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PARISH BULLETIN

2 May 2021

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 9 May 2021

9.30 am	Mornington	C Gibson
10.00 am	Mosgiel	D Poultney
11.00 am	Glenaven	C Gibson
	St Kilda	TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, Sun 2nd May, 2.30 pm Dn Interfaith Council, Knox Church
 Tues 4th May 2021, 7.30pm – Mornington Leaders Meeting
 Thurs 6th May, 7pm – Faith Thinking Course, University of Otago
 Fri 14th May, 11.00 am, Lay Preachers Day, Balclutha



Last Sunday Mosgiel acknowledged Anzac Day By reading an Anzac poem & reading names of all the men's names on our memorial gate posts.

CORRECTION TO MAILING LIST:

Euan Thomson: please delete the phone number 482 2793 and replace with the number: 021 141 4354

MORNINGTON LEADERS' MEETING: Tuesday 4th May 7.30 p.m.

LAY PREACHERS DAY

A chance for lay preachers and interested people to get together and share resources, share concerns and learn some new skills. Rev John Daniel (Presbyterian Minister in Dunedin) will be facilitating a session on prayer.

- Friday 14 May 2021
- 11am to 3pm
- Balclutha Presbyterian Church,
- 72 Clyde Street, Balclutha

Who is invited?

All lay preachers and interested people are invited. This is being run by the Methodist Synod of Otago and Southland and is open to Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican churches in Otago and Southland.

For information or to advise that you are coming please contact Rachael on rmasterton@actrix.co.nz

FAITH THINKING COURSE

Going Deeper into 1 Corinthians with Professor Paul Trebilco, Theology Programme, University of Otago. 7-9pm, Thursday May 6, 13, 20. Burns 7. This Course costs \$20. To enrol please go to:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html>

Faith Thinking courses are jointly organised between the Theology Programme and some Dunedin Churches, and supported by Continuing Education at the University of Otago.

DUNEDIN INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Dunedin Interfaith Council will be held at Knox Church today Sunday 2 May from 2.30-4pm. Everyone is welcome. Further information : Greg Hughson 027 212 1048

WEST PAPUA UPDATE

The following news item received by our network this week illustrates how the indigenous people are taking initiatives to break out of Indonesian imposed servitude to realise for themselves some of the immense wealth in the natural resources of their land. It also indicates the way that the West Papuan people are gaining a new sophistication, a determination to make their own way in the world of exploration and business, and belies Indonesian colonialist ideology that portrays the indigenous people as simple and agrarian, not suited to dealing with the complexities of the modern world. KR

Jayapura, Jubi – The Korowai indigenous people have expressed their wishes to get local mining permits so that they can manage and control the natural resources on their land.

Head of Sinar Kasih Cooperative, Daum Subumto of Kawe Village, Awimbon District, who represents the Korowai, said during a meeting with lawmaker John Gobai of Papua's Regional Legislative Council that the land of Korowai was one of the regions in Papua that had the

potential for gold, yet the people could not benefit from it as they had no mining permits. With the mining potential in the area, Subumto hoped, the area would be designated as a local mining area. “We hope that by obtaining local mining permits through our cooperative, we can be the master of the mines in our own land,” he said on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Gobai, meanwhile, said that his party had been pushing for local mining permits in areas with natural resources all across Papua.

“The Korowai People in Pegunungan Bintang Regency are fighting for their territory which has mining potential. We definitely support that,” Gobai said: Thousands of alleged illegal miners once caused a stir among native Korowais in 2018, as most of the miners were believed to be “newcomers” with no permits.

In larger areas of West Papua, gold mines, especially the Grasberg mine – one of the biggest gold mines and third largest copper mine in the world – has been a source of wealth for its foreign owners, but local communities say it has brought only poverty, disease, oppression, and environmental degradation since the mining giant PT Freeport McMoran began its operations in 1973.

Reporter: Arjuna Pademme

STORY FROM THE MISSION

Tokomairiro Community

Hub *Taituarā a Hāpori*

One client who had a range of issues around their tenancy, was planning to move further north. The move was complex as it needed to involve supports from Community Law, Sustaining Tenancies and MSD for this to happen. Mere was able to support this client to connect with the support agencies to ensure that they were able to achieve their goal. The client had a very positive outcome and was very grateful for the service. Another client came in with significant stress in their life



around employment, finances and court. Mere has been able to support this client to navigate them to connect with MSD and Waiora Trust where they attended a Maori revitalisation retreat. Now the client has connected also with Ruth from Job opportunities and Family works for budgeting. They are well on the road to achieving a positive outcome

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



Winter's coming on

With wind, rain and sleet our minds turn naturally to how we human animals can keep ourselves and each other cosy. Unfortunately there are many barriers to doing that directly. For one thing, most of our houses are separated by brick walls, hedges or fences, some physical, some mental and social. Our family and social networks are often not physical either, but maintained by telephone, slow post, email, Facebook, any number of ways that don't involve the old style direct contact of handholding and hugs. But there's already enough lamenting the distance between us to keep us busy till Christmas, so I'll return to the point: how do we help each other keep our blood warm?

