



Greetings

Christmas is always a day to look forward to with excitement and wonder: the cards, the carols, the decorations, the mood and the atmosphere leading up to 25 December.

In a sense, it is the anticipation and looking forward to two features of the season. Firstly, who is coming this Christmas, and, secondly, what will be received. This was my view and expectation as a child, and it probably still is today.

In many ways, it is reflective of that very first Christmas in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph were overjoyed about the baby Jesus.

They would've also been wondering who was coming to visit them. Their reality was harsh and cruel. For the safety of their baby, they fled to Egypt.

In our world today, there is much similarity with that first Christmas.

We all aim and hope for quality time with family, and we anticipate receiving a card or a present. but sometimes, the reality does not always go as planned.

For some of us, Christmas is a sad time.

When a loved one passed away.

When redundancy took place.

When the budgeting failed miserably.

When Mum and Dad called it quits, and went their separate ways. The list goes on and on.

However, Christmas is for you this year.

You are not alone. You are loved.

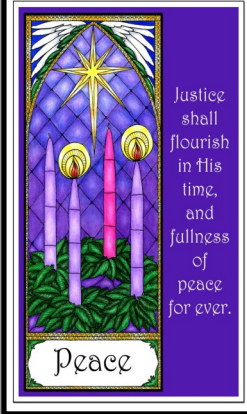
May this be a new season for you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rt Rev Fakaofa Kaio Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand



LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 9 December 2018



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Notice of Congregational Meeting -

After the service today there will be a brief congregational meeting to:

1. Approve the budget for 2019. (A copy is on the back table)
2. Vote for elders (see insert)

Communion
Today

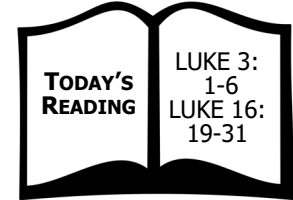


Welcome! It's great to have you with us this morning. If you are visiting today please help yourself to a WELCOME PACK from the back table. We'd love you to leave us a contact form so we can get back in touch. Hand this to the duty elder or the minister.

SERVICE LEADER:
RICHARD DAWSON
PREACHER:
RICHARD DAWSON
WORSHIP:
RACHEL BATES



DUTY ELDER:
BILL LEE



NEXT week's team

Service Leader	Miranda F
Preacher	Olivia D
Worship	Hannah T-H
Prayers for Others	N/A
Bible Reading	N/A
Door & Offering	Potters
Morning Tea	Millers
	Naomi S
Sound	Ged F
Data	Janine K
Duty Elder	Camilla C
Prayer Ministry	Kristin J
Welcome	Richard D
Offering	Trudie C
Set up	Phil D's team
Playground	Kim, Justice, Daley families

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030883 0620501-00

Today's Team

Welcome Team: Bronwyn M
Door Greeting: Koh family
Prayers for Others: Paul T
Bible Readings: Rachel E
Sound: Joseph K
Data Projection: Janine K
Prayer Ministry: Rachel P

Set up Team: Thurlow/Tresslor
Offering Counter: Janine K
Morning tea: Trebilcos
Judith F/Chrissie C
Playground Supervision: Campbell, Foote
Dawson J&A families
Lock-up: Fran D

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Leith Notices

Kidztime Break Up/All-Age Service Coming Up Next Sunday 16th December!!

Here is a schedule of rehearsals:

- **Sunday 9th December** - Kidztime rehearsal
- **Tuesday 11 December 3:30pm** 'Best Gift Giver' Drama group (Location: Leith Valley Church)
- **Saturday 15th December:**
- 8:30 a.m. Singers - Kidztime/ Junior Youth
- 9:00 - 11 Kidztime/Junior Youth/ Segue drama rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. 'Best Gift Giver' Drama group (Location : George Street Normal School)



Sunday 16th December: 9:00 a.m: ALL CAST

YOUTH GROUP

SENIOR YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Tuesday, December 11 from 6-9pm, the senior youth will meet at the church on Malvern Street for a pot luck dinner and gift exchange! Junior youth who are going to be Year 9 plus are invited to attend. Each family is asked to bring either a savoury or sweet holiday dish to share and each person, a \$5 (or less) wrapped gift.

Taonga Christmas Party - 18th Dec

Please bring a Secret Santa, worth no more than \$5. Hannah will share Christmas Carols and the office staff will join us. Lets celebrate the birth of Christ together!
Nancy



Regular events at Leith (267 Malvern St):

Senior Youth Group: *Tuesday evenings in term time 7-9pm*
Parents of Youth: Meet at Satterthwaites - 48 Patmos Ave, 2nd and 4th *Tuesdays of the month* for prayer.
Men's Breakfast: *Wednesday mornings 6.30am-7.30am*
Foodshare: *Wednesday mornings 10-11.30am*
Parents and Toddlers Group: *Alternate Thursday mornings 11.30am at 98 Tanner Rd, Glenleith.* Contact Charlotte Smith 027 315 3620
Missions Prayer Meeting: *1st Sunday of the month at 5pm*
Breakfast Club: *Monthly, Saturdays, 8.30-9.30 am*
(Phone the Church Office for more information 467 9208)



Opportunities

Job Vacancies

Kids Friendly Faith Development Project Coordinator (part time) for Southern Presbyterians

A 10 hour a week, fixed term of 2 years, position has been created to continue the FTE resourcing of children and families ministry in the Southern Presbytery.

Faith Development of 10-13yr olds has been identified as a key area of need across the region. The project is an exciting opportunity for someone with passion and experience in this area of ministry to work alongside the current Kids Friendly and Youth Advisors with tasks of research, resourcing and reporting.

More details including a full job description are on the back table.

Please send your expression of interest and CV to
Rev John Schoneveld westonminister@gmail.com Phone: [03 434 7293](tel:034347293)

Also...

Servants Health Centre

is seeking a Clinical Nurse Leader, part time. This is an excellent opportunity for mission work right here in Dunedin.
For more information please look at the notice board at the back of the church.

Christmas Eve Service Monday 24 December

Planning is under way for our All-Age Christmas Eve Service which will be held at Leith Valley Church at 7 pm on Monday December 24.



Anyone who is keen to be involved in this service please let us know in the church office admin@leithvalley.org.nz or speak to Richard or Olivia.

Presbyterian Support Yellow Donation Bins

Presbyterian Support Otago have changed their way of collecting donations, removing the yellow collection bins.

Here's how you can donate:

1. Donations can be dropped at Shop on Carroll weekdays between 10am - 4pm.
2. Use a large yellow bag and drop off at PSO.

If you would like some yellow bags sent to you please call PSO on 03 477 7115.

Thank you for your support.

