

INVERCARGILL METHODIST PARISH  
**REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 21 September 2010**

There was a small attendance at this month's meeting because of the weather conditions. The Hospital Chaplaincy Appeal envelopes will now be a week later.

**Ministry in 2011** Rev Donald Phillips reported that so far no arrangements have been made for ministry supply next year.

**Finances** Murray Farley reported that there was a small credit of \$319 in our accounts for the two months July and August. This was to be expected, as we are not now paying the full ministry stipend.

**GST** Our rental charges for the centre will be increased from 1 October.

**Electricity Charges** We have agreed to join with the Dunedin Mission and Methodist churches in Otago to have a bulk electricity purchase contract.

**Thanks** (a) Donald expressed his appreciation of the on-going sterling work of the members of the Pastoral Committee with their visiting, their general support and the ways in which they just keep in touch with people.

(b) The group who rang around the congregation on Saturday, to cancel the service last Sunday were thanked. They were successful, because no one arrived for worship!

**"Outside the Square"** We commend this display of art and craft from people attending the Southland Day Centres, which is in the Southland Museum until 17 October. It includes the sculpture "Unity" by Star which was donated to us by Rata House earlier this year. It will be returned to us at Lindisfarne next month. We intend to have it on permanent display in the foyer.

**Study Groups** We have three Study Groups operating  
(a) Monday afternoon at 30 James Street phone 217-9432  
(b) Monday evening at 10 Leith Street phone 217 2964  
and 146 Ward Street phone 217 8955

The Parish Council has agreed that study books will be initially purchased by the Parish and those not written in, will be returned for future use, otherwise individuals will be expected to pay for their own copies.

**Office Hours** In the week 4-7 October when Rosemary Knowler will be on holiday the office hours will be from 10.00am to 1.00pm

### **Congregational AGM**

**This will be on Sunday, 17 October after a shortened morning service. Information about this is in an insert in this Sunday's Bulletin.**

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY, 10 OCTOBER!**

#### **Other Important dates**

- 3 October World Communion Sunday
- 27 November The Otago Southland Synod will meet at the Otatara Community Church
- 5 December Afternoon Carol Service

**The new Parish Council will meet on  
Tuesday, 19 October.**

**Agenda items to the office by  
Wednesday, 13 October.**