

# Comment



## Wisdom Today

We are fast becoming a culture devoid of wisdom. Wisdom is knowing how to do right things simply. It enables individuals and society to live with an efficiency that literally saves lives. Wisdom is driving to the conditions, listening before judging and loving before all else. Essentially, wisdom is a decision to live a certain way and to do so despite the cost to self. It understands that in the long run life, like the roadways, runs a lot smoother if we're all looking out for one another.

This, of course, eventually impacts our morality. Basic honesty is very much a part of wise living. Being scrupulously honest with another's possessions is the best guarantee that ours will be treated with equal respect and, let's face it, none of us wants to live looking over our shoulder all the time. The same goes for our approach to relationships in general and especially with the opposite sex. Building a relationship with someone only around physical attraction is simply unwise because that has such a short half-life compared to, say, respect for the other's integrity, delight in their character and enjoyment of their personality. This is why Christian teaching has always included warnings against building too much on the physical relationship.

In the Bible wisdom is first simple, then profound, then loving. These are good things to remember when receiving advice about being wise. So much of that advice today can be very self-serving and essentially cruel. That's not wisdom – but the opposite – foolishness.

*Richard D*



Leith Valley Church welcomes and includes Children and Youth

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## NEXT week's team

<b>Service Leader</b>	Richard D
<b>Preacher</b>	Richard D
<b>Worship</b>	Olivia D
<b>Children's Talk:</b>	Olivia D
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Youth Group
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Youth Group
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Youth Group
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jahn M-Hill /Naomi S Youth Group
<b>Sound</b>	Liam H
<b>Data</b>	Aidan S
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Barry C
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Rachel P
<b>Welcome</b>	Fran D
<b>Offering</b>	Jahn M-Hill
<b>Set up</b>	Jono D's team
<b>Playground</b>	Ross Niblock Potter

# LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 5 May 2019



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 minister, Richard, or leave on the welcome table.



### Today: Richard Dawson - Wisdom for the Day

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

*Proverbs 1:20*

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH at Leith



- Sparklers (ages 0-5) today in the staff room.
- Kidztime (years 1-6) today in the Learning Centre
- Junior Youth (years 7-10) down in Rm 17. Meet out on the deck.
- Senior Youth (years 9-13) Tuesdays at Leith Valley 7-9pm

### SERVICE LEADER:

HANNAH T-H

### PREACHER:

RICHARD DAWSON

### WORSHIP:

HANNAH T-H

### DUTY ELDER:

PAULINE  
LOVELOCK



### TODAY'S READING

HAB 2:  
9-14  
MATT 6:  
7-15  
PROV 1:  
20-23

## Today's Team

<b>Door Greeting:</b>	Lesas	<b>Set up Team:</b>	Phil D
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	tbc	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Camilla Cathro
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	Bonnie Shotbolt	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Craig & Hilary
<b>Children's Talk</b>	Richard D	<b>Playground:</b>	Kanako L Henderson, Palmers
<b>Sound:</b>	Liam H	<b>Lock-up:</b>	Kim Fran D
<b>Data Projection:</b>	Mark L		
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Kristin J		

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# Notices



## Men's Breakfast

Saturday 25 May  
8.30am  
@Leith Valley Church  
267 Malvern St

### Guest Speaker: Jim Stinton

Jim has a great testimony of being changed by the love of God as a young man, and then working for 'Teen Challenge' in his home town of Stafford, Texas.

He has been in NZ since 1993, and has worked as a radio host on Radio Rhema. He has an insurance business and also travels and speaks to groups when possible. He will be preaching on Sunday 26 May at Leith.

## Missions Prayer Meeting



Tonight 5 pm  
at Leith Valley Church.  
All welcome.



## WAY 2 Go Children's Ministry Conference

Saturday 25th May  
9.30am-4.00pm

Inspirational speakers, practical workshops, useful resources, networking and lunch.

*Sparklers, Kidztime and Junior Youth volunteers are encouraged to attend. See Miranda or Fran*

## Upcoming Events at Leith

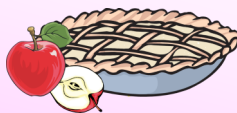
Sunday 23 June - Church Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner

Saturday 30 June - Womens' High Tea with Speaker Jasmine Fidow-Maiava

## Want to Cook for Presbyterian Support Foodbank?

Donated ingredients would be dropped off to you, for you to transform and then return to the food bank.

If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Carolyn Sims 03 477 7115  
[carolyn@psootago.org.nz](mailto:carolyn@psootago.org.nz)



## Faith & Adolescence NZ Tour 2019

Speakers: Dr Crystal Kirgiss and Mark Kirgiss



Dunedin - 16th May, Dunedin City Baptist Church

Pastors Seminars 2-5pm, \$30

Parents Evening from 7pm - \$5

For information and registration visit [leadershipworx.org.nz](http://leadershipworx.org.nz)



# Opportunities

## Food for the Soul at Leith Valley

Food for the Soul is looking for some people to cook gluten-free meals for a family who is about to have a baby soon.



Contact Bronwyn Daley 022 685 6077



## Concert in First Church



Monday 13 May 7.30pm  
Choir from the University of Tennessee at Martin.  
Entry free  
*See flyer on notice board for more information*

## Resurrection Service

Combined Churches of Dunedin

Sunday 19th May  
@ 7.00pm

Dunedin Town Hall

Guest Speaker: Charles Price



## Faith Thinking 2019

*Continuing Education Short Courses offered by the Theology Programme:*  
**The Inner World and Its Workings: Attention to our inner life of prayer with the help of Ignation Spirituality.**

Father Mark Chamberlain, University Chaplain and Priest,  
Holy Name Parish.

Wednesdays 8,15,22 May 7-9pm Burns 7 Arts/Burns Building, Albany St,  
University of Otago.

**Finding Faith in Secular Times: What can we learn about Christian witness from the experiences of recent converts to Christianity?**

Dr Lynne Taylor, Somerville lecturer in Pastoral Theology.  
Friday 26 July 7-9pm and Saturday 27 July 9am-12.30pm.  
Dunedin City Baptist Church, 19 Main South Road, Concord.

**Is God Green - and what about us? An exploration of human responsibility in the care of the Earth.**

Rev Dr Selwyn Yeoman, Presbyterian Minister.  
Thursdays 8, 15, 22 Aug, 7.00-9.00pm, Burns 7, Albany Street  
University of Otago.

*See the flyer on the notice board for information on other courses coming up in September.*

