



Dunedin Methodist Parish

Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone

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PARISH BULLETIN

27th November 2016

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 4th December

9.30 am	Mornington	R Mitchell
9.30 am	Mosgiel	S Pole
11.00 am	Glenaven	R Mitchell
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

MOSGIEL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meeting Tuesday 6th December 1:30 pm. Final meeting for the year is to be a Christmas afternoon tea @ 40 Forth Street.

WORKING BEE DAY - For those who are free to help, please come to Wesley Church on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th, around 4pm to clean up the hall and everything that needs to be taken before the 2nd of December.

ORDERS OF SERVICE & BULLETINS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK



The Mission Office will be closed from midday Thursday 22nd December and although we reopen on Monday 9th January, I do not return to work until Monday 16th January. Could you please ensure your Orders of Service over this period (between 22nd Dec & 16th Jan) are sent to me admin@dmm.org.nz no later than **12 noon Friday 16th December**.

The final bulletin for 2016 will be the 18th December edition and the first bulletin for 2017 will be 22nd January.

Thank you everyone, wishing you a very happy Christmas. *Katrina*

ACCUSTOMED AS WE ARE to the impromptu talent of Terry MacTavish to lift even the most same-old service out of mediocrity, her dance to "Let Justice Roll Down Like a River" was an extra bonus toward the end of a service at Glenaven notable for its strong content and innovation, not to mention the pleasure of having some 20 members of Helen Watson White's family in attendance. There was full Church to celebrate Helen's "River of Life" theme, and our thanks to all who contributed, including Terry who succeeded in injecting life and imagination into a hymn already powerful with justice images.



ADVENT STUDY will start next week on Wednesday 30th of November, at Mosgiel Methodist Church, 7pm. All are welcome.

PARISH FUTURE INITIATIVES

Over a series of afternoon sessions, a dedicated parish group have met to develop a future vision for our Parish. One outcome was the following mission statement and aims.

The Dunedin Methodist Parish seeks
to nurture the Spirit of God in all,
to stimulate and challenge the mind,
to practise love and justice and care for people and all creation.

Aims

1. To thrive on the nourishment of the Spirit.
2. To promote the experience and understanding of God as reflected in Jesus
3. To foster openness, diversity and inclusiveness
4. To develop a model of church that enables it to carry out its mission within its contemporary setting.

The next stage is to engage with congregations to prioritise the working out of these aims in practice. We have quite a list, so you will be asked to discuss them in small groups (as part of the morning worship service), and choose what you and your congregation discern is right for the future of the Methodist presence in your area. We want this to be workable, with commitment from people, and a timeframe for action.

We also note that we will be writing a Parish Profile for stationing next year, and this will greatly help that process.

Mosgiel Nov 27

CORRECTIONS FOR PREACHING PLAN

The **Wesley congregation** decided last Sunday that they will not continue on as a congregation in another venue. This means there will be **no more Wesley Church services After the 27th of November**. However, some members of the Wesley congregation expressed their interest in attending the St Kilda Church on the first Sunday of the month for the Holy Communion, 1pm at the mean time.

Christmas Eve Service:

Glenaven Methodist Church, Supper at 10.30pm
Service starts 11pm

Parish Combined Service:

January 29th will be at Glenaven Methodist Church, 10am.

Department of Human Nutrition



Nuts and Seeds Study Female Participants Wanted

Could eating sunflower seeds and hazelnuts make a difference to your **type 2 diabetes**?

We are seeking female participants for a new study looking into the effect of hazelnuts and/or sunflower seeds over 12 weeks. Nuts and seeds supplied.

We would like to hear from women who are postmenopausal, 35 years or older, have **type 2 diabetes** and are in good general health.

If you would like further information, please contact:

Liz Fleming

Telephone: **03 479 8153**

Mobile: **021 082 48880**

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Lead Investigator: Dr Alexandra Chisholm

This study is approved by the Southern Regional Ethics Committee.



Parish Links

OVER MANY YEARS ANNE ABERNETHY from Mornington has been making beautiful patchwork quilts. Many have been sold commercially in the past but of recent years Anne is donating her skills to making quilts for the Methodist Mission's Early Years HUB. Anne is making mainly cot-size quilts but also a few in a single bed size. All these quilts are backed with polar fleece and top-stitched.

Anne scours the shops for sales and purchases brightly coloured and patterned materials. Cotton material is chosen as it is easily washed and wears well and the result is a stunningly beautiful gift. Understandably, the HUB is delighted with these gifts which they can pass on to new mothers.



