



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

*Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone*

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## PARISH BULLETIN

18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013

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

### MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERT

**Today Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30pm** at Mornington Methodist Church. Come and hear a wonderful programme of Cello, Singing and Piano Items. Cost \$2.00.



### OTAGO TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY AND DUNEDIN ABRAHAMIC INTERFAITH GROUP TENTH ANNUAL OPEN PEACE LECTURE

"INTERFAITH ENGAGEMENT FOR PEACE – A MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE". DR INGRID MATTSON

Chair in Islamic Studies at Huron University College, University of Western Ontario in London, Canada. To be introduced by Vice Chancellor Harlene Hayne. BURNS 1 LECTURE THEATRE, OTAGO UNIVERSITY, **Monday 19th AUGUST 2013 5.30 - 7pm**, followed by supper in the Arts Faculty Common Room. ALL WELCOME.

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Further

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## OPEN EDUCATION

The story of Elizabeth Fry is the story of a remarkable woman, a Quaker with a Methodist spirit, who worked tirelessly for prison and asylum reform, as well as for the homeless of her time. Come and hear about this extraordinary and inspiring life from Judith Cowley (yes, we guarantee her talk) at Mornington Methodist Church, **Wednesday 21 August, 7.30pm**. A koha of \$5, and any profits will go to the Mission's work in the prison at Milburn.

A pre-session meal will be offered for \$15 by our top-of-the-kitchen cook, Judy Russell. Don't miss out, sign in at Mornington or ring Judy to book your place at the table (455 3727).

## MOSGIEL MID ~ WEEK SERVICE

Will be held at Maran~atha Rest Home at **2pm on WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**.

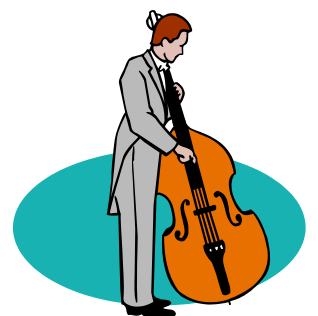
All welcome please come to support our Elderly.

## ***GREEN WILL GROW: a liturgy for peace* - 23 August at St Paul's Cathedral**

The quarterly Celtic-style Eucharist marking the change from Winter to Spring this time has a peace theme, and uses a liturgy prepared by the originator of the services, Revd Helene Mann. Revd Mary Greet and Dr Helen Watson White will jointly lead the service, which is held in the Crypt at the usual time of **12.10** on the usual date - the 4th Friday of the month - **August 23**. All welcome. Entrance from the Cathedral nave or through the lower double doors.

## CELLISTS OF OTAGO.

On **3pm Sunday 25 August** at Knox Church, Dunedin, once again the cellists of Otago will present an interestingly varied programme. Well-known local artists will feature and we have chosen a larger venue in order to accommodate the increasing size of audience. The Cellists with guest artists Sydney Manowitz (violin), Heleen du Plessis (cello), David Burchell (piano) and Nick Cornish (oboe) will present a programme based on Victorian



Classics. Music will include works by Beethoven, Grieg, Schubert, Brahms, Massenet, Bridge and Debussy. The concert will end with a contrasting and beautiful arrangement of Ennio Morricone's "Gabriel's Oboe" from the film "The Mission" performed by Heleen du Plessis, Nick Cornish and David Burchell. Admission \$15 adults; \$10 tertiary and secondary students; \$5 primary and younger. This will be a great concert. Tell your friends, bring them with you. Remember to put a note about this concert in your diary.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON 23<sup>RD</sup> / 24<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

Rod is inviting people to assist him in preparation of an hour long workshop. This workshop is being given at a 'Future of the Church' conference held in Canberra on 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. You are invited to assist Rod by attending one of two opportunities, Mornington Church Lounge **Friday 23rd Aug 7:30 – 9pm** and **Sat 24th Aug 1:30 – 3pm**. A brief clue of workshop theme is provided below.

### **Integral Evolutionary Christianity:**

#### **Waking Up, Growing Up, Showing Up, and Acting Up**

In our modern western world where is *Spirit* to be found? Equally in this so called 'modern scientific' world which is full of exciting knowledge and technology, why is the word *Evolution* a 'dirty' word in church circles? If religious communities are to be refreshed then it's essential to go back to the source. In other words, model its *founder*, not its *followers*.

So what would a future Christian spiritual community look like if it explored in greater depth the questions of where to find *Spirit* in an integral evolutionary world?

Rod's website covering theme in more detail: [www.pluginyes.co.nz](http://www.pluginyes.co.nz)

## **MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The August Meeting will take place on **Wednesday the 28th at 2 p.m.**, in the Church Lounge. The Guest Speaker will be Mrs Sally Weston her subject - "Travels to Alaska". Don't forget the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

All Welcome.



## FAREWELL

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August will be my last day working as Administrator for The Methodist Mission and preparing the weekly Parish Bulletins and Orders of Service. It has been a real pleasure to work with the Dunedin Methodist Parish over the last 6.5 years and have the opportunity to meet many of you at the Office. Kind regards, Sarah Campbell

Please note all notices after the 23<sup>rd</sup> August should be emailed to; [admin@dmm.org.nz](mailto:admin@dmm.org.nz)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to;

Josh Brodie-Dixon who turns 12 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**A FASCINATING SPEAKER** at a recent meeting of the Mornington Womens Fellowship was **LAWRIE FORBES**, son of Avis Foote.

Lawrie is well known in the City as a property developer, with a particular interest in heritage buildings. He shared with the Fellowship his passion for the restoration of two particular buildings, the Athenaeum and the A H Reed building. There was a good attendance at the meeting, and it was impossible to miss the energy and enthusiasm Lawrie brings to the task. In expressing the thanks of everyone present Leah Taylor referred to the connection between A H Reed and Mornington Church. Indeed it was recalled that Mr Reed was Sunday School Superintendent when Lawrie was a boy, and in turn Lawrie shared some memories of those times, and his indebtedness to early Mornington Church influence.

*See pictures on next page*



### **STORY FROM THE MISSION**

Several of our students have made significant progress in their literacy and numeracy skills. We compare the scores in the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Tool that students participate in when they first come to Approach, with their score when they do the assessment again after three months. Most students make some gain in their vocabulary, reading and numeracy scores. We have had some particularly good results recently, for example one student from China (English is her second language) has increased her vocabulary score by 54%. Another student has increased her reading results by nearly 20%, which has given her the confidence to apply for front-line customer service jobs. Students generally enjoy the assessments, which give them an idea of their skills, and also provides tools and strategies they can use to increase their skills.





## TEN YEARS OF PEACE LECTURES ON CAMPUS

For ten years now, in conjunction with members of the Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group I have helped organise an annual Open Peace lecture on campus. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm in Burns 1 Lecture theatre, Professor Harlene Hayne (Vice-Chancellor of Otago University) will introduce our tenth annual Peace lecturer, **Dr Ingrid Mattson** from Canada. Dr Mattson will speak on the topic of “Interfaith engagement for peace - a Muslim perspective”. Dr Mattson was a keynote speaker at the 2012 International Multi-faith Chaplaincy Conference which I attended at Yale University, last year. I invite you to come and hear her speak and to enjoy supper together afterwards.

**David Lange** presented our first peace lecture in 2004. His title was “Old Faiths, New World”. It turned out to be David’s final public lecture, and hence is now considered an historic presentation. He said “I think that we all as human beings have a duty to respect the beliefs of others. I think that we should also try to understand the faith of others, even though we have to acknowledge that there are limits to our understanding.”

