

# Comment

## A Woman's Prerogative...

Is to what? Is, according to the old saying 'to change her mind.' It's not clear where this saying comes from. It certainly reflects Virgil's opinion that "a woman is an ever fickle and changeable thing." What is clear is that the saying reflects a rather unsubtle form of chauvinism by reinforcing the unflattering view that women are, in general, creatures of wavering tastes, opinions and beliefs and that the world of men is, therefore, far more reliable. It's a view which is, these days, completely rejected by the mainstream media but which persists, I believe, in the culture and, indeed, in the Church. This is reflected not just in the very low statistics around women in leadership and the kinds of work women are doing compared to men but also in the self-belief of women. Women can be their own worst critics.

What is, however, becoming clearer to me each day is that a significant part of the Church's task in reaching the world with the Gospel will be to encourage, equip and support more women to take roles of significance and leadership within the Church. The simple truth that 'our lives preach more eloquently than just about any sermon', means that the life of the Church will have to reflect the equal status the Bible gives to women in the life of faith and of the faith community.

Take Leith for example. We have a great need at present for two more female elders. We only have one female on Session and this represents a significant lack in both our representation and our ability to understand the views of the congregation. Are you willing to step up? Are you willing to give your daughter and son a fuller vision of the kingdom of heaven? Please let me know because if we can't reflect the kingdom balance in the way we live, our preaching will be robbed of much of its power. **R.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>Sermon</b>	Sharing Christ 4
<b>Worship</b>	Richard D
<b>Children's Talk:</b>	N/A
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Richard D
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Phil Hill
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Janine K/Bronwyn M
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Crossleys
	Kanako L
<b>Sound</b>	Ged F
<b>Data</b>	Sandi J
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Russell E
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Rachel P
<b>Welcome</b>	Bronwyn M
<b>Offering</b>	Camilla C
<b>Set up</b>	Millers
<b>Playground</b>	P Dawson

# LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 26 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.



Preaching today:

**Jim Stinton**

Resilience

**Winter Roster**

Please pick up your new roster from the admin table. Thank you.



### 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:

JIM STINTON

### WORSHIP:

RACHEL BATES

**DUTY  
ELDER:**

BILL LEE



**TODAY'S  
READING**



## Today's Team

<b>Door Greeting:</b>	Graeme W/Debbie G	<b>Set up Team:</b>	Craig C's team
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	Bill Lee	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Sandi Jull
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	Janine Konings	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Rachel & Russell
<b>Children's Talk:</b>	Judith F		Bonnie S
<b>Sound:</b>	Barry C	<b>Playground:</b>	Shotbolt, Tallon
<b>Data Projection:</b>	Ruth Pearce		Daley
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Crossleys	<b>Lock-up:</b>	Craig C

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# Notices

## Pre-School Music Group

If you would like to be part of a group to help set up a

Pre-School Music group at Leith Valley

Church (most likely on a Wednesday morning) please contact Bronwyn Daley 022 685 6077 [bronwyndaley@gmail.com](mailto:bronwyndaley@gmail.com) or Fran Dawson [admin@leithvalley.org.nz](mailto:admin@leithvalley.org.nz)



## Needed for Pentecost Sunday:

Large pieces of red fabric.

Please see Miranda if you have any.



## Youth



The 40 hour famine is coming up on 7-9 June and many of our youth are taking part. Not all are going without food but are choosing different types of 'privations.' Please support them, financially if you can, but otherwise in prayer over that weekend. The money this year is to support children in South Sudan.

## Food for the Soul

Thanks to those who have provided gluten free meals for a family in need. Meals still needed, however. Contact Bronwyn Daley if you can help.

## Fundraiser



Hi. My name is Sarah Daley. I belong to that large noisy family with all those kids My parents are Jonno and Bronwyn Daley. My class at Liberton Christian School is fundraising for my year 7/8 ski camp. I am selling Whittakers 50g chocolate for \$2. The Yummy flavours are toffee milk, fruit and nut, berry and biscuit, creamy milk, white chocolate and dark chocolate.

Come and see me if you would like some or contact me on 473 6574.



# Opportunities

## Inaugural

### Professorial Lecture

Professor Jessica Palmer  
'The Lure of Equity and the Academic Voice'

Monday 27 May 5.30-7.00pm

Archway 4 Lecture Theatre  
Union Street East, Dunedin

All welcome.

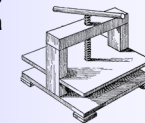


## Induction Service

Ed Masters, formerly a Youth Pastor here at Leith, is being inducted as Minister to the Parish of First Church on Thursday 30th May at 7pm, at the church in Moray Place  
All welcome to attend.

## Help needed

Catriona Speight needs help moving a printing press she has been given, from St Hilda's to her home in Abbotsford. If there is anyone who can help with this she would love to talk with you after the service. Yummy morning or afternoon tea provided.



## Rock Solid

The Rock Solid

High School

Club has



experienced exciting growth this year, and we urgently need two more male leaders to join us (through to November).

This Club runs Mondays: 6.45 - 9.00 pm. If you can help, talk to Kristin (022 075 3286) or Marty (027 425 6439).

## 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

## 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.*