Many thanks Anne.

A WELCOME NEW TALENT at Mornington last Sunday was Rhiannon Cooper who sang a solo piece with the choir - "A Simple Song" from Mass by Leonard Bernstein. Formerly a probation officer, Rhiannon is the daughter of Diane, a new choir member and the pair have come to Dunedin so that Rhiannon can study classical singing at O.U. She's had a good year, and we really enjoyed a rich trained voice with surely much potential.





O-Taiko and the Regent Theatre Present

DRUM EDIN

A 24-hour marathon of Japanese-inspired drumming
A fundraiser for the Dunedin Night Shelter Trust

Watch incredible drumming and support this vital organisation

Noon Saturday 21st January - noon Sunday 22nd January at the Regent Theatre
Open to the public noon-7pm and 7am-noon

Gold coin donation entry to watch and koha to play on stage with the O-Taiko drummers
givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/theregent24hrdrums

O-Taiko is kindly supported by the Department of Music, Theatre and Performing Arts, University of Otago



DRUM EDIN

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THEATRE



STORIES FROM THE MISSION

Next Step Training: *Moderation Health and Disability* Moderation with Careerforce, of 2 Health and Disability units went really well last week in Invercargill. As there were only 2 providers represented there, we each moderated the others units. Ann Gill from SIT said that was very impressed with the standard of work from our students. She teaches a pre-nursing course and is very particular about her student's work, so this was quite a compliment.

Client Support Worker: A middle aged couple were referred to the Mission as they needed help and support around what they were eligible for from Work and Income. The main wage earner was a seasonal worker and she was scheduled to have major surgery on her off season. The couple planned financially for this time off work however there was a medical mishap with the operation which set the couple's plans back. They found themselves in a financial predicament they had not planned on and this was causing undue stress to them both. The couple had a lot going on for them physically, mentally and emotionally. They felt overwhelmed by the pressure of their finances while trying to ensure the main wage earner recovered from her major surgery. The couple identified they had good family support. They had 2 adult children who were both in daily contact with their Mum and Dad. They also provided support when they could. After having a discussion about Work and Income and ACC the couple felt a bit clearer on what they needed to do. By the time we had our next home visit they had already been to Work and Income and had their applications for support granted. They had asked their daughter to help them deal with ACC and this relieved a lot of their anxiety

around this. With the information about Work and Income and ACC the couple were able to move forward with a plan. When we next met they were both in a better place stating they felt like a load had been lifted off their shoulders. While finances were still tight and it was still a bit of a struggle they felt 'things were going to be ok with the knowledge they now had.' The couple were happy to end their need of service with the Mission.

If you would like to support the Mission's work with a donation, please visit www.givealittle.co.nz and search for The Methodist Mission.



 EAST TAIERI CHURCH
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 MOSGIEL
MEMORIAL
RSA

Christmas Lunch

At the Mosgiel RSA

Doors open at 11.45am and food will be served at 12 o'clock

Christmas carols will be sung and there will be surprises for all!

Food and drinks will be free.....just bring yourselves along and enjoy the lunch!

(Please note no alcohol will be served)

DUNEDIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

A delicious free Christmas dinner and great music. Venue: Dunedin Town Hall – Dec 25th – 11.30 am. Booking and enquiries to: Connect South, Phone 471 6150. Booking advised, No alcohol served or permitted. Hosted by Acts of Kindness Charitable Trust.



DUNEDIN SOUTH METHODISM

As we reflect on the ending of a chapter in the history of Dunedin Methodism let's remember we're talking about more than one place where Methodism has flourished. If Hillside Rd is the setting for today's service of celebration and reflection, we should recall there were other settings in this part of the city. At the service itself we will talk about the people who loved their Methodism and gave generously of their time and talents. Because we will meet at Hillside Rd I start with its story, though it was not where Methodism began in Dunedin South.

The beginning at Hillside Rd took place in 1880 with the establishment of cottage prayer meetings and a Sunday School. Later that year a house was provided in Melbourne St by Daniel Haynes, the founder of Herbert Haynes Ltd, and a very prominent and generous Wesleyan. Preaching services were begun a little later. There was another Wesleyan group at Caversham and when these two groups came together a property on the south side of Wesley Rd. was purchased. On that site the former Opoho Wesleyan church was placed. The opening services were held on October 1st, 1882.

