



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

21st February 2016

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 28th February

9.30 am	Mornington	C Gibson
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole & Mosgiel LMT
11.00 am	Glenaven	C Gibson
11.00 am	Wesley	S Pole & Mosgiel LMT
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

EXPLORERS GROUP - This Parish group will have its first meeting for the year in the Mornington Lounge at 4.30 pm on Sunday 28 February. Rod Mitchell will lead a discussion on ‘Technochurch’ and we will begin to consider our programme for the year. New members very welcome.

LENTEN STUDY - The material for our Lenten Study hasn’t arrived yet. As soon as I receive it I’ll put a notice on the bulletin for those who want to attend the study.

SYMPATHY - On behalf of the Mornington congregation and the whole Parish I would like to convey our sympathy and condolences to Richard and Ginny Cannon and their whole family for the death of Richard's father, Dr David Cannon in Great Britain. It is our prayers that God would grant upon you peace and hope in the midst of your grief.

CONGRATULATION – Whenever there is bad news there is also good news coming after. It's like the circle of life. The Parish congratulates Fiona Cannon who has been appointed Chapel Prefect at Columba College this year. We wish God's blessing and Success on her new role.

MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - The first Meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday the 24th February, at 12 noon, in the Church Lounge & Sunday School. Please bring along some food to share. This will be followed by a Meeting. Please remember the Fellowship of the Least Coin. See you there.

HELPING THE HUGHSONS - The Hughson family has suffered a serious home invasion and are expecting to be in rental accommodation for six months while their house is repaired. On Friday 26 February a meal and family movie night will be held at Mornington Methodist Church, catered by Judy Russell. A koha of \$15 dollars for the meal and \$5 for the movie. All profits will go to Greg and Hilda; please be generous. Ring Judy (4553727) to book your place and establish numbers attending.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4 March 7.30pm, Mornington Methodist Church - Mornington Methodist Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer this year. The Order of Service has been written by women from Cuba and their theme for the service is "Receive children. Receive Me." Offerings will be used to support Christian World Service, The New Zealand Bible Society and Chaplaincy in New Zealand Hospitals. Everyone welcome. Supper to follow.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Mosgiel church will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 28th of February. The Wesley church can join if they wish to do so in their own service.

A MOMENT OF RARE POIGNANCY was shared at Mornington Church on Feb 7, the morning after Waitangi Day, when Dale Meredith rose to speak prior to the Choir's anthem. After placing a family bible and twin volumes of James Cowan's "The New Zealand Wars" on the communion table, she spoke movingly of her attendance at Wellington just before Christmas of the presentation to Parliament of a 12,000 signature petition asking government to consider setting aside a national day commemorating lives lost in the New Zealand wars. The Choir then went on to sing a Waiata (lament) by Colin Gibson written to evoke memories of lives lost through conflict between the Maori and British forces, 1843 – 1881

Now they have all gone
 into the light,
 into the one light
 where there are no more angry words,
 no more battles to be fought,
 no more sides to be taken,
 or land to be taken,
 no more wrongs to be righted,
 no rights, no wrongs.

Now let us see
 justice and mercy embrace,
 te *tatau pounamu*,
 the greenstone door
 closed for ever
 and for ever.

Peace, we say to their spirits,
 Peace, we say to each other,
 Peace, we say,
 Peace.

Amen, amine.



(Dale has a special interest in moves to commemorate the Land Wars. Her great great great grandfather and his four year old son were killed by Maori defending their lands at the beginning of the Waikato invasion by armed forces 12 – 14 July 1863. Their graves have never been found. *Kia Ora Dale.*)

THE OTAGO COMBINED CHRISTIAN GROUPS will once again have a daytime and night-time presence in a large CUBE or tent on the Museum Lawn during Orientation week (22nd-26th February), on the corner of Albany and Cumberland Streets. We plan once again to distribute information about local Churches and Christian Groups, along with baking! **Please deliver baking throughout Orientation week to the University Chaplaincy Offices on the eastern end of the new mezzanine floor in the University Union building. For further information please contact**

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OTAGO/SOUTHLAND SYNOD REPORT

A small group from Dunedin, Invercargill, Milton, Alexandra and Riverton met at Pukerau last weekend.

Most of the business side of the Synod took place on Friday afternoon, and papers relating to PAC Endowment Fund, Revision of Disciplinary Code memo and Reflections on Physician Assisted Dying were looked at but no decisions needed to be made.

On Saturday Rev Dr Trevor Hoggard from Mission Resourcing and is the Director of English Speaking Ministry shared with us his work which includes

Candidates Process/Assessment Process and Student Review Panel

Ordinands Assessment Panel and Retreat

Partnership Committee

Orientation Day for new Ministers/Synod and Connexional leaders

Stationing Process

Supply Ministry

Chaplaincy Forum

Human Sexuality - Tauivi Sexuality Task Group meets several times a year

It was agreed at Synod that we give \$1000 to this Task Group to enable members to visit Parishes/Synods to talk about this important issue in the Church.

On Sunday a Communion Service was held where all members participated.

It was a time of Sharing and Fellowship. I encourage members of the Parish to consider attending a Synod meeting.

