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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR Sunday 13 March 2022

9.30am	Mornington	H Watson White
10.00am	Mosgiel	G Davis
11.00am	Glenaven	D Phillipps
	St Kilda	TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

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STORIES FROM THE MISSION



Otepoti Youth Transition House

At the end of last month, a youth at transition house successfully moved out. Celine* was very proactive, determined and wanted to be able to support herself independently which aligned with her goals of acquiring full-time employment and suitable long-term accommodation. In the future, Celine* also wants to be able to support her younger brother in his transition out of home. Celine* obtained full-time work while living at the transition house. Being a very hard worker and focused on saving money to support herself financially and after attending many housing viewings together with having to persevere through many denied applications, Celine* secured a good room in a flat. I have no doubt Celine* will go far with her strong work ethic and determination.

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Over January we have again had our sharing of worship services with our friends from other Christian Denominations here in Mornington. We live with our ecumenical relationships on something of a knife edge yet I was delighted by the way our Methodist congregation had a good representation at each of the services. Yes there are differences in our various service styles and presentations which can cause us to wonder

and ponder on these differences. A religious joke might assist us in our pondering...

“The main course at the big civic dinner was baked ham with glazed sweet potatoes. Rabbi Cohen regretfully shook his head when the platter was passed to him.

Father Kelly scolded playfully, “When are you going to forget that silly rule of yours and eat ham like the rest of us?”

Without skipping a beat, Rabbi Cohen replied, “At your wedding reception, Father Kelly.”

Yes we can hold on to precious traditions, without much thought of how they are seen through the eyes of another tradition. Others can see our treasures as just “Silly Rules” or habits.

So I wonder what our Anglican and Presbyterian friends might see as “silly Methodist rules”(or do we live with the belief that Methodists don’t have any silly rules?) We are an open and rational tradition. Part of our desire to share with other traditions is to overcome the foolishness of thinking we have the perfect tradition - a trap we want to avoid falling into. So yes, well done Methodists for keeping alive our ecumenical engagement even though at times, it seems not to be considered highly valuable. It’s an important commitment, so let us continue our ecumenical pondering and action.

Rod Mitchell