

Worship Schedule

**Brighton 9am (1st & 3rd Sundays)
Green Island 11a.m. Mornington 9.30a.m.
St Kilda 11a.m. (Morning tea served from 10.15a.m.)**

**Midweek service
1pm @ Holy Cross Hall, St Kilda.**

Southern Coastal Deanery

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***Living Christ, you are risen from the dead!
Love reigns!
You are life stronger than death;
raise our eyes to see you
as the new day dawns.***

Green Island – Brighton, Mornington, St. Kilda

EASTER 2018: "LOVE IS COME AGAIN"

Jesus gave hope to the World because of his gift of Love which is forever transforming lives.

The idea of engaging with "poverty" to experience the gift of love is very strong in our Faith. It is confronting because poverty (in all its forms) is frankly unattractive and uncomfortable to observe. It is so easy to find fault in the suffering person and turn away.

But Jesus says: embrace the poor person and you will be enriched by Love. A good example is St Francis transformed after his encounter with the Leper on the road and of course, the Good Samaritan.

In his book *The Way to Love*, Anthony De Mello meditates on Luke 14:21 (the Parable of the Great Banquet):

The housekeeper in anger said to his servant, "Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame".

Do we invite into our lives people who can reciprocate the giving of nice things or "the beggar from the streets"? Says De Mello: "He or she is going to reveal themselves to you and reveal human nature to you - a revelation as precious as any found in scripture. You will realise that this beggar came to your home with an alms for you- the widening of your heart in compassion and the release of your spirit in freedom." (Bring in the Poor, p 37f).



Relay for Life 2018

Another Cancer Society event has come and gone and this year our achievement as a team has left me full of admiration for our ability to pull together and raise nearly \$3,000 in a reasonably short timeframe. People ask me what was the best part of the Relay was and I struggle to come up with a definitive answer. From the planning to the very end, each part has it's ups and downs. Planning gives me hope and enthusiasm yet can be time consuming and can take a while to get the ball rolling. The opening event is inspirational to see survivors and carers. walk hand in hand, side by side, young and old yet I know that this signals the start of a long 24 hours where I wonder each year if I can still pull off the whole 24 hours. The early hours of the morning where I witness the comradeship and bonding of people walking in the cool of the night yet I long for the daylight and sunshine to warm my back. The closing ceremony leaves me quite emotional because I know that by the time the next event comes round, some will have won their battle, some will begin a battle and some will no longer be with us. By this stage my feet have had enough and I know that I need to get home so my body can unwind and I can close my eyes to rest because if I allow my body to rest at the event I'll probably crash. After a good night sleep, I'm ready to start planning the next event in two years' time. This year for me has been special for a couple of reasons. This year has hit me harder because one of our own is fighting the battle right now. The other reason it's special is because my daughter has stepped up and been huge part of the reason our team has done so well. A big thank you Katie for your massive effort with the fundraising, and also for pulling the all nighter alongside Graham, Ree and myself. To all those who helped and supported our toilet rolls, cupcake dolls and cheese rolls as well as our dinner at La Porchetta, thank you. To those who were part of the walking team, thank you. The Relay is a success because of people like you so again I say thank-you. See you all again in 2020. *Sandy*



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In this issue we look at the growing problem of homelessness in Dunedin and how agencies (including churches) are starting to work together on finding solutions. We will keep updating you on progress in future Magazines. *Robin*



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Once again this year you are invited to be part of this prayer commitment. As we approach Ascension watch the pewsheet for opportunities & ideas for individual and corporate prayer.

The hope is that:

- people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
- churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world;
- people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer..."

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added." Acts 1,2

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

The Dunedin Night Shelter Trust was established in 2004 and has been running Dunedin's only night shelter facility since 2006. In 2012 the Trust expanded its services with the introduction of the Phoenix Lodge transitional housing programme, based in a separate building on the same site as the Night Shelter. There is no doubt that there are people facing a housing emergency in Dunedin every day and night. Regardless of circumstances, these people have two things in common: they have run out of options and their needs are urgent.

