

**INVERCARGILL METHODIST PARISH**  
**REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2011**

**Presbyter** In Rev Donald's report he stated that he was primarily limited to pastoral care, which he is enjoying very much. He enjoys meeting the church family, catching up on everyone. After an initial bewildering period when he first came down, it seems now that the church's energies seem to be better prepared. Everyone is working so hard to keep the work ticking over, and trying to keep all happy.

**Sunday Services** It is a pleasure to see the church building being used to such an extent on Sundays now. As well as our own services, there are services for the Tongan and Fijian churches as well. It's quite a vibrant place, and isn't that great

**Mid Winter Dinner** Put a red circle around the 2nd July on your calendars as that is the date for our Mid Winter Dinner. We hope to see the tables in the auditorium absolutely overflowing with you all.

**Pastoral Visits** A plea from the Pastoral committee - please if you know anyone of our Church family you think would benefit from a visit, please let the pastoral committee know. It is not being nose, it is called 'caring', working through God's love.

**Harvest Festival** Thanks go to all who helped with the Harvest Thanksgiving service, and the Invercargill Salvation Army, who were the recipients of the food this year, have sent their sincere thanks for same. It is especially appreciated at this time of year when the demand on families is at its greatest. It makes their work just that little bit easier knowing that there is enough food in their cupboard to help those who are in need.

**Rev Greg Hughson**, Ecumenical Chaplain at the Otago University will be in Invercargill on July 9 & 10th, to speak on the Abrahamic Interfaith Group. More notice of this at a later date.

**Otautau Waiono Union Parish** has been disestablished and it has become a Presbyterian Parish. Our local preachers have been on the roster to take services at this Parish, but the last service, from our Methodist point of view, was taken by Doug on 27th March.