

Comment - Lent



For literally a thousand years, indeed longer, the season of Lent dominated not just the Easter calendar but the whole of the Christian year. It set the scene for the rest of the year and it coloured worship on every Sunday. 40 days of fasting, prayer, penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving and other means of self-denial. Lent was a time of mourning; mourning the sufferings of Christ but also mourning a world separated from God. Mourning a world in rebellion and a race committed to a painful path without God. Lent raised all these things and more and in doing so established a spiritual context for all of life. This was one of the advantages of Christendom – nations were bathed in a Christian spiritual worldview and as such, despite the brutality of the various ages of Christendom, the person of Christ could shine forth into the life of whole peoples.

Today our supposed enlightened minds are free to pursue whatever spiritual course we find satisfying and any sense of a national agreement around these things is gone but along with this I believe our spirituality and thus our humanity has declined.

We no longer raise up the supreme example of self-giving generosity to a world dominated by an ethic of self-advancement. Once Lent raised an annual challenge to the selfishness which characterizes our race. Rich and poor alike could see in countless pageants and celebrations that integrity, rather than material wealth, were what defined the humanity of each person.

We no longer celebrate a power that could tame all political and personal powers, not by violence, but by love and grace and so every person and every politician and every military commander of whatever rank knew that peace was the desired outcome of every conflict.

Finally, we are no longer faced with a definitive purpose for all people – a purpose which made them both worthy and wanted – to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Instead we are made purposeless by a culture with eyes only for people who can serve a utilitarian, materialistic end and for those who can't – the winds of expediency are directed towards them in a manner which may even see them euthanized... in a painless way of course. We really do miss Lent, friends.

Celebrate it with all your heart!



Leith Valley Church welcomes and includes Children and Youth

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NEXT week's team

Service Leader	Hannah T-H
Preacher	Richard D
Worship	Hannah T-H
Prayers for Others	Bill L
Bible Reading	Don L
Door & Offering	Daleys
Morning Tea	Rachel & Russell E Naomi S
Sound	Barry C/Ashley M
Data	Anna C
Duty Elder	Bill L
Prayer Ministry	Alan & Jenny P
Welcome	Fran D
Offering	Janine K
Set up	Jono D
Playground	Johnston Hill

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 1 March 2020



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
D**



CHILDREN AND YOUTH at Leith (see inside for more information)

- ◆ 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 after the second set of songs.
- ◆ Senior Youth (years 9-13) Tuesdays 7pm-9pm @ Leith Valley



SERVICE LEADER:

OLIVIA D

PREACHER:

RICHARD D

WORSHIP:

OLIVIA D

DUTY ELDER:

BARRY
CLEARWATER



TODAY'S READING

Is 53:
1-5
JOHN 2:
18-25
2 THESS 2:
5-12

Today's Team

Door Greeting:	Potters	Welcome:	Campbells
Prayers for Others:	Judith F	Set up Team:	Craig C
Bible Readings:	Bronwyn M	Offering Counter:	Trudie C
Children's Talk:	Interview	Morning tea:	Mal & Helen C
Sound:	tbc		Jan S
Data Projection:	Janine K	Playground:	Ross, Satake
Prayer Ministry:	Don L		families
		Lock-up:	Craig C

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Notices

TONIGHT MARCH 1

Missions Prayer Group



5pm
at Leith Valley
Church.
All welcome.

Prayer Meeting:

Saturdays 8am at Leith Valley
Church, 267 Malvern St.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY 2020

Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistant Training

A taster and information evening
will be held on
Wednesday 25 March 7-8pm
at Dunedin Hospital Chapel.
RSVP to
Cameron.Sinclair@
southernhdb.govt.nz



Mainly Music is starting at Leith!

How can you help?

1. Come to the practice session: **Wednesday 18 March at 10am** at Leith Valley Church Malvern St. (For this we need to 'rent a crowd' so if there are any parents/caregivers with children who would like to come to that session please let Fran know, 027 456 1188.)
2. Go on the prayer support team
3. Be part of the hospitality team to help serve morning tea.

Contact Fran admin@leithvalley.org.nz Bronwyn Daley bronwyn-daley@gmail.com or Lucy Davey lucy.davey@black.gen.nz



RETIREMENT

DR. ROD GALLOWAY

Principal, George St Normal School
Tuesday 3 March from 6.30pm
at the More FM Arena
Edgar Centre Portsmouth Drive
Dunedin. You are also invited to
leave a written tribute for Rod in
advance at

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/446647015950246](https://www.facebook.com/groups/446647015950246)
or search 'Farewell to
Dr Rod Galloway'.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

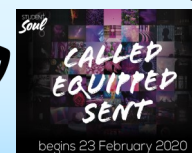
Saturday 14th March, 8.30am,
Leith Church, 267 Malvern St,
Dunedin.

Speaker: Geordie Ziegler from
America who will be
speaking about his life
and walk of faith.
Don't miss the best
breakfast you won't
have to cook!



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STUDENT Soul



7pm at Salmond Hall Chapel,
19 Knox St, Nth Dn

Contact Tom 027 337 1703
www.studentsoul.org.nz

PSO FUNDRAISER

Sunday 3 May 2020

Book your ticket now!
Taieri Gorge Rail Walk.

Tickets \$65 - limit 400 passengers.
Take the train to the gorge then walk
the tracks: 2-2½ hours. (not suitable for
children under 10) To book, email
bookings@dunedinrailways.co.nz
or phone (03) 477 4449



Regional Affirm Conference 27-28 March, 2020 -

at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Gore.

Guest Speaker:
Rev Dr Mark Keown.
Details and registration on the
Calvin Church website
www.calvin.org.nz

Publications available on back table:

Southern Presbytery Newsletter
Valley Voice
Bible Society News
Leith Valley Rosters



AWAKENING 2020

March 11th-15th, 7pm nightly
in the big tent at the Oval.
This is an outreach event featuring
evangelist Jimmy Njino and
revivalist Kristen Williams.
It is a free event with live bands,
all welcome.
More information:
www.southernfire.info
facebook.com/southernfirenz

FIRST CHURCH FAIR



Saturday 21 March 2020
11am—1.30pm
Burns Hall and First Church
Grounds
415 Moray Place, Dunedin
Bric a brac, Linen. BBQ, Baking,
Jams & Chutneys, Childrens
books and games,
Fruit and vegetables, Plants,
Books, Samoan Food stall, White
Elephant

Christians Against Poverty

Training Day:

28 March 9am-4pm

The CAP Money course equips you
to run the adult course and CAP
Money Youth for 14-18 year olds.

To register, call Jan Cleave
09 972 1975 or email
capmoney@capnz.org