The Dunedin Night Shelter is located at 18 Lees Street, Dunedin, offering free emergency accommodation to anyone in need. The Shelter is open every night from 6pm to 9am.

The Shelter provides dinner, breakfast and a warm, dry bed for those who have nowhere else to turn. In addition clients are able to wash clothes, and are provided with advice and assistance in finding accommodation and ensuring they are receiving all appropriate benefits. Clients are generally able to stay at the Shelter for a maximum of five nights although discretion is used depending on individual circumstances. The aim is to encourage and assist self-responsibility. As well as providing support to those who would fit a definition of what we traditionally think of as 'homeless' the Shelter also regularly assists people who have suffered a life shock such as loss of job or relationship break up and need a hand to get back on their feet. The Trust receives no central government funding and relies heavily on the support and generosity of the local community. All funds for the running of the Shelter come from grants and donations. All meals at

the Shelter are provided from food donated by various local organisations and community groups. The Trust receives support from a large number of organisations and individual donors and in the last few years has been fortunate enough to receive significant grants from Dunedin City Council, the Lotteries Commission, the Southern Trust, the Bendigo Valley Foundation, the New Zealand Community Trust, United Way NZ, and the Lion Foundation.

A house supervisor oversees the safe running of the house each night. These supervisors are the only paid employees of the Trust. All other roles in relation to the running of the Trust, the Shelter and Phoenix Lodge, including membership of the Trust Board, are undertaken on a voluntary basis.

Volunteering

We always need volunteers to assist with a range of activities:

- supervising in the house
- marketing
- fundraising
- development of our 'self-funding' business model
- internet profile
- social media
- media management

If you are interested in helping us in any way please contact us at: info@dunedinnightshelter.co.nz

Donations of Goods and Services

We are always in need of any goods and services you are able to donate to the shelter for use in the shelter or for using to fundraise. If you or your organisation would like to contribute goods or services, please contact us at: info@dunedinnightshelter.co.nz

Monetary Contributions or Donations

100% of funds donated to the shelter go into running the shelter. Any contribution you can make is very much appreciated.

Details for making a donation are available from the website or speak to the clergy.

Supporting Overseas Mission

Dunedin NZCMS Support Group

Dunedin NZCMS Support Group meets at the home of Arch and Jenny Mathieson, 25A Sheen St, Roslyn at 2.30pm, on Wednesday 21st March.

Focus: The Pacific - news from and prayer for Margaret Poynton, Jon and Tess Hicks. All welcome, please contact Maureen 03 456 0573 for more information.

Anglican Missions Emergency Appeals: Papua New Guinea Earthquake, & Cyclone Gita

Your prayers for the people of Papua New Guinea and Tonga are very much appreciated. If you or your parish would like donate to these Appeals, please refer to our website. If you have any questions, please contact the Anglican Missions Office: email info@angmissions.org.nz or phone (04 473 5172) or make a donation at any of our churches. (place your donation in an envelope with the appeal name on the front, if you require a receipt include your details).

Ministry School 2018

Work is well underway preparing for the 2018 Ministry School, to be held at Holy Cross, Mosgiel. Theme, Speakers, Worship, and Sessions to be announced in the near future, but please hold the dates: **24-26 July, 2018**



Synod 2018: 14 – 16 September

The First Session of the Sixtieth Synod 2018 will be held in the Crypt at St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin. Starting this year on Friday evening, 14 September and running through till Sunday, 16 September.



Carey Nieuwhof is coming to Dunedin

One-Day
Conference

17 May 2018

Leading Healthy Churches. Carey Nieuwhof is a Canadian pastor with a good reputation as a conference speaker and podcaster.

When & Where: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 17 May 2018. Mornington Presbyterian Church Please note: This tour is organised by LeadershipWorx. Registrations and more information at www.leadershipworx.org.nz

Deanery Eastertide Dinner

April 7th 2018 @ Holy Cross

**3.30pm Movie
Followed by Dinner**

Tickets \$10.00



The Hon Clare Curran, MP for Dunedin South recently facilitated a meeting that brought together several agencies and concerned community groups to identify housing issues facing renters in Dunedin. The meeting was well attended with several agencies asking to be a part of a future working group. Ever increasing rents were at the top of issues raised, with rent increases of more than 23% causing hardship to families already on low to minimum wages. The average three bedroom in the electorate sits between \$350 a week and \$380.00 (figures from tenancy services).

