



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

*Finding Good in everyone    Finding God in everyone*

[www.dunedinmethodist.org.nz](http://www.dunedinmethodist.org.nz)

<b>Presbyters:</b>	Rev. Siosifa Pole	455 2923
	Rev. Dr. Rod Mitchell	477 3700
<b>Parish Stewards:</b>	Mrs Hilda Hughson	487 6226
	Mrs Earlene Owens	489 8146
<b>Tongan Steward:</b>	Mr Kaufusi Pole	455 0096
<b>Parish Office:</b>	Siosifa: <a href="mailto:parish@dmm.org.nz">parish@dmm.org.nz</a>	466 4600
	Katrina: <a href="mailto:admin@dmm.org.nz">admin@dmm.org.nz</a>	
<b>Parish Prayer Convenor</b>	Elaine Merrett	489 7663
<b>Pastoral Convenor</b>	Beryl Neutze	476 7447
<b>Mornington:</b>		

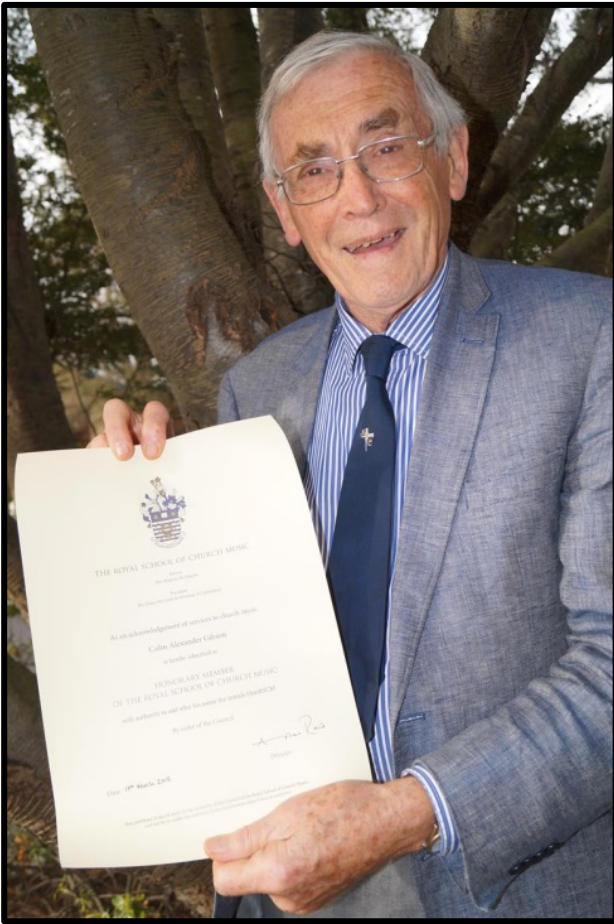
## PARISH BULLETIN

25<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October

9.30 am	Mornington	R Mitchell
9.30 am	Mosgiel	D Phillipps
11.00 am	Glenaven	R Mitchell
11.00 am	Wesley	D Phillipps
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

**DUNEDIN METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – MORNINGTON** - The September meeting will take place on the 28th at 2 p.m. in the Church Lounge. The Guest Speaker will be Christina Weston - her subject - her work as DCC Youth Representative. All welcome to hear this interesting talk. Please remember Fellowship of the Least Coin. See you there - on a beautiful spring day.



**A ONE-DAY FLIGHT TO CHRISTCHURCH** last week was ostensibly to lead a workshop on New Zealand hymn writing - something he is well qualified to do, and something he has done many times before in various parts of the country. But this particular visit, to the Mary Potter Centre, was to be something special. Colin was to be invested with Honorary Membership of the Royal School of Church Music (London) for services to church music. (Hon RSCM)

We celebrate this award with Colin, and we in Dunedin Parish of all people should know it is well deserved. We

have had the immense honour, in many cases, of being the first to sing hymns that eventually became best loved among contemporary hymns in congregations within and beyond New Zealand.

But few of us, even, have any idea of how prolific a hymn writer Colin has become. He has written some 600 hymns, of which about 500 have been published. Shades of Charles Wesley !

One of about 50 people at the function at Christchurch wrote the following day "Have to report a marvellous evening with Colin.... I'd sung a number of the hymns, but had never had such a full and compelling commentary on their origin and significance theologically as well as socially. How blest Mornington (and indeed NZ Methodism) is to have such a gifted hymn writer, musician and expositor. Long may he survive!"

Photo: Colin with his certificate from RSCM.



## STORY FROM THE MISSION

*Next Step Training:* Lindsay Brown & Paul Spain from Rotary came to provide mock formal interviews for our students needing to gain evidence for their Formal Interview Unit. The students prepared well and Lindsay & Paul were impressed with the quality of their CVs and cover letters. Lindsay & Paul are very experienced interviewers and their feedback to each student was much appreciated.

