

Comment

Giftedness and Grace



I am amazed at the talent we have in this church from old to young, professional to artistic, women and men, recognised and retiring – we have some incredibly gifted people in this community of faith. Some of you are using your gifts in your career, others exhibit them in a less formal way and some just bring them out occasionally when asked, to the delight and amazement of we lesser mortals. Giftedness at once lifts an individual above the crowd. They can do things we can't. They can see things we can't. They can think and perform in ways which we find hard to imagine. This age is the age of the gifted individual – we make movies about heroes and heroines who are essentially gifted individuals – this why the Marvel series has such attraction. It seems, at times, as if there's nothing a gifted person cannot do and yet... this is not the case. I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that giftedness hides all the normal (and sometimes abnormal) human weaknesses we are all familiar with. Self-doubt, fear, obsessiveness, addiction, jealousy, envy, lust and worse. And while we may see the 'shiny side' of these people, those who perform for us, whatever they do, often struggle to find the honesty and the safe place they need to confess their human failings. One of the key functions of a Church is to be a safe place to confess before God who we really are; to bring to God all of the failings and mistakes we make week by week. This is perhaps one of the more difficult things for us to do and yet do it we must for if we don't, then all we have to rely on us is ourselves and when this is the case we know from history that no form of human giftedness can save us. *Richard D*



Leith Valley Church welcomes and includes Children and Youth

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NEXT week's Team

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| Service Leader | Richard D |
| Preacher | Kevin Ward |
| Worship | Richard D |
| Prayers for Others | Richard D |
| Bible Reading | Debbie G |
| Door & Offering | Campbells |
| Morning Tea | Phil & Clair Bonnie S |
| Sound | Liam H |
| Data | Janine K |
| Duty Elder | Pauline L |
| Prayer Ministry | Rachel P |
| Welcome | Judith F |
| Offering | Janine K |
| Set up | Craig C |
| Playground | Johnston, Ross Foote |

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 27 October 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: Richard Dawson



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) Meet in Room 18
- ♦ Senior Youth (years 9-13) Tuesdays 7pm-9pm @ Leith Valley

SERVICE LEADER:

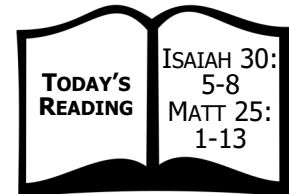
RICHARD D

PREACHER:

RICHARD D

WORSHIP:

GEORGE/RAYMOND



Today's Team

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| Door Greeting: | Phil & Clair | Welcome: | Fran D |
| Prayers for Others: | Rachel/Russell | Set up Team: | Phil & Clair, Tim |
| Bible Readings: | Phil S | Offering Counter: | Bronwyn B |
| Children's Talk: | Richard D | Morning tea: | Rachel & Nick B, Judith F |
| Sound: | Ged F | Playground: | Thurlow, Pettigrew P Dawson families |
| Data Projection: | Aidan S | Lock-up: | Fran D |
| Prayer Ministry: | Alan & Jenny P | | |

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Notices

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday November 3 2019, following the morning Service.

- To approve Terms of Call for Student Soul Minister 2020, Tom Mephram
- To vote on the Church Budget for 2020. Copies of the draft available on the back table.
- Voting for new elder: Janine Konings

My name is Janine Konings. I first came to Leith in 2005 when my family moved to Dunedin from Lower Hutt. We then moved to Timaru in December 2008. When I returned to Dunedin as a Student in 2013, I started attending Student Soul as I had heard good things about the community. In 2015 I finished my BSc in Psychology and began attending the morning service frequently. I currently work for ACC in the contact centre as a Customer Experience Representative. I have enjoyed attending a ceroc dance class for the last several years, and as a result love dresses that spin well and have pockets. I also enjoy reading and board game nights with friends.



"I feel like I have grown up with God, one of my earliest memories is of praying. However I have encountered numerous valleys in my journey as well as mountain tops. I have found that being able to serve keeps me connected when I feel far from God. God continues to teach me every day of his enduring faithfulness."

NEXT SUNDAY NOV 3

Missions Prayer Group



5pm at Leith Valley Church.
Jess Palmer speaking.
All welcome.

Remembering Parihaka

Hikoi of Peace - Sunday 3 Nov.

Meet at 12.30pm at the top carpark at the Botanical Gardens with walking shoes and umbrella. Also 11am walk from the Rongo Stone (Andersons Bay) to the top Gardens. Details on notice board.

TAIZE -



with Brother Matthew:
Wednesday 20 November

@ Mosgiel Presbyterian Church.
4pm: Workshop with musicians and liturgists, 7pm: Evening Prayer
Thursday 21 November @

St Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin.
12pm: Midday Prayer and Lunch
1.15pm: Workshop with Young People

5.30pm Community Dinner
Thursday 21 November @

All Saints' Anglican Church.
7pm: Evening Prayer

See notice board for more details

Opportunities

WEST HARBOUR GARDEN TRAIL

United Church of Port Chalmers

Your chance to visit 7 gardens from St Leonards to Mihiwaka.

Saturday 2 November 10.30am-4.30pm

Tickets \$15 - pick up from Emmanuel Church Hall, Station Rd, Sawyers Bay.

Ticket includes Devonshire Tea.

BBQ - \$2.00, from 11.30am - 2pm

Home Baking, Plants and Produce Stalls, Raffles.

Contact Shirley 471 0690 or Sandra 471 0705



PRE-CHRISTMAS SUMMER SCHOOL PAPER:

Theology and the Environment (CHTH224/324).

In light of climate change and other environmental issues, this timely course investigates what Christian theology has to say about care for the environment.

This course will be taught by Dr. Andrew Shepherd.

Find out more here:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/summerschool/study/otago714604.html>



Prayer for students during exams:

Thanks to all those who are praying for students sitting exams this year. If you would like to be included as a pray-er please email Bronwyn, our Parish Manager accounts@leithvalley.org so you can be on her email list to receive information as to who to pray for and when.

Those needing prayer: remember to write details in the diary on the back table.

WHANAU IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

NEW WINE FESTIVAL - 25 YEAR CELEBRATION

To celebrate 25 years of fun, learning, worship and the glorious presence of God.

16-20 January 2020

Kapiti College, Raumati Beach, Kapiti Coast.

Early Bird registrations by 30 November.

To register, go to newwine.org.nz

More information and brochures on the admin table at the back of the church.

