



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2013

9.30am	Mornington	S Pole
9.30 am	Mosgiel	D Phillipps
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole
11.00 am	Wesley	D Phillipps
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
6.00pm	Broad Bay	S Pole

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 12 noon 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.



MORNINGTON NOTICES

Leaders Meeting:

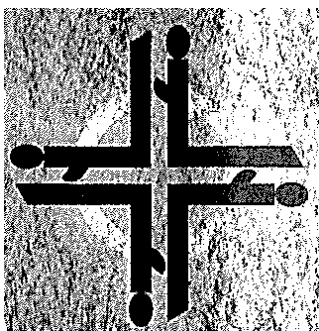
We have accepted Colin Gibson's kind offer to be our Chairman of Leaders Meeting & he was welcomed & installed on Tuesday night. We look forward to being directed by his excellent skills.

Email Addresses:

Thanks to those who sent their e.mail addresses to George Davis. We have 17 so far but it would appear there are a lot more to come-so please respond to George at georgedavisnzer@gmail.com

Good Wishes

We send our good wishes to the young people of our Church who have returned to school, those who will be shortly starting at University, or commencing work either full or part time. This is an interesting but perhaps stressful time, to begin with & we want you all to know we are thinking of you. We would like to share your experiences with us when next we talk with you. We have all been there ..however long ago."



MOSGIEL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March, 1.30pm

Held at East Taieri Presbyterian Church.

The Theme; *I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*

This service was prepared by the women of France.

The offerings this year will be contributed to projects in West Africa, France and the Hospital Chaplaincy in New Zealand. All Welcome.

TAIERI YOUTH SHOWCASE - SHOWCASE FINAL

Guests **Peter Chin, Gladys Hope** and 2012 winner **Isaac Chirnside**
 2013 Judges – **Noel and Sue Walker** (Otago Gang Show co-producers)
 March 2nd 2013, Coronation Hall, Mosgiel, 7.00pm
 Adult - \$10, Child - \$5, Family Pass - \$25 (2 adults and up to 3 children)
 Tickets available from Paper Plus Mosgiel, Shop on Taieri & Outram 4 Square.

A gold coin donation will let you watch the AUDITIONS; March 2nd 2013, Coronation Hall, Mosgiel, 10.00am – 2.00pm. Refreshments available to purchase at auditions.

With proceeds of sales to the Taieri Food Bank

FUND AVAILABLE

The Smethurst Trust Fund Application is now available for students to apply for assistance in their studies. This fund is administered by the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the dateline is the 20th of March. If you want to apply, please contact Siosifa Pole for an Application Form as soon as possible.

You're invited ...

To the Otago Southland Synod and School of Theology
 Lakelands Park, Queenstown 16-18 March
 (Synod 16-17 March and School of Theology 17-18 March).

Ron Malpass and Margaret Poynton from Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy are coming to take a session on Pastoral and Hospital visiting on the Saturday afternoon.

Everyone welcome (not just Synod members).

Synod is subsidising this weekend to ensure that anyone who wants to come can come.

Synod Fri – Sun = \$50 p/p or Sat – Sun = \$40 p/p

Synod & School of Theology = \$70 p/p or (\$90 if there from Friday night)

Day visitors \$10 p/p per day

For a registration form please email Rachael Masterton

rmasterton@actrix.co.nz or ring 03 4764867, or ask your Minister.

Any questions, please contact Rachael Masterton.

Dunedin Methodist Parish Finances October – December 2012

Income

Offerings	Broad Bay	785.50
	Glenaven	1,241.39
	Mornington	13,555.20
	Mosgiel	4,115.20
	St Kilda Tongan	4,700.00
	Wesley	<u>2,424.10</u>
Glenaven Property		2,505.00
Rental Income		10,595.00
Other Income		<u>1,936.46</u>
		41,857.85

Expenses

Ministry	13,729.10
Ministry Rental	4,200.00
Removal Fund	510.00
Connexional Budget	1,836.00
District Expenses	624.99
Property Expenses	2,116.56
Other Expenses	6,176.41
Conference	<u>694.00</u>
	29,887.06

THANK YOU

On behalf of Naomi and the family, I would like to thank all those who sent cards and those who came to the actual celebration of our son Solomon 21st birthday. It was an awesome occasion to all of us but especially for Solomon.



