



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013

9.30am	Mornington	S Pole
9.30 am	Mosgiel	G Watson
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole
11.00 am	Wesley	G Watson
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
6.00pm	Broad Bay	No Service

**Mornington Leaders Meeting** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm in the hall.

### REQUEST FOR BAKING AND FRUIT FOR ORIENTATION WEEK

The Otago Combined Christian Groups will have a large Marquee tent on the Museum lawn on the corner of Cumberland and Albany Streets during University Orientation week (17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February). We would greatly appreciate contributions of home-baking and fresh fruit to distribute to newly arrived students, from our tent. Please bring contributions to the Upper Room Chaplaincy office on the Mezzanine floor (eastern end) of the University Union building, or bring supplies directly to our tent during the week. Further information: Aaron (021 843288), James (021 903293) or Greg (027 2121048 or 479 8497).

**EXPLORERS GROUP** - Our first meeting for the year on Sunday 24 February at 4.30pm in the Mornington Church Lounge. We will reflect on the contribution of Evan Lewis and map out some programme content for the year. Meetings are open to all who want to engage in faith exploration.

**MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The first Meeting for the year will take place on the 27th February at 2p.m. in the Church Lounge & Sunday School. Please bring along a plate of food - to share with the Members. The Guest Speaker will be Joy Clark - subject - Travels in Europe/ Home. Please remember your loose coins for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Also if you have been knitting - even on the hot days - for the Hub - please bring this/ these also - to give to Marion. All Welcome.

**MORNINGTON WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY 1 MARCH, 7.30PM**

The service this year will be held in the Mornington Presbyterian Church, Maryhill Terrace. The service was prepared by women from France. Theme: 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' The offering this year will be shared between four special projects including Hospital Chaplaincy support in New Zealand.

**SYMPATHY**

On behalf of the Wesley congregation and Dunedin Methodist Parish, I would like to convey to the family of Daphne Harmer our sympathy and condolences for her death last Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. It is our prayer that God would bestow upon you his peace and comfort in your grief.

**THANKS FROM CISS LEWIS**

Many thanks to all the people who have supported us through a very difficult time. We are grateful to all the people who contributed to an excellent service for Evan. Our thanks go to the Women's Fellowship for catering for the afternoon tea. The beautiful flowers from the congregation comforted us. Thank you also for all the cards and messages. We have been lovingly cared for by our church family. Love from Ciss, Jonathan, Jenny and family.

**STORY FROM THE MISSION**

We had a new mum come into the centre for a visit. She told the staff that she was impressed with the centre and that all her friend (who was a parent) had told her about the centre was true. Her friend had said that it had a great feel to it, that everyone was warm and welcoming and that the children enjoy their time at the centre. That was really nice to hear.



The Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board, exists to provide chaplaincy services on an ecumenical basis to the University of Otago and the Otago Polytechnic. A few years ago the Board revised its Vision, Mission and Purpose

Statement for Chaplaincy to Otago University (OU) and Otago Polytechnic (OP). The vision of the Board for all students and staff of OU and OP, and for the institutions themselves, is that they will increasingly express spiritual authenticity in their lives, work, learning, systems and cultures.

The Board's current mission statement states that "the Board recognises and seeks to honour the Treaty of Waitangi and exists to provide Chaplaincy services which deliver quality pastoral care, spiritual support and educational resourcing to all Otago University and Otago Polytechnic students and staff. We aim to be ever open to developing new and creative approaches in response to the changing needs of the campus communities we serve, as vital expressions of our Church's mission to the world God loves."

As Christians, our four Purposes and their associated goals are:

**Purpose 1. To affirm and encourage the spiritual dimension in the educational endeavour. Goals :**

- To support and affirm all those encountered in the context of tertiary education.
- To facilitate the expression and affirmation of spirituality in OU and OP communities.
- To conduct services of worship, and other religious/spiritual events as required.
- To engage OU and OP with important contemporary ethical, moral, spiritual and religious issues.
- On request, to participate in formal and informal tertiary teaching in the fields of religion and spirituality.
- To represent the Christian churches to OU and OP.

**Purpose 2. To encourage and contribute to the wise use of knowledge. Goals:**

- To be faithful to the Christian prophetic tradition in dealing with structures, policies and cultures of OU and OP communities.
- To arrange for and participate in forums and discussion groups.
- To make available on request chaplains' personal teaching, facilitation and lecturing skills.

- Where appropriate, to conduct research in cooperation with OU and OP staff and students.
- Where appropriate, to provide supervision and/or spiritual direction for students and staff.

**Purpose 3. To foster community within, and promote links between OU and OP, and local and national Christian and other-than-Christian faith communities. Goals :**

- To provide a model of unity by developing a team approach among all chaplains working on all the OU and OP campuses.
- To be alert to the aspirations, needs and struggles of all staff and students of OU and OP.
- To form links with Christian groups and other faith communities within the institutions, and encourage interaction among all groups with religious and/or spiritual concerns.
- To maintain connections with Ecumenical Bodies in New Zealand, and participate in national conferences organised by the Aotearoa-NZ Tertiary Chaplains' Assn.
- To inform churches and other faith communities about the nature and life of OU and OP by such means as reports, addresses and participation in local services of worship.
- To transmit national and local church concerns and views to OU and OP.
- When requested to by OU and OP, to accept a representative role on behalf of the institutions
- To maintain up-to-date sources of information

**Purpose 4. To participate in the provision of quality pastoral care. Goals:**

- To offer quality pastoral counselling and spiritual support
- To address personal, group and societal religious/spiritual questions and challenges.
- To lead or provide resources for religious/spiritual celebrations and rites of passage , such as weddings and funerals.
- To work for the improvement of the well-being of all members of the communities in association with other care providers.

The Board seeks to fulfil these purposes primarily through employing Chaplains and through supporting the work of Volunteer Assistant Chaplains.

**Greg Hughson**

Ecumenical Chaplain, Otago University. February 2013