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| Youth: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The advice I received after the interview was great!</li> <li>2) Having this experience to remember when doing the real thing will be useful.</li> <li>3) I was nervous at first but the man was really nice and I felt relaxed talking after that.</li> </ol> |
| Adult  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The process of preparing for the interview was very useful.</li> <li>2) Watching the recording was useful and I will take a copy to review again.</li> <li>3) Feedback was good.</li> <li>4) Helpful experience overall.</li> </ol>                            |

If you would like to support the Mission's work with a donation, please visit [www.givealittle.co.nz](http://www.givealittle.co.nz) and search for The Methodist Mission.

**LAST SUNDAY** we celebrated our Spring Flower Service in Mosgiel.



**INVITATION FROM TE RUNANGA O OTAKOU** - The Dunedin Methodist Parish is invited by Te Runanga o Otakou (Otago Marae) to the Nga Tahu Treaty Festival 2017 on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm. There will be various activities on the Marae for visitors to view and to enjoy. This is an opportunity for our Parish to strengthen our relationship with the tangata whenua.

**METHODIST CONFERENCE 2017** - Please pray for our church Conference this year. The Conference will be at Wesley College in the Franklin District. There will be some important matters that are going to be discussed at this Conference that would affect the ministry of Parishes around the country including the proposal of two yearly Conference, leadership of our church, timeframe for strengthening church buildings, etc. Hilda and myself will attend the Conference on behalf of the Parish. *Siosifa Pole*





# Public Presentation

Centre for Theology and Public Issues  
National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies



## Church Responses to Violence Against Women

**Dr Katalina Tahaafe Williams**

World Council of Churches Executive on Indigenous  
Peoples' Programme

Dr. Tahaafe Williams is a passionate Missiologist and Public & Contextual Theologian. She currently serves as WCC Programme Executive, Mission and Evangelism. Her responsibilities include Indigenous, Migration, Multicultural Ministry, and Racial Justice. As a Tongan-Australian theologian she practices, studies and teaches multicultural/ecumenical liturgy and worship.

Saturday 08 October | 9:00am | Mornington Methodist  
Church, 12 Galloway  
Street, Mornington

**ALL WELCOME!**



### **RADIO CHURCH**

a weekly service presented by Dunedin Inner City Ministers' Assoc  
Otago Access Radio 105.4FM & 1575AM and online [www.oar.org.nz](http://www.oar.org.nz)

**8.30am Sunday**

# Open Lecture



Division of Humanities  
Centre for Theology and Public Issues and  
National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

## World Council of Churches Response to Religious Violence

Rev Dr Olav Fyske Tveit  
World Council of Churches General Secretary

Burns 2 Lecture Theatre  
Friday 7 October  
5:15pm – 6:30pm





## THE DEFENCE MINISTER'S TELEGRAM

One hundred years ago to the day, virtually – Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 - my maternal grandparents

would have walked to the local Methodist church in the morning, as they had both done all their lives. My mother, in her late teens, and her eldest sister, would have been with them. All three brothers were overseas.

Doubtless, as Frank and Mary met up with their friends at the church door, news would have been exchanged about the boys – “Have you heard from them recently?” Maybe they had. Just as likely, someone remarked, “Did you hear that so-and-so’s boy was killed at ....?”, yet another casualty in the Battle of the Somme. Like George Byford Sheridan, a young man of promise from Blenheim, promoted to lieutenant, and a minister of the Methodist Church, killed in action a few days earlier.



***‘The Defence Minister’s Telegram’ - by A.H.O’Keeffe (1921)***

My grandparents did not know that their eldest son, Bert, had been killed at Flers on the 20<sup>th</sup>. They would not know for another week – when they received their telegram from the Minister of Defence.

In the words of John Masefield, we don't need to be 'triumphantly laurelled' to grieve. All the medals in the world won't bring one hero back to life. All the words honouring bravery and self-sacrifice, however justified, however necessary, cannot hide the grotesque folly, the senseless carnage, the broken promises. A three-year-old child in Aleppo knows more about war than we ever will.

What hope, therefore, do we have that our Prime Minister, bearing so grave a responsibility as is that of the Presidency of the Security Council, will be able to achieve anything whatsoever. Will he be prepared to put our trade agreements with the United States, with Russia, with China, with India, with the EU, on the line for the sake of peace. Will he be able to say what should, what must be said, to the so-called 'Great Powers'?

The time has run out for platitudes and posturing. Will he challenge them to show greatness by putting peace first - before trade, before Olympic medals, before ethnic purity, before armaments. Will John Key challenge them to look into the eyes of the maimed-for-life child in Aleppo, with a bullet in her spine, and not flinch.

How far does our honouring of the past deflect us from our responsibility towards the present. The one must not replace the other. Jesus of Nazareth was a man in a hurry – for him the present was always more important than the past. The past can be honoured with a sincere prayer – and the shorter the better. This present moment will be honoured if it is the beginning of peace. Our country could give the lead.

**Donald Phillipps**