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PARISH BULLETIN

14th February 2021

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 21st February 2021

9.30am	Mornington	H Watson White
10.00am	Mosgiel	D Poultney
11.00am	Glenaven	D Poultney
	St Kilda	TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 24 th Feb	12 noon	Mornington MWF	Morninton Church
26-28th Feb		Otago Southland Synod	

MONTHLY MEETING of the MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 12noon at the Mornington Methodist Church.

The Women's Fellowship is starting 2021 with a shared lunch for all at the Church on Wednesday 24th at 12 noon. All members of the church are invited to attend this social gathering. Please bring a plate of savoury finger food to share. Delicious desserts will be provided by the committee.

OTAGO SOUTHLAND SYNOD meeting and School of Theology is happening 26-28 February at Camp Columba, Pukerau, (near Gore). Starts around 3pm Friday and finishes with an early lunch on Sunday. Heavily subsidised by the Synod, there is a cost of \$20 per person for the weekend or \$10 per person if coming for Saturday only. If you are interested in coming please contact Rachael Masterton on rmasterton@actrix.co.nz

If staying the weekend you will need to bring your own bedding/pillow/towels etc. Dorm style beds.

BAKING, FRUIT and TENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UNIVERSITY ORIENTATION WEEK - The Otago Combined Christian Groups will once again have a tent on campus during O week. Baking and fruit is needed to hand out from the tent on Tuesday 23rd February. Please bring baking and fruit to Church next Sunday 21st or deliver it to the tent on the Union Lawn on Tuesday 23rd. Our Methodist church is rostered on in the tent for two shifts on Tuesday 23rd February, from 10am-2pm and from 7.30pm-2.00am.

Please let Tekih Veikoso veite454@student.otago.ac.nz or Greg Hughson know if you can help out in the tent (even for a short time) offering hospitality to newly arrived students.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 10th February at Mosgiel. While our meeting covered a wide range of issues we wish to advise you particularly of the following:

- **Parish Council discussed the Covid 19 situation.** We acknowledge that Level One is not about being post Covid but about a state of readiness for its resurfacing. We urge members of the parish to keep using the tracing app both at Church and elsewhere. We encourage the maintenance of good hand hygiene and measures to protect our health as individuals and as a community.
- **Climate Change:** We resolved to promote awareness about climate change and what can be done to mitigate against it.
- **Parish Future:** We received a paper from Colin Gibson on the parish's future. It will be published in Notices next week. We encourage people to share their hopes for the future and will discuss this issue at the next Parish Council.
- **Transition House:** We affirm work by MMS towards the establishment of two Young Mum's Transition Houses.
- **President of MCNZ Visit:** We look forward to the visit of the President of MCNZ, Andrew Doubleday. Andrew is here to induct David and Rachael as Co-Superintendents of the District. You may know Andrew candidate from Mornington. He has had a long ministry at Opawa Methodist in Christchurch and served as Superintendent of the Evangelical Network. He is a friend of both Rachael and David. You can read his thoughts in *Touchstone* and watch him on YouTube.
- **A Film to Raise Awareness of Human Trafficking** Kia Ora everyone as we begin another year. We are very aware of all that is happening around trafficking in our world and how it has got worse since Covid. Our media has kept us informed of how it is happening here in New

Zealand. We a group called Talitha Kum here in the greater Dunedin are working to raise awareness around this issue so that we can lend our voices to put an end to it. Pope Francis calls it “an open wound on the body of humanity”

We warmly welcome you to join us on Monday evening 15 February at **St Patrick’s Basilica, 32 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin** where the Rev Ian Guy, Presbyterian Minister, Frankton, will show the movie.

- **Beginning Lent - An Invitation**

Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, between 2 and 3 David will be leading a service for the beginning of Lent. It is not a service for the imposition of ashes, it will be a reflective largely silent service with ‘stations’ around the Church to encourage reflection, prayer and engagement with the season of Lent. I have called it *Eremos*, Greek for wilderness or desert place. You are warmly welcome.