Dunedin Methodist Parish July - Dec 2015

Income

Offerings

Glenaven	3,730.81
Mornington	25,746.00
Mosgiel	5,614.80
St Kilda	5,000.00
Wesley	3,042.60

Glenaven Property	5,010.00
Rental Income	22,114.28
Other Income	6,317.18

76,575.67

Expenses

Ministry	42,772.34
Ministry Rental	10,500.00
Removal Fund	709.98
Connexional Budget	3,672.00
District Expenses	1,332.74
Property Expenses	11,090.42
Other Expenses	4,163.41
Conference	2,708.07

76,948.96

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

Friday 4th March 2016
THE TRINITY CHURCH
Holyhead Street Outram
Time 1.15 pm. All Welcome



This worldwide movement of informed prayer involves people from 170 countries also many denominations, who together observe a common day of prayer each year.

Through World Day of Prayer:
We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our logo has the cross in the centre formed by praying figures from the four corners of the earth. All are joined together within the circle of the world and enfolded in God's Love.



This year, our service is from Cuba. The theme is "Receive children. Receive me." Join us, to enjoy this happy time, with stories & singing from Cuba. "Wear your brightest coloured shirt."

ALL WELCOME.

Say, Good afternoon in Cuban

BUENAS TARDES!



***Mālōlō*: A Tongan Concept for Time-Out**

Before I explore the implications of this Tongan word, '*mālōlō*', let me define its meaning. According to C. Maxwell Churchward's dictionary of the Tongan language, the word '*mālōlō*' means 'to rest, to die, be dead.' These definitions are closely related to the notion of 'time-out' in the contexts of sport and work. The *English Dictionary & Thesaurus* defines 'time-out' as 'a suspension of play to rest, discuss tactics, a brief rest

period.’ Whenever I play with my two daughters and they become tired they put up their hands in a ‘T’ sign, by which they remind me that they need time-out. They prefer to have a break from the game for they can’t continue, being too exhausted to play or keep up their concentration. I have seen that sign used in other sports when the referee stopped the game and allowed a player to have break, or allowed the whole team to sit down with their coach and readdress their game plan. The concept of Time-Out reminds us that we are vulnerable creatures. After a period of hard work or a hard game we deserve to have time-out, otherwise we would lose concentration and diminish the quality of our effort. The phrase ‘time-out’, then, is the equivalent of ‘*mālōlō*’, which is to rest or to have a break from hard work.

There are three aspects of the word ‘*mālōlō*’ in the Tongan context I would like to emphasize, indicating the value of someone’s hard work. Firstly, *mālōlō* may refer to someone who died as the outcome of hard work. We use a phrase in the Tongan language for such a person, ‘*mālōlō pe mohe ‘a e tangata ngaue*’, meaning ‘the resting or sleeping of a hard-working person.’ This phrase depicts the integrity and importance of the dead person, because of the quality of work that he offered for his community. Because he has given his best and his all he deserves to have a sleep or a rest. He needs to have a time-out. Although the family will grieve for their loss it will be a healthy grieving, because they know that their loved one has done his best and now is at peace. Secondly, *mālōlō* refers to someone who is going on vacation. Such a person has been working hard at the work place, and his employer has given him a long time-out from work to rest. Sometimes this person might go overseas to visit a friend, or just stay home and do gardening or house duties. While this person is on leave he can reflect on his performance and at the same time regain energy before he starts back at work. Thirdly, *mālōlō* refers to intervals during working hours for workers to have their morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea. Workers have the legal right to a work break in order to rest and to have refreshment. In doing so they regain energy and the concentration needed to be effective workers.

So the word ‘*mālōlō*’ reminds us of the value of resting time. There is a time to work and a time to rest. The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3,

emphasizes the uniqueness of every period of time. “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven,” says Ecclesiastes. If work is matter, then so is resting. We can’t have one without the other. I believe we need both for they are both parts of God’s creative order of which we are a part. William T. McConnell, in his book entitled *The Gift of Time*, states, “There is a scheduled rest, the seventh day, as a sign both of God’s nature and of the complete rest which is ours to enjoy with our Creator” (p.53)

I was fortunate to have a period of time-out when I was on my Annual Leave, which is part of my work schedule every year. This time-out was not accidental, but planned according to the policy of the church and properly arranged with the Parish. My family and I enjoyed this time together at Owaka in the Catlins. Such a resting time allowed us to explore the beauty of the Catlins’ natural environment. Each day was a pleasure because we were able to see and experience new things in nature. We enjoyed walking in the middle of the bush to see waterfalls and learn the names of our native trees. The beauty of the landscape and scenery attracted our attention and awareness. The song of the birds gave melody and harmony to our life every day. We could feel a sense of peace and comfort from each other’s company. *Mālōlō* gave us this opportunity to reconnect with our family as well as to refresh ourselves for another year of service. There is a time to rest, and there is a time to work.

I would like to acknowledge the care and compassion of the Parish in giving me time-out (*mālōlō*) from work. I would like also to thank those who stepped in and took on my responsibilities while I was away from the parish. Without your concern for my wellbeing I wouldn’t have had this opportunity. I believe everyone needs to have a break in order to function well in the work they do. Jesus set the example when he went up the mountain with three of his disciples for a time of prayer and rest. During this time of rest, Jesus’ face was transfigured, his energy was renewed and his ministry was confirmed. I hope that we all have a chance to *mālōlō* when life is too busy and too stressful.

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