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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 2nd March

9.30 am	Mornington	S Pole
9.30 am	Mosgiel	G Hughson
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole
11.00 am	Wesley	G Hughson
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

POT-LUCK LUNCH Sunday 23 FEBRUARY: After the Mornington/ Glenaven service on February 23 you are invited to John and Helen's house for a pot-luck lunch and informal discussion about how you envisage the future of Glenaven Church. 12.30 at 5 Cairnhill Street, off Cannington Road - car-pooling and directions to be arranged at church. Please bring a plate of easy finger-food to share (tea/coffee provided). Tel. Watson / White: 467 2936



OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SYNOD Synod meeting and School of Theology will be in Queenstown on the 7th – 10th of March. I would like to see good representation from our parish in these important events. The Parish and the Synod will meet the cost of those who will attend. I need to know the numbers of those who can go by Friday 28th of February for transport, accommodation, and catering purposes. Please contact me for the registration form; 4552923/4664600. Thanks, Siosifa Pole.

WANTED: DINING TABLE & 5 DINING CHAIRS - Hi there! Esther Oh here. If anyone has these stored in their garage or shed and not in use, my flatmates and I would greatly appreciate your donation! At the moment, we do not have a proper dining table or chairs. If you are able to help out in *any* way, please contact me on 0278193730 or see me after the service on Sunday.

EXPLORERS GROUP meets for the first time this year on Sunday February 23rd, at 4-30pm in the Mornington Church Lounge. As there is to be a Parish Strategic Review in the near future, the focus of this meeting will be "Church". All interested people most welcome; if you haven't joined our group before, maybe the beginning of the year is the time to take the plunge!

MORNINGTON METHODIST FELLOWSHIP The first Meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday 26th February at 12 Noon - in the Sunday School, followed by the Meeting in the lounge, then we will don our life jackets & join the Pearce's on 'Cruising the Rhine'. Please remember a plate of food - to share with the Members & all your 'Least Coins'. See you there - all welcome.

PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES NOW

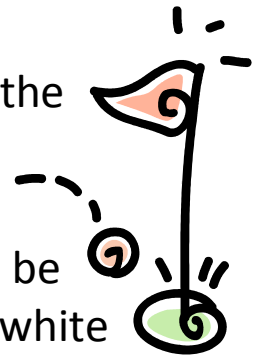
Otago District Women's Fellowship
Celebrating 50 years of Women's Fellowship
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014 at 2:30pm



At Mornington Methodist Church
 Meal to follow afternoon programme.
 More information later.

If you have any photos or memorabilia of District Events
 please lend to Margaret Connor or Fay Richardson
 for displaying during the afternoon.

MINI GOLF : Who is the best putter in the pulpit? Can the Cannon retain top spot? Come to Wal's World Mosgiel at 2:00p.m. on Sunday 2nd March and find out who is the best. Mini Golf \$7/round If not golf then the trains will be running and there's a nice café on site. Come and sink the white ball and the challenges of 18 holes. Open to all ages. Cam W 454 5600



SINCERE THANKS: I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who have supported Ross & I during my health scare & broken wrist although I'm still having to be tested weekly I'm sure the end is now in sight our sincere thanks to all those who have given us food and to those who have been covering us with prayer may God's blessing be upon you all. Elaine & Ross Merrett.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
SERVICE TO BE HELD**



Friday 7th March 2014
At Mosgiel Methodist Church
Time 1.30 pm. All Welcome

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement for informed prayer and prayerful action. For over 80 years services have been held around the world on the first Friday of March. Overall it is administered by an International Committee in New York; in New Zealand a national committee is based in Christchurch. (Check it out at www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz)

Each year the celebration comes from a different country: the theme is chosen and the service prepared by the women of that country's World Day of Prayer committee. This year's service comes from Egypt and has the theme, 'Streams in the Desert'.

In New Zealand there will be around 250 services organized by local interdenominational groups – there should be one near you to which everybody is warmly invited.

MORNINGTON PASTORAL CARE GROUP LEADERS : A meeting with Rod to discuss the purpose and working of the Pastoral Care Groups will be held in the lounge on Sunday 23rd February at 11.15am to be followed by a pot luck lunch. If unable to attend please let Beryl know Ph 4767447

STORY FROM THE MISSION

One of our students has just finished a 5-week cooking class at the Hub. It started off as 'Healthy Eating' but quickly converted to a 'Back to Basics' class because there was such a range of competencies. This parent has several children and the first week when we made date scones she was thrilled. 'I love date scones and now I don't have to buy them anymore.'



She enrolled for the next block of classes and called by the Hub in the planning week in-between to pick some herbs and silverbeet out of the garden. She was going to make the samosas again for tea that night. 'I love these recipes' she said, 'they fit the budget and it gets the kids eating vegetables and they don't even know it.'

She makes Rewena bread at home from a potato starter and brought a huge fresh round in one morning for not just the class but for everyone to try.

It was a hit and she took orders – enough to pay for her food handling certificate which she has now achieved through the Polytech. What a resourceful woman!



Is Buying Working?

What does it profit a community if it gets every big box retailer there is but loses jobs in the bargain?

The recent lowering of the unemployment rate is good news, make no mistake about it. And it's great to see the Christchurch rebuild finally hitting its straps. The dollar is high, but that's ok because we like to buy cheap things from overseas.

But a couple of quick riders:

- The gap between those who are getting jobseeker support and those who are unemployed (in the Household Labour Force Survey) is between 120,000 and 220,000 people, right now. There's a lot of hidden unemployment out there, and a fair chunk of it is young people.
- The Christchurch rebuild is a one off, doesn't improve the country's overall ability to produce or sell, and will rely on a fair amount of imported workers because we just can't free up that many builders at once ourselves.
- A high dollar hurts our exporters, tends to drive interest rate rises (hurting home owners), and causes balance of payments problems. Plus, those cheap imports don't come from local manufacturers employing local people.

Unemployment in Dunedin remains stubbornly high. Wages are low compared to the rest of the country. Our three largest employers are

all state sector: the University, the Health Board, the Council; and they all prefer experienced workers with tertiary qualifications.

So, if you're looking for work here in Dunedin and you don't have the shiniest set of qualifications, what do you do?

Who will employ you?

How do you even get onto the ladder?

Let me confess: I'm certainly no slouch when it comes to retail therapy! Shopping is not only necessary; there are times when it's a pleasure. But I worry that we have exchanged the pleasures of shopping for the right to work, to earn to support our families and get a decent go at climbing the ladder.

We're defined these days by our consumption, not our production. Those that can, buy. Those that can't ... well ...

You're going to hear about this being election year for at least the next 9 months. You'll get sick of it, probably. If you aren't already!

But here's the thing: elections are when we debate how we want our country to work. And working is important when there are 270,000 people saying they want jobs they can't get / aren't there.

It's time we had the conversation about whether a buying economy, rather than an employing economy, is the one we want.

Laura Black