

# Comment

Last week I wrote about freedom of speech which is really just a subset of the notion of freedom. Freedom is a precious and central notion for western democracies especially freedom from overbearing government.

The idea that one should be as free as possible from the tyranny of even elected rulers registers strongly with many in our culture. The trouble is that anarchy seems as doomed to fail as does tyranny. The Book of Judges makes the interesting comment that Israel was a failed state when at the height of its failure... "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit." The result... a mess.

Accepting and responding to authority is the measure of those who would be free. The centurion who was convinced Christ could heal his servant from afar was one of the few who understood this. This goes for our relationship with God as well. Few of us understand the authority of God because we have not committed to attending to it. Perhaps if we knew better the voice of God we might find that He was willing to guide us much more specifically that we believe he does now.

*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>	Pauline L
<b>Children's Talk:</b>	N/A
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Russell E
<b>Bible Reading</b>	James L
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Bronwyn B
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Tracey & Nigel J Judith F
<b>Sound</b>	Ged F
<b>Data</b>	Mark L
<b>Duty Elder</b>	tbc
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Rachel P
<b>Welcome</b>	Bronwyn M
<b>Offering</b>	Jahn M-H
<b>Set up</b>	Phil D's team
<b>Playground</b>	Ross, Niblock, Palmer-families

# LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 30 June 2019



Welcome to worship 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 Service Leader, or leave on the welcome table.

### Today: Jasmine Fidow-Maiava

Jasmine is married to Nauma Maiava and they live in Auckland, New Zealand. Jasmine is a member of St Martin's Presbyterian Church in Papatoetoe, Auckland where she serves as a lay preacher. Jasmine has been working for Forerunners Ministry since April 2002 and took over the NZ Ministry in 2007.



### 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 18.
- ♦ Senior Youth (years 9-13) Tuesdays at Leith Valley 7-9pm

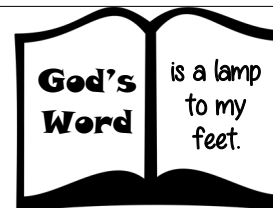


### SERVICE LEADER:

RICHARD D  
**PREACHER:**  
JASMINE F-M  
**WORSHIP:**  
RICHARD D

### DUTY ELDER:

BARRY  
CLEARWATER



## Today's Team

<b>Door Greeting:</b>	Lesas	<b>Set up Team:</b>	Craig's team
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	Alan P	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Debbie G
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	Bonnie S	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Gill & Paul T
<b>Children's Talk:</b>	Bronwyn B	<b>Playground:</b>	Kanako L
<b>Sound:</b>	Ged F		Potter, Hill, Caldwell families
<b>Data Projection:</b>	Rachel E	<b>Lock-up:</b>	Craig
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Mal & Helen C		

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# Notices



## Taonga

Taonga will meet again on Tuesday 9th July, 2 pm at Chris and Colin Fitzpatrick's home, 273 Malvern St, next door to Leith Church. Tom Mephram will be sharing with us again, as we enjoyed him at our last meeting and he has more to share. Taonga is for all those over 60 - come and share in Friendship, Fellowship and Food!

## Junior Youth

### Bowling 'n Banana (split) Night

Friday 5th July 7-9pm \$10 each for bowling and banana splits.

Contact Brian Satake 022 3178433  
bsmacky@hotmail.com  
Or Olivia Dawson 021 195 3023



## Senior Youth

### Fundraiser

Senior Youth are selling beeswax wraps for \$8. These are a great way to cut down on plastic cling film as they are a reusable wrap for food etc.

Contact:  
Olivia Dawson 021 195 3023



### Prayer and Praise Evening

Sunday 7 July 7.00pm at 267 Malvern St, Leith Valley



Come and join us for an evening of worship. We will be praying for Dunedin!

### Women's High Tea

Thanks to all those who helped with the Women's Afternoon Tea yesterday, serving, lending plates etc. It was a most enjoyable occasion, made special by the presence of our speaker Jasmine Fidow-Maiava who inspired us all greatly with her words.

# Opportunities

## Update...

On Pre-School Music Group. After a meeting of those interested, we have decided to do it 'Mainly Music' style, beginning in the middle of next term. Contact Bronwyn Daley 022 685 6077  
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or Fran Dawson  
[admin@leithvalley.org.nz](mailto:admin@leithvalley.org.nz)



## Holy Roar!

We're starting an exciting worship study series at church and you're all invited! Beginning on the 11th of July, 7:30 pm, at 267 Malvern St. This will continue every second week for 4 weeks. Email Hannah at [hthompsonholloway@gmail.com](mailto:hthompsonholloway@gmail.com) if you want to find out more. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## 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.

**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.

### Going Deeper into the Acts of the Apostles

Dr Deborah Bower, Director, SoulScape  
Friday 6 September, 7:00pm - 9:00pm and Saturday 7 September, 9:00am-12.30pm  
Elim Church, 67 Harrow Street, Dunedin

**Help Needed...** We need help on our Worship, Set up, Sound, Data and Welcome teams!  
Full training given

The more people we have involved, the less work and more fun everyone has. If any of these sound like something you could help with see Bronwyn, Ged, Olivia or Hannah.