

Ascension Sunday



1. Heaven is not a geographical location so much as another dimension. Not far from earth, but different from earth, In fact 'the Kingdom of God (heaven) is near'. The veil between us and God's dwelling space was torn open by Jesus at the cross (Luke 23:45)
2. Jesus ascends. Jesus is 'lifted up' or 'exalted' to heaven'. Acts 1:1-11; 2:33-34). We all have different mental pictures of what this looked like.
3. He has taken his place as Lord of the Universe and begun to reign. He has been exalted above every other name, power and authority. His reign will increase until all enemies come under submission. The last enemy to submit will be death: Ephesians 1:15-23; Revelation 11:15-17.
4. Jesus is the bridge between the earthly and the heavenly dimension. He is bringing them together, until finally they become one. In Revelation 21 & 22 heaven 'descends' and takes over earth.
5. Jesus has ascended to heaven so that he can now be physically present to all people over all the earth at all times (not just confined to one spot & one body in Palestine). He has poured out His Spirit on all people (Acts 17/Joel 2:28).
6. It was "better for us" that Jesus went away (was crucified, raised & ascended) so that he could give us his Spirit (John 16:7). We could only receive the power & authority & love of Christ's Spirit living inside us by Jesus dying, rising & being exalted. John 14:15-20 - we now have a counsellor/companion/advocate, a truth-teller, a care-giver/parent, a life-giver, and someone who joins us into the Trinity.

Kristin



Leith Valley Church welcomes and includes Children and Youth

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Kristin
Preacher	CAP
Worship	Hannah
Prayers for Others	Fiona C
Bible Reading	Clair S
Door & Offering	Bronwyn B, Elizabeth P
Morning Tea	Andrew & Jane D Naomi S
Sound	Fiona
Data	Sandi J
Duty Elder	Bill Lee
Prayer Min	Nigel J
Welcome	Campbells
Offering	Camilla C
Set up	Phil Scadden Team
Playground	Caldwells, Footes, Thurlows

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 13th May 2018



I assure you that it is better for you that I go away. If I don't go away, the Companion won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16 v 7 (CEB)

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 or Nancy (our Pastors)

Today is

Mother's Day

SERVICE LEADER:
BLESSED SOLA
PREACHER:
KRISTIN JACK
WORSHIP:
HANNAH T-H

DUTY ELDER:
KRISTIN JACK



TODAY'S READING

EPHESIANS
1:18-23
 REV 11:
15-17

Today's Team

Welcome Team:	Crossleys	Set up Team:	Craig's team
Door Greeting:	Scaddens	Offering Counter:	Trudie C
Prayers for Others:	Blessed S	Morning tea:	Debbie G Hilary C
Bible Readings:	Kirsten A	Playground Supervision:	Pettigrew, Lokman, Ross families
Children's Talk:	Olivia D	Lock-up:	Craig C
Sound:	Fiona C		
Data P:	Reuben C		
Prayer Ministry	Rachel P		

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Leith Notices

Missions Event: Stories of Struggle and Transformation

This Friday 18th May, at 267 Malvern Street. 7.00pm, Pastor Phanna Nuth will be sharing his story with us. Orphaned at 12 years old with both parents dead from HIV/AIDs, it became his responsibility to keep his family together. Because of the huge compassionate heart God developed in him, he went on to have a dynamic ministry among street kids and drug addicts in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Currently he is a church planter and pastor working in these same communities.

We'll start at 7.00 with some delicious Asian food - satay, sushi, samosas, spring rolls & more!

Phanna is a good friend of Kristin & Susan's and they'll be sharing some stories too, while Wayne & Helen will update us on the most recent & exciting developments for them as they prepare to leave for Myanmar.

Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed from Monday-Thursday this week as the staff are attending the South Island Ministry Conference at East Taieri Church and the Carey Nieuwhof Seminar at Mornington. Pastoral concerns can be texted to Kristin 022 075 3286 and he will respond

Church Directory Update

Clipboards will come around again today for you to add, correct, delete. There is also a copy of the corrected directory on the back table to check. Thank you!

Parole de vie

Fellowship, community and food (a shared meal), once a fortnight at 34 Lambert Street, Abbotsford. Exact evening is flexible so shift workers can attend.

See Catriona for more details

Volunteers Needed!

If you can help with any of the following please let Bronwyn our Parish Manager know.

Thank You!

- Helpers to clean the ovens at Leith Valley Church
- Volunteers to help with the garden up at Leith.

Contact Bronwyn

Email: accounts@leithvalley.org.nz



Opportunities

Faith Thinking

EXPLORING THE HOLY SPIRIT
Assoc. Professor Chris Holmes,
Department of Theology and
Religion, University of Otago.

16 May, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

23 May, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The Gathering Area, Knox Church,
449 George Street

Each Course costs \$20. Please
register online at [www.otago.ac.nz/
continuingeducation](http://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation)

Further information on the notice
board



Winter Warmer Music Concert

Anglican Family Care would like to invite you to a winter warming evening of choirs, candles and hot chocolate! All proceeds go to supporting Otago children living in difficult circumstances. Featuring the Dunedin Chorus, Sings Hilda (St Hilda's Choir), Sing Out! (St Clair School Choir) and St Matt's Band. Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, 14th June from 7pm-8.30pm at St Matthew's Church, 30 Hope St, Dunedin. Tickets \$20 for adults, free for kids.

Book at: www.anglicanfamilycare.org.nz/concert
or call 03 477 0801 or email
communication@familycare.org.nz

Otago Combined Christian Groups

would like to advertise their ball:
Saturday May 19th, 7pm-11.30pm
at Knox Church Halls, George St.
Tickets are \$20.

All details can be found on the facebook event page here:

[https://www.facebook.com/
events/1688371551252917](https://www.facebook.com/events/1688371551252917)



You are invited to a
**Royal Wedding
Celebration Dinner**

9th June 2018 at

Mosgiel Presbyterian Church

Dress— Wedding smart

Cost— \$20 per person

Meal begins 6pm

Tickets available until 1st June from:
Mosgiel Presbyterian Church office,
Mosgiel Christian Bookshop
or Alison North 489 5648

CAP Money

The CAP money course is a 3 week free money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works.

When: Wednesdays May 16th,
23rd & 30th. Time: 7pm-9pm

Where: Musselburgh Baptist Church,
131 Musselburgh Rise

To register contact: cap@mbc.ac.nz
or call 03 4562065

