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PARISH BULLETIN 4 MAY 2025

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 11 MAY 2025

09:30am	Mornington	D Phillipps
10:30am	Mosgiel	D Poultney +
11.00am	Glenaven	M Reid

RADIO CHURCH

8.30 am		Seventh-Day Adventist Church – Tony Parrish
	OAR 105.4FM	
	1575AM	
Live stream	oar.org.nz	

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UPCOMING event dates

PARISH EVENTS COMING UP

6 May 2025 Mosgiel Methodist Women's Fellowship,
Laura Black Presentation, **TAKING CARE IN THIS ERA OF RESENTMENT**, 40 Forth St 2PM
7 May 2025 Mornington Leader's Meeting, Mornington Church 7.30PM

Announcements

Anzac and Harvest Festival - Mosgiel Methodist Church



On Sunday 27th April Mosgiel celebrated Anzac & Harvest Festival with the food going to Taieri Christian Care **FOODBANK**.

Thank you to Earlene for making our wreath.



Mornington Fellowship



At the April Fellowship meeting Andrea spoke of her early life in Australia, the move to New Zealand and her over 50 years in Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation. The main focus was on the lessons she has learned from the quotes of her mentors and the mottos of her Educational Institutions.

Mosgiel Methodist Women's Fellowship Tuesday 6th May 2pm

At 40 Forth Street to watch

LAURA BLACK'S PRESENTATION "TAKING CARE IN THIS ERA OF RESENTMENT" ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

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Mosgiel Services

Please note that from:

SUNDAY 11TH MAY (MOTHERS DAY) TO SUNDAY 27TH JULY

MOSGIEL SERVICES WILL BE AT 10.30AM.

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Mornington Leaders' Meeting will meet at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 May**, in the Church.

Please let Richard Cannon know if you have anything you want discussed at the meeting.

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Despair and Hope, But Mostly Hope

It is easy to give way to despair, much seems grim. The ongoing wars in Ukraine and Gaza with the unrelenting murderous attrition, the divisiveness of the Treaty Amendment Bill debate and of a politics of grievance. A fragile economic recovery at risk of being undermined by a tariff war between the two Pacific giants we find ourselves stuck between. An increasing wilful blindness by the governments of the World to the escalating climate and environmental crisis which is ignored for the sake of financial expedience and because the discomfort of change is still, though perhaps not for much longer, is still greater than the discomfort of doing nothing.

Maybe I am just a glass half empty person.

But here is the thing. hope is a Christian virtue then it is also a challenge.

Life without hope is empty, Paul names hope as one of the three things that will endure, along with faith and love. Hope is not fixed; we constantly renegotiate what we invest our hope in but hope must persist even to life's end.

Hope is a recurrent theme in theology, perhaps the theologian who is best known for his writing on hope is Jurgen Moltmann . He had, towards the end of World War Two been drafted into the Luftwaffe where he served as ground crew. He was interred in a prisoner of war camp. That experience along with returning to his hometown, Hamburg, afterwards and finding a city in ruins left him with a deep desire to try and articulate a theology of hope for the survivors of his generation.

Moltmann had hope that the example of the Confessing Church, German Protestants who had resisted Naziism during the war and who had formed, as a matter of survival, new and hidden communities would be grafted into the life of the Protestant Churches. He and many others were disappointed to see, instead, a rebuilding on pre-war models and a culture of forgetting.

Moltmann believed that God's promise to work in the future is more important than what God has done in the past. The implication of this focus on the future is not withdrawal from the world in hope that a better world will somehow evolve. Rather, the theology of hope advocates active participation in the world, as agents and catalysts of change.

The whole idea behind the "theology of hope" is or hope as Christians to sustain and carry us through life. It is on those days we are most at risk of despair that we should ask what we hope for.

David Poultney