

# Introducing...

## Olivia Dawson Youth Pastor



Olivia moved to Dunedin near the end of 2017 and became the Youth Pastor of Leith Valley in February 2018. Prior to coming to New Zealand she lived in the United States with her husband Phil and two children, Micah and Lyla, while serving as Associate Pastor to a church in Maryland. She has been a hospital chaplain and a minister to youth at several churches - in 2006 and 2007 she even served as youth worker here at Leith! She's excited to be back, worshiping and serving alongside friends and ministering to the young people of this church and their families.

### CHURCH OFFICE

267 Malvern St, Leith Valley  
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### PASTORS

Kristin Jack 022 075 3286  
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### STUDENTS&SOUL

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### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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Youth Pastor Olivia Dawson

### OFFICE STAFF

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### CHURCH ACCOUNT NUMBER

030883 0620501-00

### Next week's team

**Service Leader** Fale  
**Preacher** Nancy  
**Worship** Hannah  
**Prayers for Others** Paul Trebilco  
**Bible Reading** Alan P  
**Door & Offering** Scaddens  
**Morning Tea** Scaddens  
Keryn H  
Barry C  
Bronwyn B  
TBC  
Geddes  
TBC  
Trudie C  
Craig C  
Koh, Lesa, Satake

## LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Sunday 11th Feb 2018



*<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*  
Romans 12 v 2 (NIV)

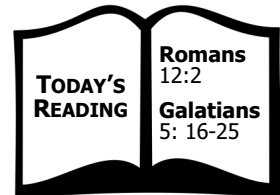
Welcome! It's great to have you with us this morning. If you are visiting today please help yourself to a WELCOME PACK from the back table. We'd love you to leave us a contact form so we can get back in touch. Hand this to Kristin, Nancy or Russell, our duty elder. today.

### Children and Youth at Leith

- Junior Kidztime (ages 0-5) today in the staff room
- Senior Kidztime (years 1-6) today in the Learning Centre
- Junior Youth (years 7-10) starts today. Meet out on the deck.
- Senior Youth (years 9-13) Tuesday 13 Feb at Leith Valley Presbyterian Church, 267 Malvern St

**SERVICE LEADER**  
NANCY PARKER  
**PREACHER**  
HELEN H  
**WORSHIP**  
ROD G.

**DUTY ELDER**  
BILL LEE



## Today's Team

<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Bronwyn M.	<b>Set up Team:</b>	Jono's Team
<b>Door Greeting:</b>	Robert/Satake	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Camilla C
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Rachel E	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Rachel & Russell
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	George B		Kanako
<b>Children's Talk</b>	Nancy Parker	<b>Playground Supervision</b>	A & J Dawson
<b>Sound:</b>	Ged		Daleys
<b>Data:</b>	Sandi J		Bates
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Wildens	<b>Lock-up</b>	Ged

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## Thoughts on Lent ...

“Lent is the span of time in the church calendar that starts with Ash Wednesday (14 Feb 2018) and ends at Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday commemorates the beginning of Jesus’ 40-day fasting and temptation in the desert, and Easter Sunday commemorates Jesus’ resurrection from the grave after his crucifixion.

Lent, then, is generally observed as a time for Christians to reflect, repent, and pray as a way of preparing their hearts for Easter. It is commonly observed by many Christian denominations—Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and others—although not every Christian church or denomination does so. Because Lent is not officially instituted in Scripture, observing it isn’t in any way a “requirement” of Christianity. However, Christians from many different theological persuasions choose to observe it as a way of focusing their thoughts on Jesus Christ during the Easter season.”

*[Andy Rau, What is Lent? Bible Gateway]*

“Throughout history, Christians have made special efforts to draw near to God during Lent. Some have fasted. Some have prayed. Some have set aside time to read the Bible. Others have gardened, taken daily walks, written letters to God, kept a journal, or sought out opportunities for service”.

*[Lynne Baab, 2015 Lenten Devotional]*

If you would like to journey through Lent, we still have :

- ♦ copies of the **Bible Society’s Bible Reading Challenge** (*back table help yourself*)
- ♦ copies of Lynne’s **Lenten devotional** (*back table help yourself or see Bronwyn*)
- ♦ copies of Kristin’s **“Seven Reflections on the Cross”** (*back table help yourself or see Bronwyn*)
- ♦ and access to **Lenten studies for Small Groups** (*see Kristin*)

May God bless your Lenten season



# Leith Notices

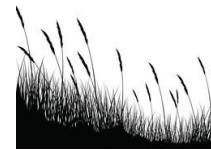
## Exciting news from Liam and Kim Hutton:

Jacob Alexander, a little brother for Eli, arrived last Monday! Congratulations and love from us all.



## Book launch

You’re invited to the launch of a new book “MARK: The Illustrated Gospel” Art, Song, Story, at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership today Sunday the 11th of February from 7pm-8:30pm. See the noticeboard for details.



## Backcountry Banquet:

Otago Sports Chaplaincy are holding a family-friendly fundraiser feast in the Allanton area on *Saturday 24th February, 5.30-8.30pm*. Tickets: \$20 adult, \$60 family available now. Phone 027 693 0762

## Christians Against Poverty: Church Leader Event

*Wednesday 21 March 11 am—1pm at the Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive Dunedin* - to find out how you can reach out to people in your community by offering a practical poverty relief ministry. You’ll hear about their **Debt Centre, CAP Money, Job Club, Release Group** and **Life Skills** ministry that churches are running throughout New Zealand. To book a place, respond to their website: <http://www.capnz.org/rsvplunch>

## Contemporary Apologetics workshop

Mark Powell, lecturer in Christian Apologetics, former CEO of The Warehouse Group, will be in Dunedin to run a seminar on *Saturday 10 March, 9.30am-4pm*. You will be equipped to have better conversations, ask better questions and to share answers in everyday language with gentleness and respect in the current cultural context. \$20 (includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea). Register by Thursday 8 March, email [admin@cavy.net.nz](mailto:admin@cavy.net.nz) or Ph 027 504 8743. Host and venue: Caversham Baptist Church, in partnership with the *Carey Centre for Lifelong Learning*. See flyer on noticeboard.

## Missional Community

A few students/young adults are setting up a community house in South Dunedin in Feb/Mar, and are looking for one more student/young adult to join them. To find out more, contact [jono@highgatechurch.org.nz](mailto:jono@highgatechurch.org.nz)

