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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 26 MAY 2024

9:30 am	Mornington	R Mitchell
10:00 am	Mosgiel	D Poultney (hosting St Luke's Anglican)
11:00 am	Glenaven	D James

Community



Notices

Dunedin Interfaith Council

The Dunedin Interfaith Council meeting for May will be held **this afternoon, Sunday 19th May** in the Crypt of St Pauls Anglican Church, in the Octagon. Everyone is welcome.

For further information please contact Greg or Hilda Hughson

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Interfaith Matters

I work often in a local Op Shop with a Muslim woman whom I talked with during Ramadan about how this very special Muslim festival was for her – expecting she would talk about hunger. She spoke so positively I asked if she would prepare a comment about what Ramadan meant and how it affected her and her Muslim community. Here it is....



Ramadan is the most holy month in Islam commemorating when the Quran was sent to Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. Worldwide in that month Muslims are expected to fast from dawn until dusk. Before sunrise, Muslims wake up to eat a meal called 'Suhoor,' which prepares them well for the day of fasting. They break their fast with family and friends at a meal called Iftar, eating and praying afterward. Ramadan is a month of discipline during which people work on their relationship with God and get closer to Him. As well as this, they feel the spirituality and closeness within the community, deepening their faith and personal connections.

So, Muslims feel not alone, myself included, but rather we sense the positives and closer bonds with the community and with God. Ramadan is known for boosting the spirit of giving and thankfulness. Fasting in Ramadan is not just about food and water but rather about working to become better people by acquiring patience and giving charity to those who are less fortunate. In addition to the five daily prayers, which are part of the core of Islam, Muslims go to the mosque and spend a couple of hours praying the Tarawih, a unique nightly prayer that is done specifically during Ramadan. On the last 10 days of Ramadan, people focus on performing many prayers and acts of worship, especially on the evening of the 27th day, known as Laylat al-Qadr, or the Night of Power. It is believed that God revealed the first chapter of the Quran to the messenger Muhammad, peace be upon him, on this night.

At the end of Ramadan, and after Ramadan finishes, all Muslims around the world celebrate Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the Month of Ramadan where families and friends gather for festive meals in the morning and spend the day together. It is all a very blessed time.

Bronwen Strang, Dunedin Interfaith Council

Practical Support for Ukraine



In **July 2024** a container filled with essential items will be shipped from Christchurch to Ukraine, **providing crucial support to those in need.**

The container will be packed with: -

- Warm merino thermal underwear
- Hospital beds and medical equipment
- Wheelchairs and mobility aids
- Children's toys, nappies, and warm clothing
- Adult clothing and essentials etc.

I invite you to join in supporting this project! Please spread the word about this project with your friends, family, or community. If you have gently used or new items to donate, such as children's clothing and toys, unopened nappies and baby supplies, warm clothing and cozy blankets and other items that can be useful for people who are suffering from the war, your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of Ukrainians.

Let's come together to make a positive impact! Please contact either of us via email if you have any questions or would like to donate. We can pick up items if necessary. We need to deliver items to Christchurch at the end of June. All donated items should be in new or like-new condition.

Items can be left at Mornington Methodist Church until 16th June.

Please contact: Olha Viazenko olha.viazenko@gmail.com or
Greg Hughson greghughson@hotmail.com



Photography exhibition

Greg Hughson currently has an exhibition of his photos at the **Daily Coffee Company 366a Princes Street, Dunedin.** A wide range of subjects are on display and for sale, until **Saturday 25th May.** Pop in and have a look if you are in town, and enjoy a quality coffee or tea prepared by Annie 😊



Meeting of the Mornington Methodist Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday 22nd May
Mornington Methodist Church at 2pm.

All members and friends of the Mornington Methodist Church are invited to join in our May Meeting in the Church. A reminder too please that May is the end of our financial year and the last opportunity to pay the voluntary \$6 subs.

Our special guest is **Rowan Cooke** who will help us understand how to use our new bins and recycle efficiently.

Please join us for this interesting talk and a social afternoon tea.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

On Sunday at 7pm there will be an Ecumenical Service to conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This years' service will be at St. Francis Xavier Church, Mitchell Avenue, Mornington. **All are welcome.**



Laura Black will be talking about the Mission on **OarFM**, **Monday 20th at 09:30**

The link will also be available in the **May** edition of our **e-newsletter**.

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Change of Date -

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will now be held on **Wednesday 22 May**, 7:30pm at **Mosgiel Methodist Church**

If you have any events or information, you would like included in next week's Bulletin, please email these by Thursday 12pm to bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz