

# DUNEDIN METHODIST PARISH

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## PARISH BULLETIN

14 AUGUST 2022

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022		
9.30am	Mornington	D Poultney
10.00am	Mosgiel	E Merrett
11.00am	Glenaven	D Poultney

### MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 24th August, 2022 in the Mornington Methodist Church at 2pm. All members of the Fellowship and friends of the Church are invited to attend this Meeting. Our speaker will be Rev Donald Phillipps who will speak on the 200 year history of Methodism in New Zealand. Please join us for this presentation and afternoon tea.

## MORNINGTON METHODIST CHURCH LIBRARY

Mornington holds an excellent range of books, magazines, DVDs and other resources freely available for borrowing by any Dunedin Methodists. If you are isolating or just staying at home out of the cold, consider catching up on some reading or viewing; as Michael Leunig says, 'winter is a time to nourish the heart'. Our latest acquisition, issues of COSMOS, an Australian science journal with short, pithy accounts of very recent scientific discoveries and superb photos.

## BULLET POINTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL

1. We are tracking below budget in terms of our expenses
2. Each of our congregations is impacted by the Pandemic but is continuing its life as best as it can in the present circumstances.
3. We note consultations are beginning to action the strengthening of the hall at Mornington.
4. We note and celebrate that the Rev Greg Hughson will be attending a conference on behalf of the local interfaith network in Singapore and the Rev Donald Phillipps will be keynote speaker at Methodist Conference in Kerikeri when we celebrate two hundred years of Methodism in Aotearoa New Zealand.
5. We celebrate the role of our two MWFs in nurturing fellowship and connection.

Dunedin Methodist Parish April - June 2022		
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings		
	Glenaven	1,274.99
	Mornington	12,200.00
	Mosgiel	1,569.70
	St Kilda	0.00
Rental Income		15,722.15
Other Income		1,839.08
		<b>32,605.92</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Ministry		19,843.96
Ministry Rental		5,390.00
Removal Fund		222.51
Connexional Budget		1,836.00
Property Expenses		933.87
Other Expenses		1,774.40
		<b>30,000.74</b>



## **“GRANDPARENTING IN THE INTERNET AGE”**

Like many readers of this article, Hilda and I (Greg) are grandparents. Like us, you no doubt greatly value contact with your childrens’ children. It has taken me some time to adjust to being Grandad Greg, but now this identity brings me great joy.

When I was a child living in Opunake, I would often stay with my grandmother. She would come in each night before I went to sleep and pray with me. In this way her Christian faith was passed on to me, between the ages of 3 and 5.

When I was a child living in Napier, my parents arranged for my siblings and I to speak a weekly message into a tape-recorder, for my grandparents living in Taranaki. The tape was posted, and we would receive it back with a taped response from my grandparents. Listening to my grandparents’ tapes was something I looked forward to. It helped us keep in touch, despite living on the other side of the North Island, hundreds of miles away. Some of these ancient tapes have been digitalised, so I can still listen to them, sixty years after they were created!

Hilda and I now have six grandchildren. These days, thanks to the internet we get to “see” all our grandchildren regularly and often. It is wonderful that we have the opportunity to watch our grandchildren grow up, including our granddaughter Thea in Norway, whom we have yet to physically see and hold.

A few weeks ago, we received a message from Mari and Paul (our son) in Drøbak, Norway asking if we could prepare a short video for our

granddaughter Thea's first birthday. The message was to include some words of advice for Thea as she grows up. So a few days ago Hilda and I created a video together. I began by saying to Thea how much we loved her, even though we had not yet physically met. I shared how much we valued the many photos her parents constantly send us via Facebook e-messenger. I also shared a few verses from 1 Corinthians 13 about the nature of love : Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Grandma Hilda spoke to Thea in both Te Reo Māori and in English. She advised Thea to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors as often as possible, to be kind, to treat others in the same way that she would like to be treated, and to stick up for herself. We concluded by singing “Hari Huitau ki a Koe , Happy Birthday to You !”

Having received our video, Mari and Paul replied to thank us for the recording. They said our message would be valued by everyone who would see it on Thea's first birthday, not only Thea, but members of her extended Norwegian family as well. The plan will be to show the recording to Thea from time to time as she grows up. It will become part of her family history. We hope that Thea will always know that we love her.

Perhaps the idea of creating a special video recording for your grandchildren or for other special people in your life is something you might consider?

Just as my memories of my grandparents are strengthened when I replay their recordings from long ago, we hope this will be Thea's experience also.

*Greg Hughson*