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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

9:30am	Mornington	D Poultney +
10:00am	Mosgiel	Elaine Merrett
11:00am	Glenaven	D Poultney +

RADIO CHURCH

8.30 am		Olivia Dawson – University Chaplaincy
	OAR 105.4FM	
	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

Services at Mornington can be watched on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@morningtonmethodist1598>



UPCOMING event Dates

PARISH EVENTS COMING UP

25 September Reimagining Methodist Theology Workshop, Aldersgate Centre, CHCH 9.30AM-4.00PM,

SERVICES AT MOSGIEL

Please note that from next Sunday, 7th of September services at Mosgiel will return to 10.00. Thank you

NEWS



VACANCY - Parish Secretary

At our AGM last year Fay Richardson, who has ably served as our Parish Secretary for some years, indicated this would be her last year in the role. We need to appoint a new Secretary. Is this a role you would be willing to undertake? Is there someone you think would be good at it? Please let David know.

An Inquiry About Hospitality



Lara Herrmann is a young Methodist German woman doing an internship in a primary school in Melbourne. She will be travelling around New Zealand in November with her sister. They will be in Dunedin from the 27th to the 29th.

Is anyone in a position to offer them hospitality while they are here, they are happy to share a bed if need be.

Lara's email address is lara.deborah@web.de

Thank you

A Message from David

If you were in Church last Sunday, you will have heard an announcement that I am being “uplifted,” that though I had not gone “on Stationing” not applied for a position in another Parish the Stationing Committee had decided to another Parish.

This was a surprise, it was unsettling. I want to say a few words about what is happening.

First of all, let me explain that Uplifting is a long-established practice in Methodism. If presbyter has been in an appointment for over five years, she or he can be uplifted to fill a vacancy for which there is no suitable candidate for Stationing. Indeed, I was uplifted from Nelson for Dunedin. At the March Synod our District Superintendent reminded those of us that had done over five years that we could be approached about an uplift. I felt she had to say that to prepare us for the possibility. For myself I felt it was unlikely that this would happen, and when my colleague in Invercargill resigned, I discounted the possibility completely.

However, I had a phone call from Nicola Teague Grundy (the Kai Hapai – who runs the Stationing process) that I may well be considered. And after Stationing met, I was advised I had been matched with the East Coast Bays Parish. This is sited around Torbay on Auckland’s North Shore.

The outcome of Stationing is initially “under embargo” it cannot be disclosed for a couple of days. That period ended on Saturday evening and in a Zoom Call some members of Parish Council were advised.

They have also been advised that the Rev Adam Baker, a minister in the United Methodist Church in the United States who is emigrating to New Zealand. The Parish will be advised by the District Superintendent of the Face to Face process.

My own process has been very quick. My details were shared with the congregation at East Coast Bays, and I had a Face to Face on Tuesday. It was a very positive experience and the match was confirmed.

I want to end with a couple of things, Dunedin is home. Between my time as your Presbyter and my time here in the early 2000s I have lived

here 13 years. While I was not born in this city it is, and always will be my home in a very real sense. You are aware Darren and I own a house in Mosgiel. It is our intention to rent it out and return on completion of my appointment in Auckland. I turn 60 in February, while I imagine there will be other things I do not intend continuing in stationed ministry beyond my mid 60s. My retirement, however active, will be back in Dunedin and among you.

David

EVENTS

REIMAGINING METHODIST THEOLOGY - THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER!

Prof. Joerg Rieger is going to lead a public workshop/seminar on the topic of "Reimagining Methodist Theology." This will take place at the Aldersgate Centre, Christchurch Central Methodist Parish, 309 Durham Street, from about 9.30am until about 4pm – timing is yet to be confirmed, but it will be a daytime gathering. Trinity Methodist College are hosting this visit and so there is no cost to participants, except the cost of lunch.

Joerg Rieger is a German American Methodist minister and theologian. Currently, he serves Vanderbilt University as the Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair in Wesleyan Studies and Distinguished Professor of Theology at the Divinity School and the Graduate Programme of Religion. A quick google will tell you more about the accomplishments of this remarkable theologian.

It is expected all Methodist Presbyters in the Synod will attend this event, and we urge all parishes to make sure their Lay Preachers and others interested in theology, especially Methodist theology, are encouraged to attend. The Synod has made available grants of \$100 per person to assist with travel costs for all Lay and retired presbyters from outside Canterbury.

NB, If you would like to attend, please speak to David