I presented the 2005 Peace lecture, entitled “Creating space for Grace and Peace in Hiroshima, New York and Dunedin” I suggested that “We have within us the human capacity to both desire and achieve peace in our hearts and in our world, if only we would pause for long enough to learn from our history. There is no more profound stimulus to our human peace impulse than to visit a tragic site where the reality and extent of human destructiveness can be encountered and remembered.”

Our 2006 lecture was presented by a Jewish scholar, **Professor Paul Morris**, entitled “The Role of Interfaith Activities in Building Peace” Paul shared with us that “Peace is a journey that you have to look for and then follow rather than a project to be erected. Good is something that we can do but shalom is something we have to seek and pursue. Shalom is not simply the absence of war but a positive quality, a life that is complete and full.”

In 2007 **Professor Abdullah Saeed**, a Muslim academic, came from Melbourne to present a lecture entitled “Towards a more inclusive view of the religious other” which included these words, “There are plenty of reasons for Muslims and all of us, to adopt inclusive interpretations that are compatible with contemporary needs and concerns of today. The current era is a time when people of all faiths need to come together. It is increasingly obvious that we are all participants of an increasingly globalised world.”

**Dr Kate Dewes** entitled her 2008 Peace lecture “Visions of Hope for a Terrorised Planet”. Kate suggested that “Finding non-violent solutions to all conflicts is an ongoing challenge for us all, but there are many leaders and models to emulate and draw strength from.”

Interfaith Interdependence in a Post-Modern World” was the title of our 2009 Peace lecture presented by **Rabbi Johanna Hershenson**. Johanna proclaimed that “This work is not merely about getting along better, it is about moving humanity forward in its evolution. It seems to me that while building peace and keeping the peace are matters of urgency, the long-term goals ought to push us further as a species.”

**Professor Chaiwat Satha-Anand** from Thailand, presented a provocative peace lecture in 2010 which challenged us all to address our ignorance and lack of familiarity with the language of non-violence. As a Muslim, he argued that Muslim societies are presently facing a new kind of jahiliya (ignorance) and that there was a reluctance in some contexts to employ the language of nonviolence. He called for a greater awareness among Muslim communities of their own legacy of nonviolence and for a resurgence in the use of nonviolent language and practices, to undergird present-day fighting against injustice.

**Associate Professor Chris Marshall**, a Christian from Victoria University entitled his 2011 Peace lecture “Compassion, Justice and the Pursuit of Peace: Ten Years On from 9/11” Chris shared with us that “When one finds God disclosed in one's neighbour, and even, perchance, in those hitherto thought to be strangers or infidels or apostates or enemies, in that discovery lies the prospect of lasting peace - a peace grounded in something far more profound than passive toleration, and far more enduring than anything secular politics can produce.”

Last year, in 2012 **Rabbi Adi Cohen**, the current Rabbi of the Wellington Liberal Jewish congregation presented “Words, Concepts, Deeds. Peace as a way of living”. A quote from Adi’s lecture: “I think that when we are talking about peace or talking about interfaith, one of the most important things we can do is to establish a framework or a language that will legitimise disagreements. I have all the right in the world to believe in what I believe in. It doesn’t mean that I am denying you from having your beliefs. Let’s talk about it in a civilised way. Let’s disagree in a civilised way. Disagreements are part of what is driving humanity forward. Imagine science without disagreements.”

The very brief quotes above give a taste of the “smorgasbord” of thoughts and ideas shared over the years. At the heart of Judaism, Christianity and Islam is a deep commitment to peace. Our lectures support the expression of this shared commitment. Next year, as part of the “50 years of Chaplaincy at Otago celebrations” we hope to publish all ten peace lectures in a book. You do not need to wait for this book to be published. You can read the text of all lectures now via [www.dunedininterfaith.net.nz](http://www.dunedininterfaith.net.nz). In a small way I hope and pray that the insights contained within these peace lectures will stimulate all who listen to and/or read them, to become more active, motivated and effective peacemakers.

**Rev. Greg Hughson**  
**University Chaplain**