Another concern is the large number of tenancies' that reach their end date and are not renewed. Families with good rent payment histories are finding themselves having to find a new property to rent. Once they move out, the house is re-let at a higher rate. This is was a similar pattern to last February - March with many families reaching out to the Electorate Office desperate to find housing. The meeting agreed that this impacted on families already on tight budgets. It comes at a time when school uniforms and fees impact on already stretched incomes. Clare Curran said there was agreement that all the concerned groups need to find solutions that work for the most vulnerable families in her constituency. This includes faith communities who are welcome to be part of a working group.

Nadine Simpson

Out of Parliament Member Support to Hon Clare Curran,MP for Dunedin South

Chrism Eucharist @ St Paul's Cathedral -

Thursday, 29 March, 12.10 pm

Bishop Steven will officiate at the Chrism Eucharist for lay persons, deacons, priests and bishops to collectively renew baptismal and ordination vows to God and before each other. The oils used in healing ministry will be consecrated and distributed.

Good Friday 30th March

9.30am Mornington Churches

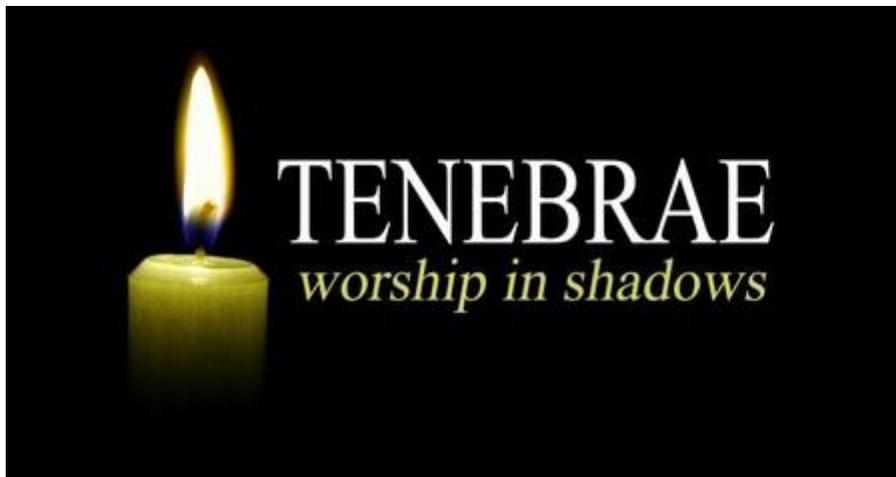
Walk with the Cross

This year we begin at Mornington Presbyterian Church, walk to St Francis Xavier, then St Mary's and finish at the Methodist Church.

2pm. Holy Cross St Kilda

Good Friday Reflection

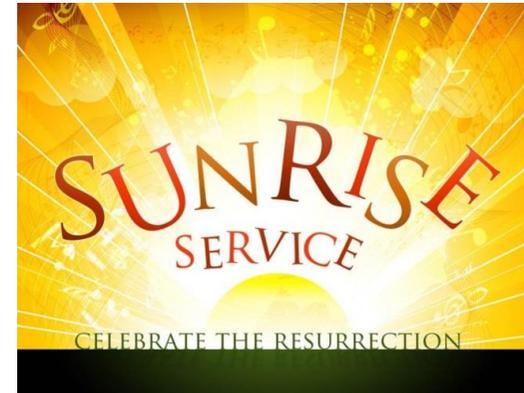
7pm St Mark's Green Island Tenebrae



Easter Day – 1st April.

7am Brighton Beach Sunrise Service

Followed by Eucharist & Breakfast @ St Margaret's Anglican Church 4 Seaview Road, Brighton.



9.30am St Mary's Mornington

Eucharist & renewal of baptismal vows.

11am Holy Cross St Kilda

Eucharist & renewal of baptismal vows.