Steady growth necessitated an enlargement to the church in 1883 and 1884. The young ladies sewing guild presented a harmonium. In 1886 the corner section, on which the present church stands, was purchased for £300 and the engineer's shop moved and converted into an infant school. The Rev Lewis Hudson was appointed in 1892, and under his energetic evangelism a much larger building was needed. He wanted to establish a mission, along the lines of the Central Mission in Dowling St. His first scheme was for a Mission hall to hold 1000 people, with a gallery. This idea was soon abandoned, and a plain place of worship, designed to seat 660, without a gallery, was built. The present church building is, externally at least, identical with the one opened 134 years ago. The Sunday School took over the old church building on the other side of the road for its work.

At that time there were just 45 members, but there was a Sunday School with 352 scholars and 36 staff. That was justification itself for such a major enterprise. Cargill Rd, as it was then called, soon became a separate Circuit which included Mosgiel, then the Peninsula, and finally St Kilda in 1901, with ministers or Home Missionaries at each of these places. A Circuit register shows collections taken at Cargill Rd, Macandrew Bay, Mosgiel, Berwick, Maungatua, Woodside, Taieri Ferry, Broad Bay, Otakou, Taiaroa Heads, Hooper's Inlet, Wylie's Crossing, Momona, Outram and Burnside! Having a resident minister meant providing a parsonage. Initially the minister lived in rented accommodation - but from 1901 in a purpose-built house still standing at the far end of Wesley St. Only in 1942 was the mortgage on the parsonage paid off.

The first beginnings in South were at the other end of Cargill Rd, at what is now called Forbury Corner, but then generally called Kew. As early as 1876 the Primitive Methodists had decided on this site. There were already 1000 people in the neighbourhood and a small wooden church was built with seating for just 76 people – with no free seats. It is exactly 140 years (plus two weeks) to the day, since its opening and

dedication. There was immediate growth, extensions were made in 1880, and then a new brick church was built at a cost of £1000 in 1903 which seating 222 people. Its long-term future was soon called into question when the tramway to St Clair was opened and Forbury Corner had to be realigned.

This led to the decision in 1913, at the time of Methodist Union, to move the Kew society to Caversham, where a new brick church was opened in 1915, using the furnishings from the old church. This development meant that the Dunedin South Circuit now had oversight of smaller societies at Abbotsford and Fairfield as well. The final addition was made in 1923, when the former Congregational church at St Clair became part of the Circuit, though an attempt at 'missioning' at Corstorphine took place as early as 1944. Worship at Caversham continued until 1978.

Dunedin South Methodism has always been in a state of flux. Within the area there have been as many as four Circuits - Hillside Rd/Wesley, St Kilda/Peninsula, Caversham, and Mosgiel. The nature of Dunedin society has changed from the time when it could be said that the Primitive Methodists looked after working-class folk. The Wesley leadership included men of substance in the Dunedin community who wanted their church to represent the values of a progressive and liberal middle class – hence the installation of a pipe-organ in 1921. But the effects of the War, and then the Depression, were deep-seated, and worship habits changed forever.

Another matter put on hold during the war had been first raised at a Trust Meeting in 1938. A resolution was passed: "That we dispose of some of our property and build a more attractive church." Nothing could be done at the time, and nothing was done when 'normal' life resumed in 1945.

It was the Hall, opened in 1955 that gave the Wesley congregation a strong sense of purpose. The Wesley Youth Centre Committee was formed in 1952 under Rev E.S. Hoddinott, plans were drawn up in 1953 for a concrete block structure, and the Sunday School children sold bonds to buy them. Much of the work was done by voluntary labour. It was immediately an invaluable facility, for the Men's Club, for the Sunday School, and for the Girls' Brigade. The first dance was held in it that year, and the Bible Class made their home in it. When the District Synod was held there in 1958, every part of all the buildings was put to good use.

As early as 1961 there was a proposal abroad to close Wesley, St Clair and Caversham, and build a new church centre at Forbury Corner. Instead there was a major redesign of the church's interior completed in 1975. The floor was raised and a lounge created out of existing space within the worship centre. For 20 years, when the Dunedin Parish came together as a whole, it was at Wesley that they joined.

From the 1980s the Tongan Fellowship in Dunedin has made a significant contribution. The leadership for nearly 20 years of the Taungapeau family, in particular, has been especially prominent. From that time, too, there have been issues within the Church which have been the cause of much heart-searching, but Wesley's membership (whatever their personal feelings) have throughout their long history, typically chosen to stay together. Long friendships, and a deep love for their 'House of God', have proving to be of greater importance.

The tide has turned everywhere in Dunedin. Memories remain and the work of good women and men is honoured today. "We praise him for all that is past, and trust him for all that's to come."

Donald Phillipps