

“Our Amazing Gospel”

We are just beginning the season of Lent, the season of 40 days of preparation before Easter, this was set aside by the Early Christians based on the clues offered in the Bible for self-sacrifice and growth. Bronwyn gave us a run down on Lent in last week’s newsletter so I trust that some of you take advantage of the resources available. As we journey to Easter it is good for us to think afresh on the outrageous descent God made in Jesus – God became one of us!!! That little passage in Philippians 2: 6 - 8 illustrates the hugeness of this: *“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!”* For us this is very good news. Jesus did not stand at a distance but he enters right into the experience of human kind. He didn’t come part way from heaven but he came all the way – right into the middle of the lives we live. Jesus experienced what we experience, he understands and knows us completely. I look forward to sharing with you this morning. *Nancy*

Opportunities

Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board

Part-time Māori Chaplain (0.2) at the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic (Fixed Term for 2018)

Closing Date: 26 February 2018. Please send your CV and a covering letter to David Ojala, Secretary, Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board; Email: dojala@xtra.co.nz
If you would like to discuss this position with the Board Chair, Professor Paul Trebilco, please email: paul.trebilco@otago.ac.nz or call Paul on (03) 4798 798.

MORE DETAILS ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

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Morning Tea Crossleys
Susan J
Sound Fiona C
Data Ruth P
Duty Elder Camilla
Prayer Min TBC
Welcome TBC
Offering Prue P
Set up TBC
Playground Johnston, Potter, Rickerby

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday 18th Feb 2018



¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16

Welcome! It’s great to have you with us this morning. **An especially warm welcome if you are a student, either new to Dunedin or returning to study.** 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 or Nancy (our pastors) or Bronwyn Miller (manager).

Communion
Today



Kidstime & Junior Yth will be running today. They will be back to join us for communion.

SERVICE LEADER
LATAFALE AUVA’A
PREACHER
NANCY PARKER

DUTY ELDER
KRISTIN JACK



TODAY’S READING

Mark 1:
9-15
Phil 2:

Today’s Team

Welcome Team: Bronwyn M & Kristin
Door Greeting: Scaddens
Prayers for Others Fiona Cooper
Bible Readings: Wayne H
Sound: Barry C
Data: Bronwyn B
Prayer Ministry Kristin & Nancy

Set up Team: Craig’s Team
Offering Counter: Bronwyn B
Morning tea: Scaddens
Keryn H
Playground Supervision Koh, Satake
Lock-up: Craig C

Seeking God’s Kingdom Growing Great Community

Small Groups

Men's Breakfast – coffee, food, prayer, every **Wednesday, 6.30 am** at Leith (267 Malvern Street). For more info contact *John Speirs 027 432 3695*

Food for the Soul – every **Wednesday morning** at 267 Malvern Street. Boxes of groceries from Foodshare are shared with families who pop in for a cuppa and a chat with our team. Contact *Bronwyn Daley 022 685 6077*

Senior Youth Group (High School age) – currently every **Tuesday 7.00** till 9.00 pm at 267 Malvern St. Fun, friendship, discussion & supper! Contact *Olivia Dawson 021 195 3023*.

Parents & Toddlers, Mums & Bubs group – every Thursday or Friday morning (to be decided) at 267 Malvern St. **Will start early March.** Friendship, support, Bible study. Contact *Charlotte Smith 027 315 3620*

Tāonga ('treasure') Group – fellowship for over 60's, meets every 6 weeks at the Fitzpatrick's home, 273 Malvern St. Contact *Nancy Parker 021 457 360*

Mission Enabling Team – meets once a month (currently the 1st Tue evening of the month, 7.00 at 267 Malvern St), with the goal of facilitating local and global mission at & from Leith. Contact *Kristin Jack (022 075 3286) or Alan Paterson (027 489 0219)*

Missions Prayer – meets on the 1st Sunday of the month, at 267 Malvern St, 5.00 – 6.30, to pray for missions. Contact *Alan Paterson (027 489 0219)*.

Home Groups (more to come!)

Mondays- City Rise/Fern Hill area – 6.00 pm with a pot-luck meal & discussion – rotates around different people's homes. Contact *Susan (022 033 4577) or Kristin Jack (022 075 3286)*

Mondays fortnightly - Pinehill, 6.00 pm at 523 Pinehill Road. Contact *Jonno Daley 021 244 0865*.

Tuesday – North Dunedin/Leith area – 7.30 pm – a cuppa, Bible study & prayer. The Mutch's home, 6 Garden Place - Contact *Nancy Parker 021 457 360*

Thursdays – Southern Dunedin, 7.00 pm at Bruce & Pauline Geddes', 217 Musselburgh Rise, 021 1208477

Thursdays fortnightly – meets at Pete & Camilla's house in Maori Hill – pot-luck dinner, Bible study & friendship for young married couples. Contact *Peter & Camilla 027 900 8358*

Fridays fortnightly – Northern Dunedin – 6.30 pm potluck meal, prayer & discussion. Rotates around different people's homes, so contact *Fiona Cooper on 027 2711507*

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Leith Notices

BBQ Fundraiser for Easter Camp:

After church on *Sunday 4 March*. More details to follow.

Music Workshop Postponed

The Music Workshop, originally scheduled for 3 March, has had to be postponed. In the meantime, all Leith musicians, data projectionists and sound technicians to meet at *1.30pm on 10 March* at Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern St



Congratulations to Elizabeth Peterson who recently became engaged to Marc Butcher. May God richly bless your future together!

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>

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 iono@highgatechurch.org.nz

Contemporary Apologetics workshop

Saturday 10 March, 9.30am-4pm, run by Mark Powell, lecturer in Christian Apologetics, former CEO of The Warehouse Group at Caversham Baptist Church, \$20 (includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea). Register by Thursday 8 March, email: admin@cavy.net.nz or Ph 027 504 8743. See notice board for more details.

