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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24th June

9.30 am	Mornington	M Hardy
10.00 am	Mosgiel	S Pole & LMT
11.00 am	Glenaven	M Hardy
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

Dates to remember:

20 Jun	7.30 pm	Open Education – Mornington
24 Jun	2.30 pm	Musical Society concert - Mornington
27 Jun	2.00 pm	Mornington MWF – Mornington Church Lounge

OPEN EDUCATION: SUNDAY BEST - How has the Christian Church impacted on New Zealand culture; how has our society impacted on New Zealand Christianity? On **Wednesday 20 June** Professor Peter Lineham from Massey University presents a distinguished historian's view of Christianity in New Zealand, based on his best-selling book Sunday Best. Don't miss it; come to the pre-session meal created by Judy Russell at Mornington Church, Galloway Street, at **6.00pm** (\$15, book by ringing 455 3727), and join the crowd for the talk at 7.30pm (koha \$5). Copies of Sunday Best will be on sale at a special price of \$45. All proceeds go to the Hub—and we want to make this a big, generous donation to help save this important outreach of the Mission.

MOSGIEL MID-WEEK SERVICE Wednesday 20th June 2pm @ 40 Forth Street. All very welcome. A time to chat & pray with Rev Siosifa Pole' by a very warm fire, followed by afternoon tea.

MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERT 24th June, Sunday 2.30pm at Mornington Methodist church. There are cello, singing and piano items. All welcome. Cost \$2.

MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Meeting for June will be our A.G.M. & will be chaired by Rev. Marcia Hardy. This will be held in the Church Lounge on the 27th at 2p.m. Please remember the three Collections for this month - the Monthly Collection; Fellowship of the Least Coin; Dunedin Methodist Mission, Social Service Collection. All Welcome.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE, OPERATION REFUGEE A group of Quakers are raising funds for refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan by taking part in Operation Refugee and living on refugee rations from 16-20 June. The money raised will support children's camps, kindergartens, women's health and empowerment programmes, trauma care, mental health and literacy programmes, and precious food to supplement basic rations. Donations can be sent to <www.cwsoperationrefugee.nz> or directly to the Quaker site, <<https://cwsoperationrefugee2018.everydayhero.com/nz/dunedin-quaker-team>>

WEST PAPUA LIBERATION Information Sheet 1

Remember East Timor's painful struggle against Indonesian oppression commencing 1975 and lasting until eventual liberation 1999 and independence, 2002?

History is repeating itself in West Papua, where Indonesian occupation since 1963 has been accompanied by brutal human rights violations, militarisation and gross neglect of basic services, all of which take serious toll on the indigenous people.

Indonesian influence and control have been given official status by a number of international decisions, all of doubtful authenticity, but sanctioned by an international community bent on currying favour with the economic powerhouse of Indonesia. New Zealand and Australia have been among the consenting nations but the voice of protest at the injustice of Indonesian rule has never been entirely silenced, especially given the successful struggle for East Timor liberation.

Meanwhile West Papuan resistance to Indonesian rule has resulted in an estimated 100,000 deaths. Resistance has been predominantly non-violent and continues to this day, while a diplomatic offensive has escalated in recent years with particular support from UN agencies and Pacific nations e.g. Vanuatu and Fiji. Earlier this week an official Desk has been set up in Auckland, staffed by volunteers, to encourage and channel public opinion toward West Papuan independence.

Mornington Leaders Meeting has agreed to a progressive education process on the West Papua issue and in subsequent bulletins further information will be included prior to a congregational meeting later this year. Thanks for reading. *Ken Russell* (Ph 455.3727).



STORIES FROM THE MISSION

Client Support Work Little Citizens: Connecting with Centre Whānau, I met with Liz, a parent of four children, who was also balancing full time study. Her partner worked long hours, and she was finding it difficult to achieve everything she needed to. She identified her need for service as support with parenting.

The support I provided was in terms of helping Liz to identify specific areas and goals which she wanted to be able to achieve (such as having the children ready for school on time). Liz came up with solutions which she felt would work for her.

Over the course of the service, Liz had put some of these strategies in place, and had devised her own to supplement these. She had been able to identify that further professional supports for aspects of the children's behaviour might be needed, and arranged these. Liz had also made decisions which allowed her more adaptability in time management.