Historically, we have a welfare state that looks after everyone's wellbeing, and the need for it has become blindingly obvious over the time of the pandemic. Being kind has become the nation's mission— one that produced a lot of closeness, even when we were not supposed to be too close. But our social structures, our money and benefit system, our helping agencies (government and NGOs), not to speak of our hospitals, have been stretched to the limit, are actually cracked with the strain. A radical healing of all these things may be fervently wished and prayed for, but it's not yet on the horizon. Can we even envisage it?

Paramount in the nexus of problems is the dearth of housing, the basic thing that we use to protect ourselves from the sleety stuff as well as the

winds of change. While many of us are living in homes too large for our needs, others can't find even a room or flat to rent, let alone a house to own. I hate that fact.

As the housing problem – THE problem of our times – recently came close to the doors of our church, and of a nearby church where a man was sleeping rough, we were caught off guard and floundered around trying to put (metaphorical) plasters on the gaping wounds of a very obvious need.

So I've amassed all the info I can find about what we can offer as a society to a homeless person in Otepoti Dunedin, at this point in time. I'm ashamed it is so little, but amazed it is so much, and hope you might draw some inspiration from my list.

1) Dunedin Night Shelter

18 Lees St, off Princes St, Dunedin 9016

Tel. 477 0546

<https://dunedinnightshelter.co.nz/>

<https://givealittle.co.nz/org/dnshelter>

Emergency overnight housing, open from 6pm daily, all year.

The Dunedin Night Shelter Trust was established in 2004 and has been running Dunedin's only night shelter facility since 2006. In 2012 the Trust expanded its services, introducing the Phoenix Lodge transitional house for longer-term accommodation, in a separate building on site.

Men and women over the age of 18 who are admitted to the main house by 7pm are given a hot home-cooked meal, a warm dry bed, and their clothes (if presented by 9pm) can be washed and dried by morning. After breakfast residents leave by 9am, but office hours on weekdays continue 8-11am. The maximum stay is 5 consecutive nights, although discretion is used depending on individual circumstances. In addition clients are

provided with advice and assistance in finding further accommodation after their stay, and ensuring they are receiving all appropriate benefits. The aim is 'to encourage and assist self-responsibility'. As well as providing support to the homeless, the Shelter regularly assists 'people who have suffered a life shock such as loss of job or relationship break-up and need a hand to get back on their feet.

The Dunedin Night Shelter Trust is incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 (No. 1504117). It is registered under the Charities Commission (No. CC29266) and has Charitable and Donee status with the Inland Revenue Department.

2) Healthline 24-hour medical advice 0800 611 116

3) Emergency Psychiatric Services

For urgent mental health support phone 0800 46 78 46 (SDHB)

For non-urgent support: #1737 Mental Health Hotline - 24/7

4) Servants Health Centre FREE to all: weekdays 9.15am-5pm

100 Princes St

Tel. 477 7040

<https://www.southernhealth.nz/services/servants-health-centre>

'Servants Health Centre is Dunedin's only free healthcare clinic. We are a Christian-based, non-profit organisation that operates through the voluntary services of doctors, nurses and counsellors. We are inspired by our faith to provide quality healthcare with love and compassion...We offer our services to anyone regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation. We provide additional services through our AlongSider Advocates who connect patients with social services and other ancillary health providers (dentist, optometrist, etc.) AlongSiders work with patients to access WINZ and other services that will address social determinants of health.' Food and drink are also available for patients.

5) Salvation Army Social Services, Dunedin

accessible weekdays only :

Community Ministries, 160 Crawford St, 477 9852

(includes **Addictions** service, for Alcohol, Drugs and Gambling addiction, for which there is an Addiction Residential Hostel in another building).

(– from Yellow Pages, 2020)

6) Catholic Social Services, 42 Macandrew Rd, 455 3838

7) Ministry of Social Development (MSD)

see blue list of Government Dept Contacts in the 2020 Yellow Pages phonebook (strangely, listed under **S** rather than **M**)

Website: www.msd.govt.nz

WORK AND INCOME (called WINZ) www.workandincome.govt.nz

General inquiries **CALL FREE** **0800 559 009**

SENIOR SERVICES **CALL FREE** **0800 552 002**

Website: www.workandincome.govt.nz/seniors

HOUSING ASSESSMENT

Website: www.housing.msd.govt.nz (and use the two 0800 numbers)

Many of the agencies (1-6 above) act as triage centres to get people into The System, which is pretty much equatable with the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). I have not included agencies like Anglican Family Care, the Methodist Mission, or Presbyterian Support because, as I understand it, their programmes do not address emergency needs, except for people who are already in the programmes. I have, however, included health and mental health services, thinking of the health aspects of general wellbeing and the physical aspects of 'being kind'.

Helen Watson White