Words cannot express our appreciation for your support, love, and care.

BIBLE STUDY

I am still waiting for a book for Lent Bible study from Epworth Bookshop. I know that is going to be late but it is better to do something rather than leave it all together. As soon I receive it I will put a notice on the Bulletin for a time to start and also the venue. I am looking forward for some good discussion and sharing.

METHODIST PUBLIC ISSUES NETWORK FOR PARISHES: A LIVING WAGE?

A Living Wage in New Zealand is \$18.40 per hour. This dollar amount is intended to be enough for people to pay rent, buy food, run a car, have a computer, pay for insurance, for children to go on school trips and have a birthday party, to pay for childcare, make 2% contributions to KiwiSaver and eat out once per month; In other words, enough for social participation. Do you think this is enough? Can the Methodist church pay a Living Wage in all its employment activities?

PRAYER REQUEST

Our parish is in the midst of financial constraint because of the increase of insurance and also the unknown future of our church buildings when the engineering inspection is done.

Therefore, I appeal that we must be prayerful for all of these issues for divine wisdom and guidance. I believe prayer will lead us to do something that will have a positive impact on us but also on others.



STORY FROM THE MISSION

We have a wee girl who is leaving to spend time with her family from England and going to school. Her Mum wrote a lovely note at the end of her leave form. SOPHIE came to the centre Jan 12. Her family had moved to Dunedin from England. SOPHIE's family had an early arrival of SOPHIE's baby sister who was born between 6 and 10 weeks premature. Mum and Dad had been spending time between home and the hospital. SOPHIE also had had heart surgery and had to be monitored about her play. We have never had any issues with SOPHIE and she has just been a busy active child. She settled well and this is the note that Mum wrote: "Also would like to thank you all for a wonderful job you do. Sophie has come a long way with trying new foods and has wanted to go to Preschool 7 days a week."



ON PRAYER & MARRIAGE

I see your raised eyebrow from here. What does Laura know about prayer? you may be thinking. Or worse, you may consider me such a hopeless amateur that you now have the giggles in anticipation. Hmmmm. Well, let's see where I can get to ...

Anne Lamont, an American, Christian, author has written that there are only three essential prayers: "*Help*", "*Thanks*", and "*Wow*". (I suggest we include "*Forgive me*" in the "*Help*" category, but you may wish to consider it a fourth essential.)

In contrast, Sister Elizabeth Espersen (of Texas) allows one essential prayer "*The name of God.*"

You may be like me, thinking: Really? That's it? That's all?

But Sr Elizabeth says that "*When a mother hears her child call her name, she knows everything she needs to know. That one word is enough.*"

Ah, now there she has a point.

When we think of relying upon another person, whether it is mutual or one-way*, aren't the best moments when we see each other well enough for just the calling of a name to suffice?

The pleasure lies in the knowing that the other person knows you well enough to understand that your call is genuinely made, that you trust your vulnerability to them, and that your request is honest. (Even if it *was* your turn to take out the rubbish, you are honest in your tiredness or having done too much or simply needing to be taken care of).

**I suggest that all reliance is mutual. Those who need to be needed, those who will need in return one day, if not today, those who are in a covenant of support and care, and most importantly, those who wish to be their best self. Surely our humanity is made real only when we are in service to another person: goodness exists not when it is resting, but when it is manifest.*

Herbert Stein (the late economist) said that a (good) marriage meets three essential human needs: first the warmth and comfort of physical contact; second the interest and understanding shown in conversation that underneath it all says nothing more or less than "*I am here and I know that you are here.*" Thirdly, marriage provides for our need to be needed – to have meaning in the life of another – and in doing so to become literally irreplaceable. A good marriage reassures us, it stills us in all the madding rush of life, and (all going well) it gives us purpose.

Help, thanks and wow.

Laura Black

