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PARISH BULLETIN

3rd October 2021

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 10th October 2021

9.30 am	Mornington	Helen Watson White
10.00am	Mosgiel AGM	David Poultney
11.00am	Glenaven	Helen Watson White
	St Kilda	TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

5 October – Mosgiel Women's Fellowship @ 1.30pm
 10 October – Mosgiel Church AGM
 17 October – Mornington Church AGM after morning service
 21 October – Welcome to the Methodist Mission Administration Office

MOSGIEL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 5th October @ 1:30pm Games & Chat. In the hall lounge. All welcome.

MORNINGTON CHURCH AGM

The Mornington church AGM is planned for Sunday October 17th after the morning service.

MOSGIEL CHURCH AGM

Mosgiel AGM Sunday 10th October Followed by lunch @ Topiary Cafe please sign list if you wish to go.



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Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa

We've Moved OFFICE

We have a new home and would love for you to come and check it out!

Please join us to help celebrate with some drinks and nibbles.

Ground Floor, Auripo House 258 Stuart Street	Thursday 21st October 3.30pm - 5.30pm
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To confirm your attendance and inform us of any dietary requirements please contact Liz on:
Tel: 466 4600 - admin@mmsouth.org.nz

RSVP - Thursday 14th October



BOOKING MORNINGTON CHURCH OR LOUNGE

A reminder to avoid embarrassment for all concerned. PLEASE always check with Barbara Weavers (phone 4530344) that the building is available at the date and time you want it BEFORE advertising an event.



On Building Back Better Lessons from the Pandemic

It is much too early to write a history of the Pandemic, right now here in Aotearoa , especially in Auckland, the end seems far from clear. In some parts of the world “normality” has been declared though the virus has not gone away and the uncertainties of the Northern winter lay ahead of us.

On balance, even now, this country has had a comparatively good pandemic. However the present situation in Auckland is both instructive and unsettling. Once again an outbreak is centred in South Auckland. In an area marked by pockets of low incomes, poor and crowded and often intergenerational housing. Large sections of the population experience themselves as poorly served by the institutions of the State, including the health system. It seems now the vaccination rate is slowing down across the country, I suggest this is because the low hanging fruit has been picked. Those who would always have got the vaccination, those who were waiting for the vaccine to roll out to people of their age or health status, are now vaccinated or at least booked to be have it, or at least are booked in to the system.

Which leaves who? The vaccine sceptical, certainly, but those sceptical of the system too, those who have not engaged with the vaccination campaign. In some cases those in this country who have overstayed

their visas and fear deportation though assurances have been given that the health system will not inform on overstayers to the Immigration Service.

Almost unnoticed this week this country has lost its place at the top of a table of nations coping best with the Pandemic, a table now headed by Ireland with a clutch of smallish European nations on its tails. In fact the infection rate here is lower than any of these winners, but that is only part of the story. What the table takes into account as well as sheer numbers is equality of access to health care and social inclusion. What is clear is it is not enough for a nation to be wealthy, the United States scores poorly, it has to be wealthy and equal.

Right now there are two New Zealand's, most of us are fine. For all the masks, social distancing and hand washing we feel ok safe. And then there is part of our largest city where Covid looms large, where a member of your family, a workmate, a member of your gang indeed getting the virus almost inevitably means you will too.

If the virus takes hold outside Auckland I suspect we will see this pattern repeated, most of us will be ok, wary, anxious perhaps. However disadvantaged communities across the nation will have their disadvantage and social isolation compounded.

So what of the future? What lessons can we as a nation take forward into the future? Simply this, that inclusion matters, that a society in which all people have a stake is more resilient. Let us see if our politicians come to this conclusion too

David Poultney