



# Dunedin Methodist Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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### WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June

9.30 am	Mornington	R Mitchell
9.30 am	Mosgiel	G Abernethy
11.00 am	Glenaven	R Mitchell
11.00 am	Wesley	G Abernethy
1.00 pm	St Kilda	TBA

**TOGETHER IN CHRIST** - The next Mornington combined service of worship takes place in the Anglican Church, Whitby Street, on Sunday 31 May, at 4pm. Please support this ecumenical activity among Presbyterians, Catholics, Anglicans and Methodists in our area. It will be a busy Sunday, with the combined Parish service being held in the morning at Mornington, a concert by Queenstown Christian poet, composer and performer Mark Wilson at 2pm, and the combined churches' service with the Anglicans at 4pm. Make it a day: remember that's how we used to spend Sundays!

**MOSGIEL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June @ 1.30pm in the church hall where the speakers will be Murray & Heidi Rixon who breed Blue Hyacinth Macaws (parrots) in Scotland. These birds are very rare and sell for \$30,000 each. This is a most interesting & informative Session. Men & women all welcome.

**EXPLORERS GROUP.** The meeting postponed last Sunday due to the weather forecast will now be held on Sunday 7 June at 4.30 pm at Mornington.

**LONG SERVICE LEAVE** - I will be on long service leave from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June to 29<sup>th</sup> of July. While I am away Rev Gordon Abernethy will be the Acting Superintendent for The Parish. Please support Gordon in his ministry for the Parish.

**PARISH COMBINED SERVICE** - Our next Parish Combined Service will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August at Mornington, 10am. This is the first time the combined service will be held in a venue other than Wesley church. This is a trial for the future of our combined services.

### **STORY FROM THE MISSION...**

*Beyond 3 streets pilot project:*

Arahina was represented at the Neighbours Day at Silver Stream School which was an initiative from the East Taieri Church. We set up a table with lovely colourful brochures and pamphlets especially about the new Beyond 3 Streets Coffee Groups, the After School Programme newsletter, the Cooking Sessions starting in April and other services available through Arahina and the Methodist Mission. Lots of people took brochures and asked questions.



The cooking sessions started on 22 April and a full turnout. The participants are cooking food that they can then try at home with their children. Ladies from the Methodist Mission church have volunteered to take the sessions. It certainly is busy here at Arahina on a Wednesday morning and the smell coming from the kitchen is wonderful. Word of mouth about the cooking programme has got out and there are another 6 people booked in for next term.



**IT IS NOT OFTEN** that a congregation is as obliging as that at Mornington last Sunday when the combined congregation gathered around Siosifa for this photo. It is good to see St Mary's people blending so well with Mornington regulars. Could this be a sign of things to come? You may see this same photo in Touchstone in the near future.

**CONNECTIONS** didn't show up this week. In it's place we reprint a light-hearted piece of an **ORDER of SERVICE** in a Church where technology rules.

Thanks to Bruce Woodley of Christchurch.

**PASTOR:** "Praise the Lord!"

**CONGREGATION:** Hallelujah!"

**PASTOR:** "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13  
And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."



P-a-u-s-e

“Now, let us pray committing this week into God’s hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook and chat with God!”

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

“As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready. You can log on to the church wi-fi using the password ‘Lord909887’. The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers:

- a. Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- b. Those who prefer to use iPads can open them.
- c. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your mobile phones to transfer your contributions to the church account.”

*(The holy atmosphere of the church becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PC’s and laptops beep and flicker!)*

## **FINAL BLESSING**

### **CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. This week’s ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don’t miss out.
- b. Thursday’s Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900 hrs GMT. Please don’t miss out.
- c. You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counselling and prayers.

God bless and have a nice day.

***(And Jesus wept)***