When the service concluded, Liz said that she now felt more able to handle the children's behaviour and needs, and better equipped to support them moving forward.

YTH: A small group has become really friendly and are now looking at signing a lease on a flat and moving in together. They have had great support from the Mission's Client Support Worker and seeking budget advice in arranging leases, income support, seeking household items and transport. It is really heartening to see 3 school aged rangatahi being so proactive and achieving their goals.

Little Citizens Kiwi Room: We are continuing our bicultural learning journey in the Kiwi Room through music – learning new waiata to sing at our family Matariki dinner in June. We are focussing on Tirama Tirama (Twinkle Twinkle Little Star), Kei Roto I te Moana, a great song about a taniwha! and Purerehua, the butterfly. These songs have actions too, engaging the children's bodies and focus, and enhancing their verbal language.

Today one child's Koro asked if he could stay for mat time – it was so wonderful to have him share our group time, and watch his grandson participate in our action songs and waiata



THE FUTURE IS NOT A RISK CALCULATION

Last week, I had the pleasure of sharing a choffee (chocolate and orange infused coffee) with my daughter in Wellington. We were sitting in the loading bay of some old warehouse near Cuba Street, a minimalist conversion from functional concrete to hipster chic courtesy of white paint and exposed copper piping. Its origins were still articulated, most clearly by the massive ceiling pulley remaining intact, awaiting its next load.

We chatted about Space Club, the stars and the origins of the universe. We covered what all her friends were doing and progressed to her most recent work: *The Future is Not a Machine*, an essay looking backwards at key architectural movements over the past century and then projecting forwards.

This week the value of a person's life has been on my mind: how much risk to our lives can we tolerate as a community, and when does that risk become unacceptable.

We use machines to calculate risk now, what can we learn from those machines?

The insurance industry uses lots of data to calculate risk to life and property: theft, flooding, accident, disease, death etc. Actuarial tables measure by age, gender, location and any number of attributes. Your insurance premium is based on your risk. If the risk is too high, you may not be insured.

You may have heard of Project AF8. Statistics show that about every 300 years, the Alpine Fault ruptures. It last ruptured in 1717 and the next severe earthquake is predicted to occur within the lifetime of most of us, or our children. While modelling of alpine earthquake scenarios show

that Dunedin is safer than many parts of the South Island, it is not immune from quake risk. Will the machines respond when the crisis occurs?

Another risk calculation is the *Annual Individual Fatality Risk*, a statistic that creates a common basis for comparing one type of risk (of death) with another across a wide range of activities. From that information, it is then possible to work out how much people are currently willing to pay to reduce that risk, and when they are willing to accept the risk. It also informs decisions about when to say '*No, the risk is too great and we will not tolerate this*'.

This week, we met as Dunedin Methodists to consider *Our People, Our Heritage*, a conversation about how we can capture and tell of ourselves and our faith experiences.

Not obviously a risk calculation. Yet the seed for records comes from an awareness that our lives are finite, and that transfer of knowledge and experience creates a richness for the next generation. Knowing who we each of us are and where we come from touches a deep need for connection and context, a source of wisdom and inspiration for those who seek.

We talked of South Dunedin and Broad Bay, people who are the church, glass windows and Busy Bees, interfaith connections, environmental projects, social activities, youth productions, music, art and craft works, explorers and explored. We shared photographs, records and trophies. There was mention of sermons, bulletins and meeting minutes.

What we found was a wealth of love and dedication by many people over many years, reflecting John Murray's hymn, in *Faith Forever Singing*:

*Whatever is true and honest and good,
Whatever has beauty and wisdom,*

*Whatever reveals the face of God
These we will live by and treasure*
[based on Philippians 4:8]

Risk and security come back into the equation: we need permissions and protocols to collect and make personal information available. Our archives office in Christchurch will help traversing the risk of litigation if we mis-use information, or if others with less honorable intentions choose to abuse that which is made freely available.

We are proceeding carefully, to make sure that these risks are properly managed.

Reflecting on the past weeks, I was left wondering, how is it that young people can see so clearly that the past and future is about people. The ideas, inventions and civilisations come and go; the human dilemma remains.

The future is not a risk calculation. Beyond the daily risk of living, faith, hope and love endure.

How can we use these artefacts, the buildings, records and stories, to help us to understand ourselves and to go forward, revealing the face of God?

Dale Meredith