

Seminars

Healing Meeting - Suzanne Pillans: Meeting to be held at the Mornington Presbyterian Church, 16 Maryhill Tce, Mornington, Dunedin on *Thursday, 1st March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.* More details on noticeboard. A donation will be taken to help with costs.

Training - Evangelism Explosion NZ:

Where: Mornington Presbyterian Church
 1st day - Saturday: 17th Mar/ 2018, (9am to 5pm)
 2nd day - Saturday: 24th Mar/ 2018, (9am to 5pm)
 3rd day - half Sunday: 25th Mar/2018, (1pm to 5pm) – Hands on training
 Cost: The registration fee \$100 per person

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.

Faith Thinking 2018:

Dept of Theology, University of Otago. First event *Friday 16 – Saturday 17th March:* Going Deeper with Mark, Professor Paul Trebilco. Check flyer on the notice board for further details.

Christians Against Poverty: Church Leader Event

Wednesday 21 March 11 am—1pm at the Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive Dunedin - book a place, respond to their website: <http://www.capnz.org/rsvplunch>

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NEXT week's team

Service Leader	Hannah
Preacher	Kristin
Worship	Hannah
Prayers for Others	Alan P
Bible Reading	Catriona S
Door & Offering	Niblocks
Morning Tea	Judith F, Fran D, Carolyn H Ged F
Sound	Ged F
Data	Rachel E
Duty Elder	TBC
Prayer Min	Kristin
Welcome	Gill T
Offering	Trudie C
Set up	Bronwyn M Family
Playground	Hill, Niblock

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 25th Feb 2018



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).

This morning our preacher is **Rev Dr Geoff New**, Dean of Studies at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership. We look forward to his message! His reading for today is printed on the insert in this newsletter.

Don't forget also to check out our list of **Leith Valley Small Groups**. Participating in a small group is a great way to get to know others and enter more fully into the life of the church. A list of current small groups is reprinted on the back of the reading.

We have also included a message from the **Moderator, Richard Dawson** with his thoughts on Lent

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DUTY ELDER
 CAMILLA CATHRO



TODAY'S READING

Isaiah 6
 1-13

Today's Team

Welcome Team:	Judith Forbes	Set up Team:	Phil D, Brian M
Door Greeting:	Campbells	Offering Counter:	Prue P
Prayers for Others:	Bill Lee	Morning tea:	Crossley Keryn H
Bible Readings:	Clair Scadden	Playground Supervision:	Johnston, Potter Rickerby Ged F
Sound:	Fiona C	Lock-up:	
Data:	Mark Lokman		
Prayer Ministry	Rachel P		

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Message from the Moderator

Fasting Fridays Lent 2018

Lent, in the Christian calendar, is defined as a period of spiritual preparation for the highlight of the Easter celebration.

Easter is the highpoint of the Christian calendar. Arguably it is from this point that all liturgy and Christian worship begin.

One of the most common approaches to Lent was the practice of fasting – largely from food or specific food types. Why fasting?

In the Old Testament (OT) perhaps the ‘top quality’ of a follower of God was humility. All things in maturity came down to a fundamental humility which enabled the believer to live a life of obedience before God and a life of friendship towards others. The key practice in developing humility was... fasting. So, in James 4 we have this passage: “6 But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’”

In the OT we find that Moses, the key figure of the OT, was “more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth”. Again, in Psalm 149 we read: “4 For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory”.

But how is this humility obtained? Again in both testaments one of the key answers to that question is... to fast. I humbled myself with fasting”.

And again, in Ezra 8 we read: “21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him the right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions”.

The notion of both the importance of humility and the link to fasting is clear. Today we need to retrieve this spiritual gift because we live in an age so dominated by the glory of technology that we have become almost allergic to proper reflection and meditation.

Let me reiterate my initial claim that Christian maturity is dependent upon the development of a deep reflectiveness which grows out of humility.

So come, fast with me that we might know again that humility which should be the mark of all Christians and of the Church. We have six Fridays before Easter. How about we do our best to miss a meal, or even two, on those Fridays? I will give you a run-down on how I am going on my blog <https://moderator.presbyterian.org.nz>. Let’s see where God leads us together.

Richard Dawson (Moderator)



Leith Notices

Mum’s Small Group - starts Thursday 1st March 11am at Leith Valley (267 Malvern Street) & every 2nd Thursday after that. See Charlotte for more info (0273153620 or email charlotte.m.smith86@gmail.com)

Next Week 4 March: BBQ Fundraiser for Easter Camp:

Taonga: Tuesday, 6th March at 2pm, in the Church in Malvern St. Olivia Dawson our new Youth Pastor will share herself with us and her vision for our young people. It will be so good to be together again after the long summer break. We'll enjoy a yummy afternoon tea also. *Nancy*

Music Workshop Postponed:

However, all Leith musicians, data projectionists and sound technicians are invited to meet at *1.30pm on 10 March* at Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern St



Opportunities

Rock Solid Youth Development Programmes are about to begin for 2018, and we are looking for volunteer **youth leaders** to work alongside our 100 or so South Dunedin young people each week (mostly through the evening clubs). There are opportunities to work with primary school age kids, Intermediate age kids, junior secondary school age kids, and High School age kids. Training & transport is provided. If you are interested **contact Kristin** (022075 3286)

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 noticeboard .