QUIET DAYS FOR SPIRITUAL RETREATS

You are invited to a quiet time apart with God in the lovely environment of St Margaret’s Anglican Church, 4 Seaview Terrace, Brighton. A brief sharing at beginning and end, then a silent time. You use the time and facilities as best work for you. Bring your own lunch. A koha is appreciated.

Friday March 26, April 23, June 25, July 23, August 27 and October 22. You must register: contact Maureen Harley (021) 107 1401 or (03) 456 0573 or maugernz@gmail.com.



According to [How Rich Am I? | Giving What We Can](#) my house is on the global rich list: it earnt more last year than 99% of the world's population.

In fact, my house earnt not quite double the median income in New Zealand, but paid no taxes, so *after* tax, my house earnt 2¼ times what the median worker did.

(It's really not that flash of a house, either, we've just noticed the outside light on the garage has fallen off, and the gate to the back garden has rotten through at the base, and we have to keep the washing machine in the basement which you can only get to by going outside, so what I'm saying is, it is doing pretty well for a being a creaky old girl.)

Currently, New Zealand has an estimated housing shortage of around 100,000 homes, that's roughly 260,000 people – including children – living in deeply insecure, wildly inappropriate, almost certainly very unhealthy, circumstances. 22,000 of those families are on the URGENT waiting list for a state house. That means too many of them are currently living in their cars or in garages.

There are on top of this, probably around another 100,000 homes (or 260,000 people) that are at significant risk of the effects of climate change: sea level rise for South Dunedin and the Taieri obviously, but also flood prone areas like Lower Hutt.

So, right now, we need probably 200,000 new homes to be being thought of in someone's planning. At least half of which need to be for low-income families.

But we're adding to our population of 5ish million by around 100,000 a year. Immigration is a part of that, but births in excess of deaths is doing a great deal of the heavy lifting (it's not just births, folks are dying later

too). So that's around 40,000 homes worth a year being added, eventually of course, those new bubs aren't moving out just yet! But they will. And the bubs of 20 years ago are *definitely* moving out now.

New Zealand builds around 30,000 new houses a year. It fluctuates, but that's the most recent "high". Yet most of them are not for low-income families, and of course that's not enough for even our natural population growth.

Which is why house prices are going through the roof, when demand exceeds supply, the price goes up.

So, why aren't we building more?

Mostly, to my horror, it is people like me. (Not actually me, but people who have the same education, social class, income profile, and age bracket as me.)

My people don't want greater urban density. We seem to think that the suburbs can be expanded for ever, and that's what councils should do.

But land is expensive, and reticulating new suburbs is prohibitively so.

Public transport (low income whānau, remember) can't make money from urban sprawl, there aren't enough passengers per kilometre.

As a result, on the Taieri, in Nelson, and in Pukekohe (from personal experience) really good quality arable land is now being transformed into sections.

Councils, of course, are already cash strapped because ratepayers want low rates and infrastructure repairs have been deferred now for decades.

But my people don't want to pay more in rates. Or in public transport subsidies. And we don't want noisy, "crowded", higher density building changing the nature of "our" neighbourhoods.

Above all, we don't want our property values to *decrease*, or for our lifestyle to have to change. Which is why no government will lose our votes by putting in a capital gains tax. Or even raising taxes to fund more infrastructure and building.

But there are now 520,000 people in New Zealand who are either without a home or about to be without a home. And we're falling behind at the rate of about 20,000 people a year.

We're about to find out that we can get everyone inoculated. Last year we found out that we can keep everyone paid.

But we can't house everyone?

Laura Black

Kaihautū *Director*

Methodist Mission Southern

VANUATU



“Build on a Strong Foundation”

A Service prepared by
World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 5 March 2021

You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at your local church.

Place **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOSGIEL ALL WELCOME**

Time **1-30pm. AFTERNOON TEA
TO FOLLOW.**

Offerings will be used to support projects in Vanuatu and New Zealand, as well
as to contribute towards local and international World Day of Prayer.