

# Comment



## Sharing Christ

Jesus commanded us to share the news about him. It's probably become one of the least socially acceptable things to do in this society and certainly any mention of punishment or of the afterlife is almost guaranteed to evoke a negative response. And, to a certain extent, this is understandable. We've become experts at bad news and not just bad news but at unwelcome news. We seem, to some, to revel in pronouncements of eternal doom and divine retribution and, no doubt, this is not popular to say the least. But all this is a distraction from the real task before us. We are called to share the Good News of Christ; the fact that Jesus is **good** for us and for the world and that making Him Lord is the very best thing anyone could do.

However, even this can be viewed as, at the best anachronistic and, at the worst, threatening. The truth is that there will always be those who react badly to Good News. Certainly, we must not turn it into a litany of bad news stories but neither should we water it down to the point that the story is unrecognizable from the Gospel. The Gospel story is simple. We are made for God and to God we will return. What we make of our life here in this life will have eternal consequences. Our best hope for a full and rewarding life is to allow Jesus to lead us. That is what a Christian is – someone who is deliberately and regularly led by God. Now, how can we say this with our lives and with our lips?  
*Richard D*



Leith Valley Church welcomes and includes Children and Youth

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### CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

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## NEXT week's team

<b>Service Leader</b>	Olivia D
<b>Preacher</b>	Olivia D
<b>Worship</b>	Hannah T-H
<b>Children's Talk:</b>	Interview
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	tbc
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Kirsten A
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Alan & Jenny P
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Bill & Daphne Catriona S
<b>Sound</b>	tbc
<b>Data</b>	Janine K
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Russell E
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Robyn & John
<b>Welcome</b>	Judith F
<b>Offering</b>	Jahn M-Hill
<b>Set up</b>	Phil S's team
<b>Playground</b>	Lokman Johnston Hill

# LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 12 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.

### Sharing Christ



'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

*Matthew 28 v 19*

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH at Leith



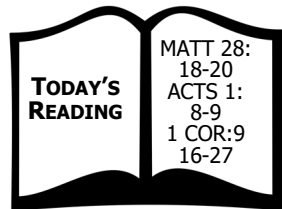
- Sparklers (ages 0-5) today in the staff room.
- Kidztime (years 1-6) today in the Learning Centre
- Junior Youth (years 7-10) down in Rm 17. Meet out on the deck.
- Senior Youth (years 9-13) Tuesdays at Leith Valley 7-9pm

**SERVICE LEADER:**  
RICHARD DAWSON  
**PREACHER:**  
RICHARD DAWSON  
**WORSHIP:**  
OLIVIA DAWSON

**DUTY  
ELDER:**



BARRY  
CLEARWATER



**TODAY'S  
READING**

MATT 28:  
18-20  
ACTS 1:  
8-9  
1 COR:9  
16-27

## Today's Team

<b>Door Greeting:</b>	Youth Group	<b>Set up Team:</b>	Jono D
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	Youth Group	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Trudie C
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	Youth Group	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Jahn M-Hill, Liz D
<b>Interview:</b>	Youth Group		Youth Group
<b>Sound:</b>	Ged F	<b>Playground:</b>	Ross, Niblock, Potter
<b>Data Projection:</b>	Aidan S		
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Rachel P	<b>Lock-up:</b>	Ged F

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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, He will also be preaching on Sunday 26 May at Leith.

## Turning the Church Around - yes literally!

Next Sunday, the 19th May, is the day we are going to begin our experiment of reconfiguring the seating arrangements in the hall here at George St to try and make a bit more room. So when you come next week be prepared to see a change including: seating on the stage and facing in a different direction. We are going to see how it goes and will welcome your feedback.



## Upcoming Events at Leith

Sunday 23 June - Church Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner after church.



Saturday 29 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 would like to thank everyone who has made donations of meat, vegetables, fruits, gluten free food and household products.

*However they are still looking for some people to cook gluten-free meals for a family who is about to have a baby soon and also need one person to help on the morning of Tuesday 28th May, as both Helen Crossley and Bronwyn Daley will be away.*

Contact Bronwyn Daley 022 685 6077 [bronwyndaley@gmail.com](mailto:bronwyndaley@gmail.com)

## Babysitter Available

Annsen Chan, an international student who is staying with Kirsten Anderson from our congregation, is available to baby sit. Her email is: [annsenchan7898@gmail.com](mailto:annsenchan7898@gmail.com) or text 027 577 1339

## 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

## Spirituality Seminar

Dunedin Hospital Chapel Thursday 23 May 2019, 1-2pm  
Professor Helen Nicholson  
*See notice board for more information*

## Faith Thinking 2019

*Continuing Education Short Courses offered by the Theology Programme:  
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.

*See the flyer on the notice board for information on other courses.*

