

Moderator's message

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Greetings

As we find ourselves in a place we'd rather not be as a nation – an extension of alert level 3 in Auckland and alert level 2 in other parts of the country – we must remember that there is hope. As we move through another period of lockdown, many of us are anxious or fearful of what the future holds – anxious about our jobs, about our businesses, and about how we will cope. When we have faith, we have hope. Please do not be anxious. Do not fear. Remember that God is with us - always. It is part of life's journey to face difficult times, and to quote Desmond Tutu: "Hope is about being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness," and I encourage us all to look for the light in our circumstances today.

The good news is that we have been here before... we have been successful - perhaps more so than any other nation - in getting Covid under control, and if we remain vigilant, we can do it again.

I ask you to abide by all government directives and all guidelines issued by our Church.

In Auckland, where we can no longer gather in person for another 12 days, we must once again move to virtual or online services. Embrace the opportunity to reach out in this way – I have been offering online devotions every Sunday since the first lockdown, and have enjoyed being able to reach so many people.

In other parts of New Zealand, large gatherings of more than 100 people are prohibited. If this affects you, I encourage you to look at new ways of coming together.

I remind you: "Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up." (Proverbs 12:25). This is as true now as it was when it was written. Have a kind heart in your interactions with others. Reach out to those in need in whatever way you are able. If you are in Auckland, make lockdown the best it can be by enjoying time with those in your bubble. Lastly, I also ask you to pray for our government leaders, for those who are unwell, and for our essential workers who are working hard on the front-lines of the fight against Covid.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Richard D
Preacher	Aidan S
Worship	Lovelocks
Prayers for Others	Rachel/Russell
Bible Reading	Kristin J
Door & Offering	Lesas
Children's Talk	tbc
Morning Tea	Phil & Clair S Debbie G
Sound/Data	Barry C/Bronwyn B
Vmix/Camera	Dan S/Anna C
Duty Elder	Janine K
Prayer Ministry	Alan & Jenny P
Welcome	Mal & Helen C
Offering	Esther D
Set up	Graham H, Alex S
Playground	Pettigrew, Koh, Caldwell

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 16 August 2020



Level 2 lockdown is back!

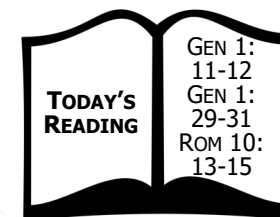
We are obviously running services at both George St and Malvern St so welcome to you, whichever site you are attending. Please remember to record your details for contact tracing, either by using the app or filling in the form at the door. Thank you!
 At the time of printing no information has been received concerning cancellation of any of the events advertised in today's newsletter, except for the Waitanui (Big Sing) event scheduled for this afternoon, which has been postponed.

**Today:
Wayne
& Helen**



**Project
Development
in
Myanmar**

SERVICE LEADER:
RICHARD D
PREACHER:
WAYNE & HELEN H
WORSHIP:
HANNAH T-H



Today's Team

Door Greeting:	tbc	Welcome:	Bronwyn M
Prayers for Others:	Richard D	Set up Team:	Phil S, Jono McL
Bible Readings:	Bronwyn B	Offering Counter:	Janine K
Sound:	Liam H	Morning tea:	Rachel & Russell E
Data Projection:	tbc		Kanako L
Vmix:	Phil D	Playground:	Fran D
Prayer Ministry:	Alan & Jenny Y		Satake
Interview:		Lock-up:	Bronwyn M

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Leith Notices

Our Youth Group are doing Youth Alpha!

They meet for tea at 6.30pm on a Tuesday night and start Alpha at 7pm. We need help with catering for their meals and cleaning up afterwards.



The dates are: 18 & 25 August and 1, 8, 15 & 22 September – a small budget is available.

If you are able to assist on one of these evenings please email Bronwyn (accounts@leithvalley.org.nz) – the aim is to have two families looking after each evening. Go team! Bronwyn

Coming Up

LEITH VALLEY CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2019

Sunday 23 August
7pm for dessert, meeting begins at 7.30pm.

Reports from the various groups operating in the church will be presented by staff and leaders. Printed copies of the report will be available at the meeting. If you can bring a contribution for dessert, that would be much appreciated.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 22nd August 8am
@ Leith Valley Church.
Cost \$5.00



Prayer by Zoom:
Wednesdays 6.30am,
Saturdays 8.00am

LUNCH AFTER CHURCH TODAY

We welcome Wayne & Helen Harray to our service today. And look forward to hearing about their work in Myanmar. Please join us for a shared lunch after church today at Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern St. This will be a good chance to catch up with them. All welcome.

STUDENT SOUL

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you have something to celebrate please send a photo to Rachel Bates batesr71@gmail.com by midday Thursday of each week.



Opportunities



PREGNANCY CHOICE (DUNEDIN)

7.30pm, Wednesday 19th August,
Mornington Presbyterian Church



MAINLY MUSIC

The good news: For over a year now a group has been working to start a mainly music group at Leith Valley Church on a Wednesday morning and finally we have got sign off from the parent body to go ahead. Yay!

The bad news: We don't feel we can advertise to start until we are back at Level 1. Watch this space!

SOUTHERN MARRIAGE RETREAT

16-18th October, Wanaka.
"A practical and fun weekend with your spouse that will enrich and strengthen your marriage."
Speakers: Matt and Belinda Stott.
<https://www.elimdunedin.com/events-1/southern-marriage-retreat>
Registrations close 2 September.
Organised by Elim Church.



FREE PIANO!

(apart from the moving cost)

The piano is a big cast-iron frame one.
Dimensions: Height, 1230cms.
Depth, 640cms Length, 1440cms.
Contact Gill T
ph 027 2770067.



FGBMFI

(Full Gospel Businessmen's)
Day seminar at Tirohanga on Saturday 29th August.
Registrations close 24th August
Send to: Ron Sinclair
ronandhelen5@gmail.com
or PO Box 15096, Waiholo 9243
or ring 03 417 7033
Brochures available on admin table at the back of the church.

FAITH THINKING IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM

A Taster in Biblical Hebrew



taught by Dr Katie Marcar

- Over three Thursday evenings, August 13, 20 and 27, 7.00-9pm.
- On Campus: In Burns 5, Burns Building, Albany Street, Dn.
- On Zoom: A Zoom link will be sent to those who register.
- Cost for the three sessions: \$20

To register go to: <https://corpapp.otago.ac.nz/training/ce/course/course/list/>