



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

6th November 2011

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2011

9.30am	Mornington	S Pole
9.30 am	Mosgiel	G Preston
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole
11.00 am	Wesley	G Preston
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
4.00pm	Broad Bay	No Service

GENESIS – CUNNING PLANS AND SNEAKY TRICKS

On Sunday 13 November [Y@M](#) (Youth at Mornington) will be presenting the service at Mornington.

The service will focus on some of the outrageous stories from Genesis and will feature drama, discussion, and a new hymn by Colin Gibson. Don't miss it.

MOSGIEL MIDWEEK SERVICE

Wednesday 16th November at 2.00pm (note change of date).

This will be the last service for the year and will be a **Communion Service**.

CHRIS LAIDLAW VISIT DIARY:

Monday 7 November, The Public Square - 11.00 am - 12 noon

An expert panel answers questions on current issues. Hosted by Centre for Theology and Public Issues. Hour-long discussion with Bishop Victoria Matthews, Chris Laidlaw, Prof Robert Patman, Anne Stevens. AV Studio,

Owheo Building - and live-streamed

at: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/its/mediaproduction/streaming/mpstudio.html>.

Monday 7 November - 2.00 - 3.15 pm, Public Conversation

Chris Laidlaw in conversation with Prof Kevin Clements. **Hosted by National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies.** AV Studio, Owheo Building and live-streamed at:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/its/mediaproduction/streaming/mpstudio.html>.

Monday 7 November - 4.15 - 5.30 pm, 'Crouch, touch, pause, sponsor: Rugby - game, product, religion?

Panel discussion with Chris Laidlaw, Prof Steve Jackson, Rev Dr Kevin Ward. The Gallery, Alhambra-Union Rugby Club, Great King Street.

HEALTHY CHURCH, MISSIONAL CHURCH

A workshop held **Saturday 19 November, 2011, Lindesfarne Methodist Centre, Invercargill.** Run by Rev Nigel Hanscamp a Director of Mission Resourcing. He has been developing and running Healthy and Missional Church workshops for 5 years around New Zealand. This workshop is also run in conjunction with Trinity Methodist Theological College. Participants who are registered with the College can earn credit by attending this workshop and completing a simple assignment. For more information contact Nigel at nigel@missionresourcing.org.nz or Trinity College on www.tcol.ac.nz

"We want to have as many people as we can from the Dunedin parish to this workshop, especially for the formation of lay ministry teams around the parish". – Siosifa.



**DISTRICT METHODIST WOMENS FELLOWSHIP
AFTERNOON TEA PARTY**



**Saturday 12th November 2011
Mornington Church Hall, 2.00pm**

ROYAL OCCASION

Please bring one piece of Royal Memorabilia for display,
and is there a story to share?

Dress appropriately.

Hats, gloves and medals may be worn.

One plate per car load, please.

Tickets \$5.00 available from MWF members.



Te Hahi Weteriana - Methodist Church of NZ Conference 3-9th November 2011

Methodist Conference this year will be held in the Logan Campbell Centre, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane Rd, Auckland. There will be around 260 delegates attending.

Siosifa, Joy, Laura, Palanite, Racheal Masterton and myself will be attending from Dunedin. Please pray for us. Conference arrangements are in the hands of Vahefonua Tonga, the National Synod made up of the Tongan congregations who are part of the Methodist Church of NZ. The Conference logo is the logo of Vahefonua Tonga. This logo has four quadrants; the Bible, a scallop shell (world-wide symbol of Methodism), a map of NZ draped with the Tongan flag, and the Tongan flag. Over the logo hovers a dove with an Olive Branch. There will be a strong Tongan flavor to this years Conference !



The theme for our Conference is “Our place - God’s place”. We will be exploring a theology of place. How does the place where God has “planted us” influence our expression of the gospel? How can we share the gospel in ways which are relevant for our time and our place ?

Friday 4th will be spent in Tauwi and Taha Maori meetings before the full Conference begins with a *powhiri* on Sat 5th November. This will be followed by the Induction service for President John Roberts and Vice-President Olive Tanielu. John and Olive will be the last one-year appointments as President and VP. At this Conference we will elect our first ever President and Vice President to serve for two years (from Nov 2012). The candidates for these two year positions for President are Rev Uesifili Unasa, Rev Rex Nathan and Mr David McGeorge. The one candidate for Vice President is Jan Tasker.

During the afternoon of Saturday 5th we will listen to Rev John Bluck who will address the Conference theme. There will also be a book launch of “Kitchen theology” written by Diana Roberts. Later in the afternoon there will be a service of recognition for the Presbyters who officially retire at this Conference (Brian Turner and John Roberts) followed by a cultural evening hosted by Vahefonua Tonga.

On Sunday afternoon the ordination service begins at 10am Choirs from Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga, Wasewase ko Viti and the Auckland and Manukau Districts as well as Musos “n” Faith will enrich our worship.

On the Sunday evening I will attend the annual dinner of the Evangelical Network and Liberal Society. This provides an opportunity

each year to build and deepen friendships across the very wide theological diversity present in our Methodist Church.

Business sessions take place from Monday-Wednesday. On Monday evening Jill Hawkey will lead a session on “After the Christchurch earthquakes”. On Tuesday evening David Poultney will co-lead a session on “Hope in this time and place”.

I shall be making three presentations during Conference. The first will be a report to the Mission and Ecumenical Committee of detail (Sunday afternoon) on the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation I represented the Methodist Church of NZ at, in Jamaica during May 2011. I shall present a condensed version of this report to the whole Conference on Monday afternoon, encouraging a greater awareness within our Church of the work of the World Council of Churches, and a radical commitment to “just peace” in every area of life. On Monday morning I shall present my final report as Chairperson of the Aoteaora-NZ Tertiary Chaplains Association, to the whole Conference. I shall move the motion “That Conference affirm the importance of ongoing support for tertiary chaplaincy in Aotearoa-NZ.”

Conference Chaplains will be Lynne Wall and Mataiva Robertson. Conference will close, as always, with a Covenant Communion service. As I peruse the extensive reading material sent out to delegates to read in preparation for Conference, I have a sense of a very lively and active Church, involved in every area of life. All of the reports indicate to me that Methodist people (and others) all around our land are working hard, often under very difficult conditions to remain true to the Christian faith, and give practical contemporary expression to our faith.

The Council of Conference will be inviting our Methodist Church Conference to adopt a mission priority for 2012. This will be “Let the children live. Ending Child Poverty, child abuse and youth suicide in New Zealand”. This is a vital and commendable goal. As we consider who to vote for in the elections later this month, may we consider which political party is prioritising caring for children, and which party appears to be most committed to ending child poverty in our land.

Conference each year provides the opportunity for us to reconnect with each other, to worship God together, to be accountable to each other, to celebrate our common calling to serve God and to receive encouragement to return home to share the good news in word and deed. I’m looking forward to seeing many friends and colleagues I have not seen for a while, and returning to Dunedin with good news to share.

Rev. Greg Hughson, Otago University Chaplain