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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 27 APRIL 2025

09:30am	Mornington	S Hamel
10:00am	Mosgiel	D Poultney
11.00am	Glenaven	S Hamel

RADIO CHURCH

8.30 am		Anne Thomson – Knox Church
	OAR 105.4FM	
	1575AM	
Live stream	oar.org.nz	

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OAR 105.4FM, 1575AM or Livestream via oar.org.nz**

UPCOMING event Dates

PARISH EVENTS COMING UP

23 April 2025 Mornington Methodist Women's Fellowship, Mornington Church, 2PM
23 April 2025 Gibson Talks Series 2 -Laura Black Kaihautū Director of Methodist Mission Southern, Mornington Methodist Church 7PM
25 April 2025 ANZAC DAY Service at Outram with David Poultney, 11.15AM
27 April 2025 Autumn and Harvest Season, Mosgiel Church

Announcements

ORDERS OF SERVICE & BULLETINS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

In observation of Anzac Day, the Mission will be closed on Friday 25 April. As such can all Parish Order Service sheets and items for the Bulletin, please be sent in by Tuesday 22nd.

Collection for both Bulletins and Order of Services will be Thursday 24. If you have any questions or issues please contact us on bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz

SACRAMENTAL LICENSE

Susan Hamel is a member of the Methodist Church in the Dunedin Parish, she acts as Convenor of Pastoral Visiting for the Mornington congregation.

In this role for this Connexional Year – 2025 to 2026 she has been licensed to celebrate Holy Communion in pastoral contexts in homes and care facilities. We wish her well in this ministry of care .

David Poultney Superintendent
Dunedin Methodist Parish
14th April 2025

Mornington Methodist Womens Fellowship

The Mornington Methodist Women's Fellowship will meet on
Wednesday 23rd April at 2.00pm in the Church.

All are invited to attend. Our speaker will be an Australian guest. 🦘

Please remember to bring your mug/cup so we can share in a social afternoon tea afterwards in the Church.



The Gibson Talks, Series 2, 2025

We are thrilled to announce that respected Kaihautū Director Laura Black of the Methodist Mission Southern has accepted an invitation to present the second talk in Series 2 of the Gibson Talks on Wednesday evening 23rd April 2025 in the Mornington Methodist Church, cnr. Galloway and Whitby Street

Please note that this event is on the 4th Wednesday of April.

The topic will be 'Taking care in this era of resentment'.

NOT TO BE MISSED 7pm Wednesday 23 April in the Mornington Methodist Church. ALL WELCOME. Koha admission

ANZAC Day

On **ANZAC Day – Friday 25th** – I will be taking part in the ANZAC Day service in Outram at 11.15 David

On Sunday 27th April

Mosgiel will celebrate the season of Autumn and the Harvest. You are invited to bring seasonal produce which will be given to the Food Bank.



From an Easter Homily by Richard Rohr

I often wonder why so much of human life seems so futile, so tragic, so short, and so sad. If Christ is risen, why do people die before they begin to truly live? Why has there been nonstop war? Why are so many people imprisoned unjustly?

Why are the poor oppressed? Why do we destroy so many of our relationships? If Christ is risen, why is there so much suffering?

What is God up to? It really doesn't make any logical sense. Is the resurrection something that just happened once, in his body, but not in ours?

I believe the resurrection of Christ is saying that the final judgment has already happened. It's nothing we need to fear. It's nothing we need to avoid or deny. God's final judgment is that God will have the last word! Easter reveals that there are no dead ends; ultimately, nothing is going to end in tragedy and crucifixion. Of course we look around us, at history and at life in its daily moments and it seems, "No, no, that isn't true." And yet, ever and again, here and there, more than we suspect, new life breaks through for those who are willing to see and to cooperate with this universal mystery of resurrection.

We're so lucky in my part of the world that Easter coincides with springtime. If this applies to you, I hope you're going out and seeing the leaves and the flowers being reborn after months of winter. I went out early this morning to see the Easter sunrise. Sure enough, the sun rose as it always does and peeked over the horizon, just between two mountains. It appeared not so much like a *sunrise* but as a *groundswell*. The light was coming *from* the earth. It was coming from the world we live in. It was coming not from the top, but from the bottom. It seemed to say that even all of this which looks muddy and material, even all of this which looks so ordinary and dying, will be reborn.

Easter is the feast of hope. This is the feast that says God will have the last word and that God's final judgment is resurrection. God will turn all that we maim and destroy and hurt and punish into life and beauty.

What the resurrection reveals more than anything else is that *love is stronger than death*. Jesus walks the way of death with love, and what it becomes is not death but life. Surprise of surprises! It doesn't fit any logical explanation. Yet this is the mystery: that nothing dies forever, and that all that has died will be reborn in love.

So to be a Christian is to be inevitably and forever a person of hope. God in Christ is saying this is what will last: my life and my love will always and forever have the final word.