

## Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

#### Loss and Gain

I used to have a wooden pestle until a few years ago. It came with me when I moved to New Zealand together with a ceramic mortar. For nearly two decades, they had rarely been used, for I preferred to use an electric blender. I lost the ceramic mortar when I moved to Dunedin. Left it by itself, the wooden pestle was totally forgotten. It had been kept in the far corner of the cupboard. As I became more interested in living simply, I began to clean the cupboard and the wardrobe. Many things were donated to OP shops. One of them was the wooden pestle too.

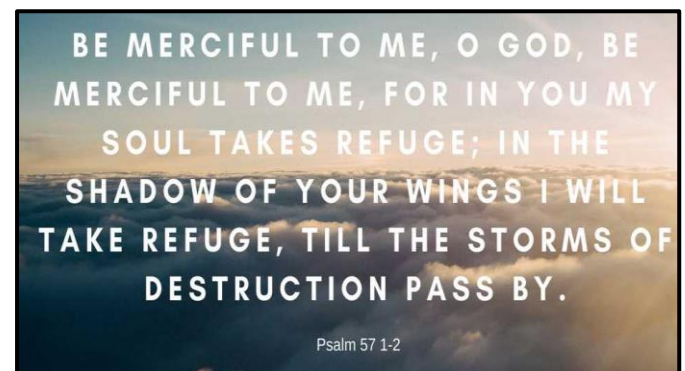


Simple life also led me to more mindful living, and I began to use more manual things to prepare food. It was when I realized that I needed that pestle to crush garlic and spices and more!! For a few weeks, I visited every OP shop in Dunedin in search of the wooden pestle, but no use. When I owned the pestle, I wasn't able to see its true value in it. Now I know what value it had, but it's gone.

This was my loss, indeed! Gradually I have learned to love what I have now while not regretting what I've done or missing what I've lost for good. This is my gain.

People say we'll not be able to go back to the same life as before. It may be. But regardless of changing environments, we will live happily in the living Word that we have gained in Christ. Paul says; "More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake, I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8). We say Amen to that!

*Rev Jin Sook Kim*



## PASTORAL CARE

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

**May 3 Easter 4** Acts 2: 42-47 Ps 23  
1 Peter 2: 19-25 Jn 10: 1-10

**May 10 Easter 5** Acts 7: 55-60 Ps 31: 1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2: 2-10 Jn 14: 1-14

**May 17 Easter 6** Acts 17: 22-31 Ps 66: 8-20  
1 Peter 3: 13-22 Jn 14: 15-21

**May 21 Ascension** Acts 1: 1-11 Ps 47 or Ps 93  
Eph 1: 15-23 Lk 24: 44-53

**May 24 Easter 7** Acts 1: 6-14 Ps 68: 1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 Jn 17: 1-11

### PENTECOST

**May 31 Pentecost** Acts 2: 1-21 or Num 11: 24-30  
Ps 104: 24-34, 35b 1 Cor 12: 3b-13  
or Acts 2: 1-21 Jn 20: 19-23 or Jn 7: 37-39

## **Snippets from Parish Council 16 April 2020**

We have had our first Zoom meeting sitting in our respective bubbles. This was our first effort and there were some glitches e.g. some not being able to hear clearly or not at all and others were not visible but could be heard if not seen and some were delayed in getting connected, but we did it.

We managed to get through our agenda and discuss items quite well all things considered. Virtual Services - were thought to be very good and we were very thankful to Jin Sook and Peter Cowley for getting them up and running so quickly.

**Zoom subscription** – it was agreed that GPP become subscribers of Zoom as we may well need to use it as a means of keeping in touch over the Covid crisis and beyond.

**Readers** - Jin Sook is looking for people to do weekly readings or prayers electronically. Peter is able to help anyone who is not sure how it's done.

**Keeping us in Touch** – phone contacts have been appreciated as have the news sheets and regular updates and musing sent out by Liz. In all, people appear to be very happy with our services, from what gets sent out by email or from the website but were missing the regular face to face contact with our church family.

*Jan Ewart*