



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 22nd February

9.30 am	Mornington	Mornington Lay Team
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole
11.00 am	Glenaven	Mornington Lay Team
11.00 am	Wesley	S Pole
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

OPEN EDUCATION for 2015 - The first three sessions will deal with child poverty in New Zealand (Wednesday 18 March—the Deputy Commissioner for Children), the church music of Ralph Vaughan Williams (Wednesday 15 April—Professor Colin Gibson) and the real history of Easter (Wednesday 20 May—Rev Donald Phillipps). The visit of New Zealand's Deputy Commissioner from Wellington is specially significant. All Methodists with a social conscience are urged to attend.

MID - WEEK SERVICES will start again at Maran-atha on Wednesday 18th march @ 2pm with Holy Communion. Please come and support these people. All welcome.

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Oct - Dec 2014

Income

Offerings

Broad Bay	540.00
Glenaven	2,065.59
Mornington	12,676.50
Mosgiel	2,924.70
Wesley	2,103.00
Glenaven Property	2,505.00
Rental Income	13,130.00
Other Income	<u>360.19</u>
	36,304.98

Expenses

Ministry	18,404.66
Ministry Rental	4,500.00
Removal Fund	367.50
Connexional Budget	1,836.00
District Expenses	624.99
Property Expenses	4,944.57
Other Expenses	5,516.61
Conference	<u>3,150.95</u>
	39,345.28

TRANSPORT TO SYNOD -Those who plan to go to The Synod meeting on Friday 20th of February but have no transport, please contact me: 455-2923. Thank you, Siosifa.

IT WAS A REMARKABLE CO-INCIDENCE that two Korean presbyters were inducted into the Nelson district on consecutive nights, these being the only Koreans serving within the ministry of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Both ministers have links to Otago/Southland District. Rev David Ahn founded the Dunedin Korean Methodist congregation from 2004 prior to moving to Auckland, and has now been appointed to St Andrews Uniting Parish, Motueka, and Rev Martin Oh has recently concluded an eight-year ministry at Alexandra/Clyde and is now appointed to the newly established Stoke/Richmond Methodist Parish. Being the only representatives from Otago at both induction services, Ken and Judy Russell were able to act as sponsors at both services, and to convey greetings sent from Dunedin Parish.



Photos show the much grown up Ahn family (Alex, Paul, Susan, Daniel, David & Grace) at the very fine Church house in Motueka, while Susan Ahn chose to wear traditional costume for the induction service.



RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE SEEKING TO APPRECIATE COMPUTER AND INTERNET ACCESS, USE, AND INTEREST:

Out of 36 forms returned:

Who has computer	31 out of 36 have a computer	= 86%
Who has smart phone	8 out of 36	= 22%
Have an internet connection	29 out 36	= 80.5%
Have a tablet	8 out 36	= 22%
Have email	32 out 36	= 88.8%
Wish to Learn more about email	15 out 36	= 41.6%
Offer skills in computing	3 out 36	= 8.3%
Make use of electronic resources if offered	20 out 36	= 55.5%
Used the web	29 out 36	= 80.5%
Used google search engine	27 out 36	= 75%
Used email	30 out 36	= 83.33%
Used skype	18 out 36	= 50%
Used facebook	14 out 36	= 38.8%
Used twitter	2 out 36	= 5.5%
Used Blogging	2 out 36	= 5.5%
Used web to obtain information	28 out 36	= 77.7%
Used web to buy goods	21 out 36	= 58.3%
Used web to communicate with family	28 out 36	= 77.7%
Used web to take a learning course	8 out 36	= 22.22%
Do other family members use the web	30 out 36	= 83.33%
How many have used Dunedin Methodist website	23	= 63.88%
Would like a followup conversation	5 out 36	= 13.88%
Indicating they have an email address	31 out 36	= 86.11%
Age spread –		
Under 20	1 out 36	= 2.777%
20+	1 out 36	= 2.77%
50+	2 out 36	= 5.55%
60+	8 out 36	= 22.22%
70+	13 out 36	= 36.11%
80+	11 out of 36	= 30.55%

This brief survey would indicate that people are connected and have an interest in understanding and using modern communication technology particularly to stay connected with family and friends. We as a church need to continue to support this development. Please hand any other observation to Rod Mitchell.

BAKING AND FRUIT NEEDED FOR ORIENTATION WEEK

The Otago Combined Christian Groups network will have a daytime and night-time presence in a large air-filled "Cube" on the Museum Lawn during University of Otago Orientation week (16th-21st February), on the corner of Albany and Cumberland Streets. Please visit us. We plan once again to distribute information about local Churches and Christian Groups, along with baking and fruit! Please deliver baking and fruit throughout Orientation week to the University Chaplaincy Offices on the eastern end of the new mezzanine floor in the University Union building (signposted from downstairs). Inquiries: Greg Hughson 479 8497



AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday we decided to have another separate meeting to further discuss the Wesley site. This will be on **Wednesday 18th Feb at 7.30 pm at Mornington - this week-** as The Mission would like a reply by 13th March if possible. A suggestion is to sell our area in one parcel with The Mission area, with the proviso that we can rent back the hall. There are at least 2 other alternatives.

