

# Comment



## Life In A Bubble

You all know what I mean – you’ve just been doing it! Living in contact with just a few people, everything else having to be on line or just a voice. No shopping. No eating out. No travelling unnecessarily. No work unless you were ‘essential!’ I’m pretty sure no one wants to repeat the experience and yet when we look at what’s happening overseas where we see few countries really getting on top of Covid and many others seeing it ramp up to shocking rates of infection and death – well you’d have to say we’re still living in a bubble – just a much bigger one – nationwide. Our borders are closed; our travel is restricted and our tourist industry is, as they say in America, ‘pennies in the dollar.’ This will get old quickly – perhaps not as quickly as the national lockdown did but it will get old and people will clamour to go overseas, to open the borders to tourists and to live more carelessly. And we can really only do one of two things in response. One, we can hanker for the old days and wish it was all over and that we didn’t have to think about infectious diseases any more or, two, we can look to adapt and accept the change and possibly, just possibly get ahead of some of it. Imagine the future. Imagine what could happen. Imagine how we’d handle it. Church has changed and it will need to change even more to adapt to the greater desire for online material and online access. The building will become less and less important. What will still count will be relationship, engagement and prayer. Relationship because all of faith stems from a created nature which is made for God and for each other. Engagement because whatever we do and however we do it we must help people to open the door of their hearts to the God we believe in and the story we’re telling and prayer, because only in prayer do we truly rely completely on the God of grace who sovereignly engages with the world to bring it both to its knees and to its true destiny. *R.D.*

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## Next week's team

<b>Service Leader</b>	Richard D
<b>Preacher</b>	Paul T
<b>Worship</b>	tbc
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	tbc
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Bonnie S
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Lokmans
<b>Children's Talk</b>	tbc
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Rachel & Nick B Keryn H
<b>Sound</b>	Tech Team
<b>Data</b>	Tech Team
<b>Duty Elder</b>	tbc
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Alan & Jenny P
<b>Welcome</b>	Campbells
<b>Offering</b>	Fran D
<b>Set up</b>	Craig C
<b>Playground</b>	Daley, Satake, Koh

# LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 12 July 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**

**5 Smooth  
Stones -  
'Guarding your heart'**



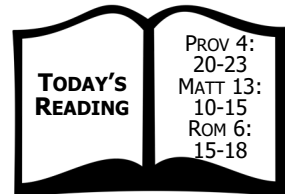
and health to a man's whole body  
**23 Above all else, guard your heart,  
 for it is the wellspring of life.**  
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**SERVICE LEADER:**  
RICHARD D  
**PREACHER:**  
RICHARD D  
**WORSHIP:**  
HANNAH T-H

**DUTY  
ELDER:**



**PAULINE  
LOVELOCK**



## Today's Team

<b>Door Greeting:</b>	Marc & Elizabeth B	<b>Welcome:</b>	Judith F
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	Rachel/Russell E	<b>Set up Team:</b>	Phil D
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	George B	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Camilla C
<b>Sound:</b>	Tech Team	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Kristin & Susan J Jan S
<b>Data Projection:</b>	Janine K	<b>Playground:</b>	Pettigrew, Caldwell families
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Mal & Helen C	<b>Lock-up:</b>	Richard D

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# Leith Notices

## KIDZTIME AND JUNIOR YOUTH TODAY

The children and Junior Youth are staying in the service today, with it being school holiday time. Age appropriate activity packs are available at the back of the church after the notices and children's power point. Can children (or an adult) please write their names on the front cover of their booklets and return them at the end of the service so they can use them again next week. Thank you!



## LV CONTACT BOOK



Church Directories are available to pick up from the admin table.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you have something to celebrate please send a photo to Rachel Bates [batesr71@gmail.com](mailto:batesr71@gmail.com) by Friday morning of each week.



## MAINLY MUSIC



Mainly music will be holding their filmed practice session which is required to get signed off as an official mainly music group on **Wednesday 29 July @ 10am** at LV Church 267 Malvern St. We'd love to invite any families with preschool children who can make it that day to come along. (Filming is for sign off purposes only.) Contact Fran [fedawson14@gmail.com](mailto:fedawson14@gmail.com) ph 0274561188

## SET UP TEAMS

We have been blessed with some very faithful members of set up teams but every team needs more members! If you don't want to do it on a Sunday morning, you could offer to come and help shift seats on a Saturday afternoon at 3 pm to help the sound people get set up. PLEASE...if you can help, either Saturdays or Sundays, let Fran or Richard or Bronwyn know.

*God is Love*

# Opportunities

## FOOD FOR THE SOUL



Food for the Soul has food available for distribution so if you, or anyone you know of, is struggling to feed their family, please contact the church office or Bronwyn Daley 022 685 6077



## PSO OCTACAN

will be held in the Lower Octagon from 7:00am until 2:30pm on Thursday 30 July. If you are able to help on the 30th July, please phone and talk to Jazz on 477 7115



## PSO BUDDY PROGRAMME

This programme contributes to the emotional and social well-being of children by matching them with carefully selected and trained adult volunteers in a well-supported mentoring relationship. If you are interested in volunteering to be a 'buddy' see flyers available or talk to Alan Paterson.



**Prayer by Zoom:**  
Wednesdays 6.30am,  
Saturdays 8.00am



## A ROCHA

invite you to join them as they continue their restoration planting project on **Saturday July 25th**, Tirohanga, 11.00am until mid-afternoon, or when you need to leave. Please reply to Phil Scadden [pc.scadden@gmail.com](mailto:pc.scadden@gmail.com) 027 3463105 if you plan to come or want to know more. Possible postponement date due to weather: Saturday Aug 1st. Please check your email or facebook soon after 9am on Saturday 25th



## NOTICE TO PARENTS:

Sophia Niblock and is offering **after school Speech and Drama classes**, preparing children for initial to grade 2 Trinity College exams. (She has completed grade 7, and is currently taking year 12 drama at OGHs - a high achiever who would love to teach younger students.) She is also available to babysit. Phone: 0212577696 Email: [17138@otagogirls.school.nz](mailto:17138@otagogirls.school.nz)

