

The Burning Bush

I am a very small tree in a desert, and I am touched by the breath of God.
I don't ask for it. It just happens; a suddenness inside me
and then a presence of wind and flame, burning, burning,
and I cover my eyes with my fears, knowing that I am too small and too frail
to bear this firestorm of love.

I cry out, 'God, God, what are you doing? I have always needed your Sunday
warmth
but I can't cope with this searing which feels like both heaven and hell.
You leave no part of me untouched. That's not what I planned.
Please go away!'

There is no answer in the wind and flower, but little by little, the blindness of
my fear is dissolved
& I see with clear eyes that the desert round me is no longer a desert.
It has been lit by the strong flame of love,
every bush, every tree transformed beyond itself.
I am not alone in this. I never was.
Every living thing has been summoned to be on fire with the love of God
and to turn all barren places ... into sacred ground.

Joy Cowley [Psalms Down-Under]



Leith Valley Church welcomes and includes Children and Youth

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NEXT week's Team

Service Leader	Olivia Dawson
Preacher	Tom Mepham
Worship	Olivia Dawson
Children's Talk:	Bill Lee
Prayers for Others	Geoff N
Bible Reading	Susan I
Door & Offering	Daley family
Morning Tea	Cathros Esther D Liam H Aidan S
Sound	Liam H
Data	Aidan S
Duty Elder	tbc
Prayer Ministry	Robyn & John W
Welcome	Judith F
Offering	Esther D
Set up	Jono D's team
Playground	Foote, Satake & A Dawson

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 9 June 2019



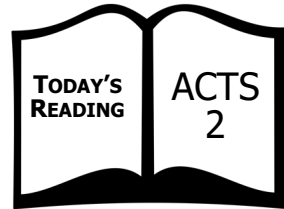
Welcome! It's great to have you with us this morning. If you are visiting today please help yourself to a WELCOME PACK from the back table. We'd love you to leave us a contact form so we can get back in touch. Hand this to the minister, Richard, or leave on the welcome table.



Source: <https://buildfaith.org/planning-for-pentecost/#gref>



SERVICE LEADER:
OLIVIA DAWSON
PREACHER:
ALL AGE TEAM
WORSHIP:
PAULINE LOVELOCK



Today's Team

Door Greeting:	Potter family	Set up Team:	Phil D's team
Prayers for Others:	All Age Team	Offering Counter:	Janine K
Bible Readings:	All Age Team	Morning tea:	Scaddens Debbie G
Children's Talk:	N/A	Playground:	Bary, Justice & A Dawson families
Sound:	Barry C	Lock-up:	Ged F
Data Projection:	Janine K		
Prayer Ministry:	Nigel J		

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Notices

June Statistics

During June the entire Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand counts. We count membership, attendance, different ages, different groups and all the financial information from the year. All this information acts like a big census for the church and is used in a myriad of different ways. So during June you will see someone counting everybody during the service and going out to count all those in Junior Youth, Kidztime and Sparklers.

Don't be concerned – its an annual thing.
Bronwyn - Parish Manager



Annual Leave



Richard and Fran will be away on annual leave from June 3-16.

For urgent pastoral matters please contact Nancy Parker
021 457 360

Upcoming Events at Leith



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

Saturday 29 June - Women's High Tea
3pm @ LV Church

Sunday July 7 - Prayer and Praise evening at Leith Valley 7pm



PSO's Octacan

Thursday 20 June
7.30am-2.30pm

Bring along your coins and cans and help us FILL THE GAP, and our food bank for the Winter



You can also donate at:
<octican.org.nz>

Women's High Tea

Saturday 29th June, 3pm at Leith Valley Church
Speaker: Jasmine Fidow-Maiava- a member of St Martin's Presbyterian Church in Papatoetoe, Auckland where she serves as a lay preacher. She took over the Forerunners NZ Ministry in 2007 and is a wonderfully inspiring speaker.



021 771651 www.pparish.com

Opportunities

Pre-School Music Group

Thanks to those who have offered to help with a Pre-School Music group. A meeting to discuss how to proceed will be arranged for later in June. Contact Bronwyn Daley 022 685 6077
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or Fran Dawson
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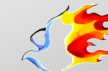


Youth



The 40 hour famine is happening this weekend 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. The money this year is to support children in South Sudan.

Inner City Churches Combined Pentecost Service



Tonight, 7pm Knox Church, 449 George St. All welcome



Rock Solid

The Rock Solid High School Club has

experienced exciting growth this year, & we urgently need 2 more male leaders to join us (til Nov).

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

Open Lecture

The Challenge of Christian Animal Ethics:

What does Christian faith mean for how we treat animals, especially in our use of them for food?

Professor David Clough, Professor of Theological Ethics, University of Chester

Burns 1 Lecture Theatre
Wednesday 12 June, 5:15-6:30pm

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.