A 5YEARLY PARISH MINISTRY REVIEW evening is planned for **Tuesday 10th March**. This will be conducted by the Synod superintendent, Rev Peter Taylor and his counterpart from Christchurch Rev Alan Webster. The venue is Mornington. Time and what form it will take are yet to be arranged. Please note this date in your diary.

PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL consideration to the matter of a Parish Steward. We would like one to replace George Davis.

MORNINGTON LEADERS meeting TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 7.30pm.

STORY FROM THE MISSION

Support and Advocacy: It has been an eventful year at Approach with most Students using the Support and Advocacy Service. There were regular referrals to Youth Specialty Services [YSS], youth Emergency Psychiatric Services [EPS] which offer psychiatric interventions and counselling, as well as referrals to Adventure Development Trust, who deal with drug/alcohol addictions for youth and many hours of interaction with Work and Income and Youth Services in relation to their financial entitlements.

The law states that - If you're under 16, you can leave home only if your parents agree to this and if they've made adequate arrangements for your care, such as accommodation, clothing, food and medical care. If you leave home at 16 or 17 and are living independently from your parents, you may qualify for the Youth Payment. Several of the students chose not to live at home for a variety of reasons, and did not qualify for the youth payment. So in reality they had no fixed abode, no financial means of support, and no family support. This was the case for some youth attending ACL last year. The resources that many of these students showed was amazing especially in their ability to cope and get to course when possible.

For students, after a 3 day absence without any communication with us, we will pay a visit; we generally only have to do this once, because they know we will follow protocol - and how embarrassing to be 'found' by your tutor. This process has strengthened the relationship with students at ACL/Next Step Training in that we provide consistency, show them that we have a duty of care, and that we provide somewhere safe for them to learn at their own level.

Some youth showed high levels of being organised to come to course as some of them were 'couch surfing' [which is finding somewhere to lay their heads for the night because of no fixed abode]; there were several issues that could have been reasons not to attend, but all in all the Youth achieved academically and socially and learned that they have the resilience to become healthy, happy and stronger with the support that the Mission offers. All of these Youth have Emergency Plans in place, made their own arrangements for their care and protection over the Christmas period, and are to be commended for building new relationships with their family.



WHO OWNS OUR WATER?

As someone who lived in the UK when Margaret Thatcher's government privatised water (mostly to Kuwaiti interests) let me tell you: it is possible to get the answer to this question *disastrously* wrong. Water quality in the UK has slid, with some velocity, down the rankings, as price (no surprises here) has escalated rapidly.

The question has arisen in New Zealand this week because, according to the media: Greedy Maori. Iwi have been asked about compensation for their Treaty rights in regards water.

Except, Iwi are almost certainly asking because of Local Authorities. Councils have been gossiping for some time about a rumour that this Government is interested in some form of water privatisation, a bit like the power companies they flogged off half of last term.

Now, I can't see how that (excuse the pun) holds water. Even a Rodney Hide led Government could foresee the outraged public uprising if a mass sell-off like that was proposed. But what if it were more like the social housing sell-off?

Local Bodies are talking about it because of the Canterbury farmers and ECan – the local authority that was replaced by Government appointed Commissioners back when ECan got into conflict with Canterbury farmers about water rights. (And has stayed run by Commissioners even though a local body election has since been and gone. Eh?)

So on the one hand we have the Prime Minister saying this week (at Waitangi) "no-one owns water", and on the other hand, all across the country, one of our largest industries demanding "water rights" to the possible detriment of the environment and other downstream users;

and Government stepping in to make sure it is so. Plus in some local body areas, of course, water is metered and charged for separate to rates.

You can't own it but you can rent access to it? So ... what's the difference?

The definition of a public good is something which is traditionally shared and beneficial for all or most members of a given community. Water, you'd think, would be a truly outstanding example.

Not so fast though. Commercial goods are those that are subject to the rules of scarcity: supply is limited and less than demand. And there are some parts of the country that can now only support one of our most water intensive industries, dairy farming, if they can get preferential access to water. That means it's scarce. And when a thing is scarce, well the question of price arises ...

Now New Zealand can be a fairly wet place. Fiordland gets an average 11 meters of rain a year. It's wet enough in Northland for kumera to be a cash crop. Kahurangi National Park supports all manner of non-hydroponic, non-irrigated, pot plantations.

But parts of New Zealand are quite dry, or quite dry quite frequently. The Canterbury plains are an interesting example.

So you can see why Iwi might be wondering about this natural resource, a Taonga, that's suddenly in such great demand people are purchasing special rights to it (and not just people; solid National-party voting farmers), and the Crown's treaty obligations.

Greedy Maori? Not so much, then.

Laura Black