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PARISH BULLETIN

16 May 2021

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 23 May 2021

	Mornington	Combined Service
	Mosgiel	Combined Service
10.00 am	Glenaven	D Poultney
	St Kilda	TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun 23rd May, 10am Combined Service at Glenaven
 Sun 23rd May, 7pm Mosgiel Combined Pentecost Service at East Taieri Church
 Wed 26th May, 2pm Mornington MWF, Mornington Church
 Sun 30th May, Mosgiel Congregational meeting & service – Mosgiel Church
 Sun 30th May, 6.30 pm, Special combined churches service, Mornington Church

DAVID AND DARREN ARE MOVING - We are just completing the purchase of a house and from the Saturday 22nd our address will be; 4 Wickliffe Street, Mosgiel. We hope to keep the same landline number and as we have fibre this should be possible.

MOSGIEL COMBINED PENTECOST SERVICE - Sunday 23rd May 7pm at East Taieri Church All very welcome.

MOSGIEL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SPECIAL SERVICE - Mosgiel will have a special service and congregational meeting on Sunday 30th May. Members at Mosgiel will receive a letter about this.

PARISH SERVICE FOR PENTECOST, NEXT SUNDAY AT GLENAVEN. As is our practice we will gather together to celebrate the beginning of the Church on Pentecost Sunday. The service begins at 10.00am, you are encouraged to bring a plate of finger food to share afterwards.

BULLET POINTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL - Parish Council met on Wednesday at St Kilda, here are three key points emerging from that meeting

1. The moral urgency of climate change and our need to engage as engaged citizens and as a faith community. We encourage our worship leaders to engage with the theme, particularly in the Season of Creation later this year.
2. The President has urged Methodist churches to ask what they can do to mitigate the housing crisis. In response to this MMA has asked parishes to identify vacant sections which might be developed under MMA project management for housing. We have one such section on Tedder Street next to St Kilda Church and have asked the Committee to explore his possibility and report back to Parish Council in August.
3. All three congregations are exploring visons and possibilities about our future.

DEAR EVERYONE, Just a reminder that a special service on 5th Sunday in May 30th will be held at the Mornington Methodist Church at 6:30 pm. The Rev. David Poultney will be leading the service with a focus on the drama of autumn. Can nature help us Learn the art of how to 'let go' so that new growth can emerge? Look forward to seeing our friends from the other churches on this special combined occasion.

TOIORA CO-HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - Recently the Toiora Co-Housing development was opened on the site of the old High St School. If you are interested in visiting and learning about this new facility and its amenities please come at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday May 23rd to, initially, the old school building off Montpelier St on the East side of the complex where Rev Anne Thomson will welcome us. If interested in coming, as numbers are required for space consideration and catering, please contact Cam Weston 021 995 130 or 03 489 7756.

MONTHLY MEETING of the MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Wednesday 26th May at 2pm at the Mornington Methodist Church. All are invited to join the Mornington Methodist Women's Fellowship at our May meeting. Over the past year Margaret Connor and Leah Taylor have been very busy researching the history of our Church through our special objects gathered through the years. Our treasures are now carefully documented for future reference. Margaret and Leah are going to tell us of their findings and show us the treasures at this meeting. Please encourage your friends to join us for this special historical treat.

WHAT'S UP, LAURA?—OPEN EDUCATION FOR MAY

In our next Open Education presentation on Wednesday 19 May at 7.30pm at Mornington Church, Galloway Street, we feature Laura Black telling us about the next exciting instalment of Mission activities. There are some remarkable new initiatives to be announced. Don't miss the opportunity to be informed about and support our own Methodist social work at a time of sweeping change signalled by Andrew Little, Minister for Health. The usual koha of \$5, please, or more if you can afford it. All profits will go to funding the Mission's work

CORRECTION TO NEW PARISH MAILING LIST:

Please replace the landline number for Paul Barton with the cellphone number: 021 1543 393

Please delete the landline for Dianne Cooper and replace with the cell phone number: 021 165 3733.

EXPLORERS - Our Explorers group meets on Sunday 23 May at 4.30pm in the Mornington Methodist Church lounge. Over the hour we will be exploring together a number of creation stories from several cultures, including Witi

Ihimaera's recently published collection of Maori myths and stories. Why not join us for a shared discussion: no fees, no dogmas, all welcome.

CHILDREN have been a scarce presence at Mornington Church in recent years. A few of us can remember the balmy days when a hundred-plus children, mainly from the neighbourhood, crammed into the Sunday School. Others of us, of shorter vintage, are unashamedly nostalgic about the once vibrant YAM group that so made their presence felt on Sunday mornings. Gee, that was good!



But memories, near and far, are no substitute for a real, consistent youth presence in our worship, and in recent times have we been guilty of sitting comfortably in the pew with the mute acceptance that "no kids" is the unhappy reality with which we must learn to live? Has there been an assumption that a story - a fable - introduced into a service and delivered with greater or lesser informality, may just meet the needs of children if they are present and can hopefully be distracted from their play in the far corner. Occasionally a welcome initiative has seen an adult collect up a few stragglers and get them working on a current theme in the Sunday school room. It's welcome but it's haphazard. (See attached photo from Andrea Mosley of a recent group, aided and abetted by Bev's dog Jess, busily at work.)

I wasn't there last Sunday but I gather Trish Patrick's group of kids in the worship area around a Margaret Mahy story succeeded in eliciting great interaction. Surely a pointer to a much better way forward. They may be few, but any children brave enough to join us oldies in our worship are a treasure, and should be valued as such. Let's give them the time and attention they deserve. KR