



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

*Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone*

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

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| 9.30am   | Mornington | S Pole       |
| 9.30 am  | Mosgiel    | R Mitchell   |
| 11.00 am | Glenaven   | S Pole       |
| 11.00 am | Wesley     | R Mitchell   |
| 1.00pm   | St Kilda   | Comb. Wesley |
| 4.00pm   | Broad Bay  | S Pole       |

### 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.



## EXPLORERS GROUP

Meets on **Sunday August 25th at 4-30pm** in the Mornington Church lounge, we will be continuing our discussions about what, for each of us, constitutes the Good News. All interested people welcome.

## 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.



## BETH MAJOR

Beth will be going into Woodhaugh Rest-home on **Wednesday 28th August for 2 weeks** to give Lewis a break. Visitors will always be welcome.

## INVITATION

Otago Healthcare Chaplaincy Support Trust invites anyone to attend their Annual Public Meeting, to be held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013, 2pm**. The meeting will be at Dunedin Hospital Chapel. Guest speaker: Colonel Margaret Hay, Topic: The Value of Chaplaincy.



## SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER AT GLENAVEN

There will be a pot-luck lunch after church for anybody who wants to come and join us.

This will be a chance to farewell Helen Grant, who has been south on a work assignment for a short while - too short for us!

## 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)

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the Dunedin Methodist Parish I would like to thank Sarah Campbell for her service to the Parish in the past six years. We are definitely going to miss her expertise in preparing and printing our parish Order of Services for every Sunday. We wish God's blessing on her new adventure and success on whatever career she will have.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to;

Juliet Wilson who turns 1 on the 30<sup>th</sup> August

## THE DUNEDIN ABRAHAMIC INTERFAITH GROUP

This group was formed in Dunedin in the aftermath of the events of September 11th 2001 out of spontaneous expressions of solidarity and goodwill between leaders of our three faiths, the police and the Dunedin City Council. We exist to express a common heritage and concern, as people of faith in Dunedin. Judaism, Christianity and Islam are all Abrahamic faiths. All three can trace their faith back to Abraham. Ordinary people from all three faiths share a deep desire for peace and justice. We seek to encourage and model friendship and respect for each other. To become a member/supporter of the Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith please e-mail your name, contact e-mail address, and phone number to our secretary Rev. Ken Baker [Bakers5@live.co.uk](mailto:Bakers5@live.co.uk)

Our annual peace lectures are available to read via our website [www.dunedininterfaith.net.nz](http://www.dunedininterfaith.net.nz) As a supporter you will receive e mail notifications of our activities and events.

**THE POWER OF ONE** - one of the most understated, yet most powerful images from the legacy of Jesus of Nazareth, is the power of one. At different times of his ministry he paused to give his full attention to one individual - one poor widow, one grateful leper, one wizened tax-collector, one samaritan woman, and perhaps most memorable of all, one nameless child who he took on his knee, and from whose innocence he drew lasting insights on the true meaning of greatness. Not infrequently, Mornington Sunday School numbers ONE, Celia Cannon. But undismayed by that, Celia exhibits the same "power of one" that was so important to Jesus, with a simple sharing of the work she has done with a succession of committed "teachers." In the pictures, Celia is rapt in Joy Clark's story, and with teacher Rachel Jones, they share the lesson for the day. THANKS CELIA. As John Wesley said "I am only one, but I am one."





### **STORY FROM THE MISSION**

We held our first Whanau meeting for our youth students this month. These are where we meet with the caregivers and parents and youth. It was really well attended and went very well. Food was served and Records of Learning were scrutinised. Five youth had members of their Whanau (mostly mothers) present. The parents were pleased to have been invited and were keen to have more of them. Some of the feedback from the Whanau was: They are seeing evidence of personal growth in their children at home. They are seeing less behavioural issues at home. Their youth are generally less anxious, working better with more interaction in the family group.



Anticipation.

Tempus fugit.

Time flies, they say.

Ah no. Time stays, we go.

This anonymous and darkly epigrammatic verse used to be frequently read to pupils of The Taieri High School by its first principal, Thomas G Hislop. He was not one to waste time or words and this piece was used to urge us into constructive action. Indeed, waiting for something to occur was just not his thing.

However, I thought that there seems to be much waiting to be found in the Bible, which broadly seems to be divided between 'waiting for' and 'waiting on (or upon)' and there appeared an important distinction between these two. 'Waiting for' seems passive and bears itself quietly, and patiently; whereas "waiting on" appears much more active. The latter has overtones of what waiters do – they wait upon their clients, tending to their needs. Their role is active, and purposeful. But is one more important than the other?

The history of the world and indeed our present time has many who wait for all sorts of things. Parents wait for children to grow up (why? to become like them?), gardeners wait for plants to grow, we wait for appointments to come round, some religions wait for sunrise or sunset, and more than one group waits for the Second Coming. But what profits us in all this waiting? One problem lies in New Testament stories surrounding Christ such as the Martha – Mary episode where Mary was praised for waiting while Martha worked at household chores.

On the other hand, Christ's life was mostly active from what we can tell in the fleeting episodes given in the New Testament. Does that mean that today, in this present scientific and much more comfortable environment that we should seek to be similarly active?

It depends how you see your life and how it fits into the great scheme of things. Once you have worked that out you will know whether to be 'waiting for' or 'waiting on'.

And as the young say today, "What are you waiting for?"

***George Davis***

## ***“What’s Really Important?”***

It’s easy to get lost and overwhelmed in the chaos, responsibilities, and goals of life. Once overwhelmed, it’s tempting to forget about and postpone that which is most near and dear to your heart. I’ve found that it’s helpful to keep asking myself, “What’s really important?”

As part of my early morning routine, I take a few seconds to ask myself this question. Reminding myself of what’s really important helps me keep my priority straight. It reminds me that, despite my multitude of responsibilities, I have a choice of what is important in my life and where I put my greatest amount of energy – being available for my wife and children, writing, practicing my inner work, and so forth.

Despite the appearance of being overly simplistic, I have found this strategy to be immensely helpful in keeping me on track. When I take a few moments to remind myself of what’s really important, I find that I’m more present-moment oriented, in less of a hurry, and that being right loses its appeal. Conversely, when I forget to remind myself of what’s really important, I find that I can quickly lose sight of my priorities and, once again, get lost in my own busyness. I’ll rush out the door, work late, lose my patience, skip my exercise, and to other things that are in conflict with the goals of my life.

If you regularly take a minute to check in with yourself, to ask yourself, “What’s really important?” you may find that some of the choices you are making are in conflict with your own stated goals. This strategy can help you align your actions with your goals and encourage you to make more conscious, loving decisions.

Richard Carlson, *Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff*

