

INVERCARGILL METHODIST PARISH
REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, 17 August, 2010

Presbyter Rev Donald Phillipps's monthly report was received and the Council expressed its appreciation of his work of reconciliation in our parish.

Ministry for 2011 There have been discussions with Rev Stuart Grant, the District superintendent. We have confirmed that we are able to afford a full-time minister for a minimum of three years. We hope that a face-to-face meeting will be held with a possible appointee early in September. The final decision about our future ministry is made at the Methodist Conference in November.

Finances Murray tabled the Draft Annual Accounts for 2010 for our approval, subject to Review, which was agreed. We have suffered a final cash deficit (before depreciation) of \$15,079, as this includes costs of \$7,730 for the Day Centres (for which our involvement was terminated at 30 June) the deficit on Parish operations is \$7,349.

Our 2011 Budget expects a loss of \$23,117 but there are indications that this prediction may be excessive. This position will become clearer over the next few months.

Fund-raising The Garage Sale, Winter Dinner, some catering and the sale of plastic wrap have raised the total of over \$3,500 recently.

Donations have been received from Sit and be Fit, the Play Groups and the Zumba group

Revision of Parish Rolls The official membership roll and the pastoral roll of those who are linked to our activities are both being updated.

SIT Tertiary Chaplaincy Board We nominated Peter Lankshear to represent us on this Board.

Parish Treasurer and Parish Secretary Before the AGM David Little will take up the work currently handled by Murray Farley. Doug Brown will continue as Acting Secretary. We hope a new appointment will be made at the AGM.

The Parish AGM will be on Sunday, 17 October. All reports should be in the office by 15 September.

Education (a) We gave approval for a skating trip to Gore on a date to be arranged.

(b) A Scripture Union Camp for Years 4-6 children, will be held at Edenvue from 28 September to 1 October. Enrolment forms are available at the office.

Outreach (a) Our Affordables shops are trading steadily and their Committee has made a transfer of \$2,000 to our general Parish Accounts.

(b) Our "brown bags" food parcels had nine requests in nine days at the beginning of this month. Please continue to support this with your donations of goods on Sundays.

Please take note of these dates:

- 5 September Fathers' Day with a Devonshire morning tea.
- 12 September Spring Flower Service
- 3 October World Communion Sunday
- 27 November The Otago Southland Synod will meet at the Otatara Community Church
- 5 December Afternoon Carol Service

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
WILL BE ON TUESDAY, 21 September
Agenda items should be in by
Wednesday, 15 September