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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 1 DECEMBER 2024

09:30am	Mornington	Mitchell
10:00am	Mosgiel	G Hughson
11:00am	Glenaven	H Watson-White
RADIO CHURCH		
8.30 am	OAR 105.4FM	Fr Vaughan Leslie
	1575AM	
Live stream	oar.org.nz	

Please note you can now listen to RADIO CHURCH every Sunday on OAR 105.4FM, 1575AM or Livestream via oar.org.nz



ANNOUNCEMENTS

KEY POINTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council met at St Kilda on Wednesday 20th, these are some key points from the meeting for you.

1. There will be a Memorial Service for the late Rev Siosifa Pole on Sunday 2nd February at St Kilda at 3pm.
2. Following a report from the Mornington Leader's Meeting it has been decided there will be no join services at Mornington while the Hall is being strengthened. Joint services will be held at Glenaven, Mosgiel and St Kilda.
3. Glenaven is planning to host a carol service on the evening of Christmas Eve, Refreshments will be served from 8.30 and the service will start at 9.00.
4. The strengthening work at Mornington is scheduled to begin on December 2nd and is scheduled to take about one year.
5. We congratulate Laura Black, who has begun a three year term as the New Zealand UNESCO Social Services Commissioner.
6. On our last meeting of the year we elect officers for Parish Council in the coming year.

They are ;

Chairperson	Rev David Poultney
Secretary	Fay Richardson
Treasurer	Lynley Kloogh
Health & Safety	Rev David Poultney

Messages - DAVID POULTNEY

I am away from today to December and both for some Faith and Order related business and a few days annual leave, I can be reached by cell phone if need be.



EVENTS & NEWS



MOSGIEL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

NEWS FROM MOSGIEL WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

@ THE GRANGE CAFÉ

12:15PM TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER ALL WELCOME

FOOD BANK DRIVE

Let's give this Xmas

When: Monday 2nd Dec
Time: 6.00 - 9:00pm

LISTEN for emergency sirens in your street & place food in trailers

Thank you for your support!

Visible food items include: OAK APRICOT HALVES, Wattie's BEANZ, Campbell's condensed cream of chicken, Fantastic Chicken RICE CRACKERS, Pulse Pasta, and ARATAKI HONEY CLOVER BLEND.



OUR CHRISTMAS
SERVICE SUNDAY
22ND DECEMBER

10:00 AM

WITH CAROLS

ALL WELCOME
FOLLOWED BY
COFFEE & CAKE

LED BY REV DAVID
POULTNEY



Christmas Carols

Sunday 8th December

4pm

**St Mary's Anglican Church
cnr Lawrence & Whitby Streets**

(Koha: items for PSO Foodbank)



MORNINGTON ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

The combined carol service will be on **Sunday 8th December at 4pm** at **St Mary's Anglican Church**. I will be leading it and it would be here if it were not for the Hall being closed. If you can take part in the service or assist with refreshments please advise me by text, phone or email.

David Poultney



The Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

Administration Division

Dear Members of the Connexion,

I am pleased to share key highlights from the recent Methodist Church Conference held last week in Pōneke, Wellington. This historic gathering included the induction of Te Aroha Rountree as the first Māori woman to serve as President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand alongside our Vice President, the Rev Peter Norman.

We also celebrated the ordination of new presbyters and made significant decisions that will shape the Church's future. A sobering moment in the Conference was hearing the Government's national apology to survivors of abuse in state care, which coincided with our reflections on our responsibilities in this area.

Please find the Conference decisions enclosed for your information and to share with Church members. This year's Conference addressed several priority areas for the Church's mission. Key outcomes include:

1. *Safeguarding Policy*: The Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy was approved, reinforcing our commitment to creating safe, supportive environments across all ministries.
2. *Royal Commission Recommendations*: In response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry's recommendations, the Church Law Book now includes guidelines on professional development, supervision, spiritual direction, performance review, and safeguarding for ministry roles, ensuring responsible leadership within the Church.
3. *Connexional Property Strategy*: A new Connexional Property Strategy was approved, with a Working Group directed to implement changes in 2025 in partnership with the Methodist Connexional Property Committee. Progress will be reviewed at the next Conference.
4. *Resourcing the Church*: The Trust Board of PACT 2086 was directed to allocate up to \$30 million over the next six years to resource the Church's mission.
5. *New Kai Hāpai*: We welcomed Nicola Grundy as Kai Hāpai, recognising that her leadership will be instrumental as we navigate this period of change.
6. *Te Hāpai o Ki Muri*: A new law was approved to establish Te Hāpai o Ki Muri, replacing Mission Resourcing and enhancing our mission capabilities.
7. *Synod Amalgamation Discussion*: The Kai Hāpai will collaborate with the Auckland, Manukau, Northland, and Waikato-Wairiki Synods to explore potential amalgamations, with a report expected at Conference 2025.
8. *Pastoral and President's Committees*: Conference approved recommendations from the reviews of the Pastoral Committee and the President's Committee of Advice, reflecting our commitment to continuous improvement in governance and pastoral care.

9. *New Disciplinary Code*: Conference approved a new Disciplinary Code in Section 8 of the Church Law Book, enhancing our standards for accountability and community care.
10. *Opposition to the Treaty Principles Bill*: Conference expressed opposition to the Treaty Principles Bill currently before Parliament, affirming our commitment to justice based on Treaty principles.

We are deeply grateful for everyone's contributions to this Conference and for the Connexion's prayerful support. Together, these decisions reflect our commitment to faithfully serve our communities with love, justice, and integrity.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tara Tautari', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Tara Tautari
General Secretary
Methodist Church of New Zealand



Treaty Principles Bill Public Issues Statement

The Methodist Church of New Zealand / Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa affirms its unwavering commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, which is embedded in our mission statement and regarded as a sacred covenant. As a bicultural church rooted in the principles of Te Tiriti, we are profoundly concerned about the implications of the Treaty Principles Bill currently before Parliament.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is more than a historical document; it is the foundation of our shared life in Aotearoa and a living commitment to partnership, protection, and participation. Decades of jurisprudence have clarified and affirmed these principles, providing guidance for how we, as a nation, can honour Te Tiriti in ways that promote justice, reconciliation, and equity.

The Methodist Church opposes any legislative attempt to dilute or diminish the status of Te Tiriti o Waitangi or to undermine the principles that have been established through hard-won progress. Such actions threaten to destabilise the partnership envisioned in 1840 and bring into question our collective moral and legal obligations to uphold the promises of Te Tiriti.

We recognise Te Tiriti as a covenant between tangata whenua and tauwiwi, grounded in a theological understanding of covenantal partnership. For Te Hāhi Weteriana, this sacred covenant calls us to be a prophetic voice for justice and truth. Our bicultural journey is a spiritual commitment to power-sharing and mutual respect, one that reflects our belief in the transforming love of God for all people.

As a church, we urge the Government to listen deeply to the voices of tangata whenua and honour the commitments made in Te Tiriti. We stand in solidarity with those who oppose the Treaty Principles Bill and call upon Parliament to protect the integrity of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a cornerstone of our national identity.

Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa will continue to advocate for a future where the principles of Te Tiriti are upheld and lived out in all spheres of society, affirming our faith in the transformative power of justice and covenantal partnership.

Free West Papua



**Join us for the raising of the
Morning Star flag**

**Sunday 1st December, 1pm
In the Exchange
(cnr Princes and Rattray Streets)**

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