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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR Sunday 5th June 2022

9.30am	Mornington	R Mitchell
10.00am	Mosgiel	E Merrett
11.00am	Glenaven	D Poultney

DATES TO REMEMBER

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COUNTRY CALENDAR

This Sunday 29th May at 7pm NZ TV1 Country Calendar is showing a story about Rod Mitchell's home farm in Weston North Otago.



On this Sunday's Country Calendar program on TVNZ 1 at 7 pm I am told that the farm I was brought up on near Weston Oamaru, will be shown on TV. This has turned my thoughts towards the home and place that formed my memories of growing up, climbing trees, playing cricket on our back lawn and discovering the excitement and displeasure of my parents around our exploring of lighting fires that nearly destroyed a haystack and garden shed.

Kahlil Gibran, in "The Prophet," has some interesting reflections on houses that continued my own reflections.

'Your House is your larger body.

It grows in the sun and sleeps in the stillness of the night:

And it is not dreamless. Does not your house dream? And

Dreaming, leave the city for grove or hilltop?'

Rosedale is the farm where I grew up and is now the place where the bird seed 'Top flight' is produced along with a range of seeds that as a child I had never heard of. Sun flower seeds are being produced giving not only seeds but beauty for photographers to film for advertising. Japanese crews have flown in to film. Farming has become much broader than anything I knew about as a child. Yes my home has become a much bigger body.

It is interesting how your early childhood home can carry memories and if they are pleasant memories they continue to draw you back to continue the dreaming - I will look forward to seeing the TV presentation tonight to see how an outside crew now views the farm and its future. My childhood home provides a starting point for all future journeys that I have taken, so for this I can be grateful indeed.

Rod Mitchell.