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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 29th June

9.30 am	Mornington	D Phillipps
9.30 am	Mosgiel	G Watson
11.00 am	Glenaven	D Phillipps
11.00 am	Wesley	G Watson
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

REMINDER ...

29th of June is Communion Sunday services for Mosgiel, Wesley, St. Kilda, Mornington, and Glenaven.

6th July is the Parish Combined Ecumenical Service with other churches at Knox Presbyterian Church at 10.00am.



LET THE CHILDREN LIVE

The Methodist Church of New Zealand's Mission Resources Grants Committee has advised Mornington Methodist Women's Fellowship their application for a *Let the Children Live* grant – endorsed by the Dunedin Methodist Parish Council and the Dunedin Methodist Mission – has been approved. Mornington MWF is granted \$500 from the fund, which will enable members to continue providing gift parcels for newborn babies in South Dunedin, the second most deprived urban area in the South Island.

Since October 2012, our gift parcels containing baby knitting plus other suitable items, all beautifully packaged, have been distributed to new mothers in South Dunedin by the HUB through Plunket, Catholic Social Services Birth Support Group and the *Arai Te Uru* Well Child nurse.

We are grateful to the Mission Resources Grants Committee. We also sincerely thank members of the Dunedin Methodist Parish Council and the Dunedin Methodist Mission's Director, Laura Black, for supporting our application.

OTAGO DISTRICT METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held in the Mosgiel Methodist Church
Saturday **5 July 2014** at **2pm**



Afternoon Tea will be served after the meeting
One plate of food per carload please

Collection for Social Services - going to the Family Support Fund

MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP The June Meeting will take place on Wednesday the 25th June, in the Church Lounge at 2 p.m. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting, chaired by Dr. Rev. Rod Mitchell who will also be our Guest Speaker. An additional Collection will take place for :- Otago Methodist Women's Fellowship District's Social Service Project. Please remember your small change for the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM the Special Parish Council meeting 11 June 2014

- Bruce Chisholm, Hanlon and Partners Ltd, outlined the steps involved in strengthening buildings.
- Stephen Johnston, RE/MAX Realty, indicated how best to market church properties for sale.
- A full report of the 'Crossroads' Parish Meeting on 31 May is available from George Davis.
- The PF&R committee is to come up with 3 or 4 alternative plans for future use of the properties within the Parish. One is to move the Tongan congregation to the Wesley site, another is to centralise all Dunedin churches in one location, another would be to strengthen some of the churches, which may require others to be sold. If parishoners or congregations have views on potential options, please let PF&R committee members know.
- A PF&R sub-committee is to identify and quantify the financial resources available to the Parish for building purposes.
- Rod Mitchell was asked to convene a group to investigate the use of modern technology to communicate within, and outside, the parish.
- A Parish Council sub-committee is to investigate developing closer links with the Mission.
- The Wesley congregation was encouraged to organise an Alpha course.

STORY FROM THE MISSION

From Approach: Our youth group participated in Youth Week. Antony and Luke (and David their Tutor) did their share of painting the long concrete wall in Wilkie Road. They attended two workshops to learn from local artists some of the techniques of graffiti artists. They prepared stencils and then despite some pretty wet weather sprayed and free-styled their images onto the wall. Antony contributed a scene from his favourite sport - basketball, Luke made a tribute to his 19month daughter and David contributed a fine rendition of his favourite creature (the bee).



PRAYER GROUP

I am glad that we have people in the parish who would like to be part of the Parish Prayer group. Can you please contact me and advise what day of the Week is best for you to have our first meeting. I will let you know the venue as soon as I hear from you. Thanks, Siosifa.



THANK YOU

I would like to convey my thanks on behalf of myself and Rod to Rev Donald Phillipps, the Parish Stewards, and the Leaders of the Parish for your Support to the Parish during the time that we were both away. I am looking forward to your ongoing support as we are both back to the Parish.



The best way to predict the future is to create it.

Over the last few months the parish has been looking to its future. There are conversations that have to be had about buildings of course, but more importantly, about what it is the Parish wants to be and do.

Whether you think you can or think you can't; you're right.

Watching from the sidelines, I've been really impressed with the honesty, commitment and courage of those who've joined in the

conversations. It is really hard work trying to figure out 20-30 year decisions.

It's tough enough at the Mission and there's only one of me in charge! In the Parish, you are all responsible.

If you're not prepared to be wrong you will never come up with anything original.

But you've also been willing to be ambitious, which is fantastic. You are ambitious for our church, for your faith, and for the world around us; an immensely Methodist trait.

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

You have also expressed ambition for the work of the Mission. Thank you.

The Parish already provides considerable support to our work, for which we are immensely grateful. We know that you cheer our successes. The MWF supply the most wonderful knitted goods for new families through our Early Years Hub. There are those who volunteer at our centres. Some of you give money.

Over the last 7+ years I have been Director at the Mission, I have been asked – fairly regularly – what more the Parish could do to help.

Your donations are a huge help to our clients, both in our work and the Methodist Women's Fellowship Family Support Fund that we administer, and make a very real difference.

But with volunteering requests I have always been frustrated by my answer: *not yet, not that, maybe ...*

There are no right answers to wrong questions.

I wonder if we have all been asking the wrong question. It is hard for you to be personally involved in our work – we have accreditation and contract obligations, obligations to existing staff, and our reporting requirements beggar belief.

I wonder if there is a better question:

What work could the PARISH be doing amongst, with, or for those who are needy, that the MISSION could help with?

Now this is a much easier question for the Mission to respond to. Our answer: ALMOST ANYTHING! Let us know: we'll be there.

Seriously. Let us know.

With thanks to: Peter Drucker, Henry Ford, Sir Ken Robinson, Margaret Mead, and Ursula Le Guin, for the quotes.

Laura Black