

# Comment



## The Devil You Know...

An Irishman by the name of R Taverner who wrote a book of collected proverbs in the 1500's is credited with the saying:

"Better the devil you know than the devil you don't..."

And given the fact that this is still very much in use today you'd have to say that he really did strike gold with this one. Of course, if we use it, as many do, simply to excuse bad behaviour or a lack of concern about injustice then we've got the wrong end of the stick.

The fact is, a devil working **behind the scenes** in our life or in the community can be so much more destructive than one we're very much aware of. C. S. Lewis attempted to bring the same thing to light when, in the voice of the senior demon Screwtape, he wrote this to his more junior nephew:

**"Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts...Your affectionate uncle, Screwtape."**

We are never more vulnerable than when we are unaware and again this is reflected in another remarkable saying from Thomas Jefferson which has stood the test of time... "When good people in any country cease their **vigilance** and struggle, then evil men prevail...eternal **Vigilance** is the price of democracy."

This is also a very spiritual truth. The scriptures insist we must take care for we have an 'enemy of our souls' who will stop at nothing to see us rid ourselves of all belief except that which places us alone and in charge in the universe. We are not alone. We have an eternal loving Father who longs to be with us and an implacable enemy who longs to prevent that. *R.D*

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## NEXT week's team

<b>Service Leader</b>	Richard D
<b>Preacher</b>	Richard D
<b>Worship</b>	Youth Band
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Bill L
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Debbie G
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Bronwyn B/Janine K
<b>Children's Talk</b>	Dedication
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Andrew & Jane D
	Chrissy C
<b>Sound</b>	Tech Team
<b>Data</b>	Tech Team
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Bill L
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Don L
<b>Welcome</b>	Mal & Helen C
<b>Offering</b>	Naomi S
<b>Set up</b>	Phil S
<b>Playground</b>	Koh, Hill, Ross

# LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 19 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**

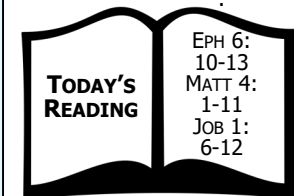
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Stones -  
'Staying Alert'**



**Also today...** Richard will interview Dr Susan Jack, Medical Officer of Health and Clinical Director of the Public Health Unit at the Southern District Health Board - in charge of Covid 19 tracing in our SDHB.



**SERVICE LEADER:**  
RICHARD D  
**PREACHER:**  
RICHARD D  
**WORSHIP:**  
HANNAH T-H



## Today's Team

<b>Door Greeting:</b>	Lokman family	<b>Welcome:</b>	Campbells
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	Mutch family	<b>Set up Team:</b>	Craig C
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	Bonnie S	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Fran D
<b>Sound:</b>	Tech Team	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Rachel & Nick B
<b>Data Projection:</b>	Tech team		Keryn H
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Alan & Jenny P	<b>Playground:</b>	Daley, Johnston families
<b>Interview:</b>	Susan Jack	<b>Lock-up:</b>	Craig C

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# Leith Notices

## 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.



## BABY DEDICATION NEXT WEEK 26 JULY

During the service next week we will be dedicating Nora Dawson, daughter of Phil and Olivia Dawson, sister of Micah and Lyla.



## 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.

Children, look for your copy if you left it here last week. If you weren't here last week choose a new one.



## LV CONTACT BOOK

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



## Prayer by Zoom:

Wednesdays 6.30am,  
Saturdays 8.00am

## STUDENT SOUL

Oaken Café - 538a Gt King St  
Tonight 7.30pm  
All welcome



## 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)  
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# 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



## BILLETS NEEDED

Billets for 4 Youth With A Mission (YWAM) people are required from 26th July to 29th July. If you can help, talk to Richard or contact the church office ph 467 9208 [admin@leithvalley.org.nz](mailto:admin@leithvalley.org.nz)

## PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT OTAGO



Copies of PSO's magazine 'People' (Winter 2020 edition) are available on the admin table for you to take. If you would like to be on their mailing list to receive your own copy please contact PSO on 03 477 7115 or [fundraising@psotago.org.nz](mailto:fundraising@psotago.org.nz)

**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 PRAYING FOR CHILDREN

Karakia Mo Nga Tamariki 'Sowing seeds of love'  
We are encouraged to pray for children from **2-8 August**. Please see the notice board for more information and pick up a reminder bookmark from the back table.

