# 2020 Food Bank Drive

**Monday 7th Dec  
6.00 – 9.00pm**

Listen for the sirens  
in your street - please  
place your items in the  
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