



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

22nd January 2017

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 29th January

	Mornington	Combined at Glenaven
	Mosgiel	Combined at Glenaven
10.00 am	Glenaven	R Mitchell
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

ANNUAL LEAVE - I will be away on Leave from the 10th to the 30th of January 2017. While I am away, Rod Mitchell will take care the administration of the Parish. Thanks, Siosifa Pole.


DUNEDIN COMBINED CHURCHES OUTREACH 2017

Ravi Zacharias will be speaking on *Truth, Whose Truth?* with a public Q&A to follow. The Forsyth Barr Stadium, Sunday 26th February, 7pm.

GLENAVEN will be hosting the Combined Parish Service next Sunday, 29 January, at 10am. The doors will be open by 9.30am and tea/coffee will be served after the service, not before. Please bring a plate of easy finger food to share for morning tea, and put it ready on the table, covered, when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you at 7 Chambers St, NEV on the 29th.


UN WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK
2017

**Celebration of
Interfaith Harmony Dinner**
hosted by
The Dunedin Interfaith Council


*Unity in
Diversity*

6.30pm – 8.30pm, Tuesday 7 February 2017
VENUE: Recreation Hall
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
14 Fenton Crescent, St Clair, Dunedin

Everyone Welcome



The dinner is vegetarian pot-luck.
Please bring a meal or dessert to share.
This is a family friendly event with special speakers,
music and entertainment for children.

For further information contact the Dunedin Interfaith Council
email: dunedininterfaith@gmail.com

NATIVITY SCENE at Mosgiel Church.

PHOTOS FROM the celebration service at Wesley Church





STORY FROM THE MISSION

Incredible years programme: The members of the Incredible Years group have been working really well together.

During the group, they help each other by brainstorming ideas for strategies on how group members can cope with challenging situations with their children. We can think about what the parent might say or do in the situation and they can practice the words or actions in the safe environment of the group before trying them out with their children.

One parent was really worried about how to manage her son's protests when she leaves him at school. She was reassured by other parents telling her that this is quite common and that children settle quickly once their parents have gone, and she was given some ideas about preparing him for his day before getting to school. Then she practised how she could say goodbye in a matter-of-fact manner, tell her son when she would be back and calmly walk away. The following week, the parent reported that it had worked so well that by the end of the week, her son was running into school with hardly a backward glance!

We discussed the difference and Jenny asked her what she felt had changed. She said that thinking ahead about what to do, having a plan and following through with it were key elements for her. She had remained calm and felt in control, and she thought that had helped her son to feel more confident too. This brought out some of the key principles of the programme, as it showed everyone how we can analyse a problem and break it down to think about what to do, we can follow a plan that is based on simple ideas such as routines, reassurance and calm instructions and how the way that we react to our children influences what they do. It was just one example in which the whole group was able to see these principles working in a practical way.