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Does Church Suit You?



You may not have asked yourself this question as directly as this but you've asked it all the same. Can I be bothered going to church today? Have I something more exciting to do? Church, whether it is face to face or via zoom, should meet us in basically the same world we live in simply because it is, at least to some extent, an exercise in communication and if church isn't communicating well with you then there's a problem. But most of us, when we ask a question like the one above, aren't thinking about communication. Rather we're thinking about the effort we have to make to be there or the people we might meet once we are there or the feelings we have (or don't have) after being there. And this is a problem because the primary role of Church isn't to suit us but to expose us to the Living Word of God through corporate worship and community and this can't possibly suit us all the time. Sometimes it will. Sometimes we will soar as if on angel wings but at other times church will feel like and will be work, just exactly as it is in the relationship we call marriage. Rest assured, however, nothing can take the place of the gathered community of those called to worship. Only there can we experience the reality of God's work in the world because that work takes the same form as the crucifixion of Jesus, that is, it is painful, sacrificial and emptying work which God translates by His work alone into glory.

So, don't ask if church suits you this week please. Ask God that you might suit Him and His purposes and then give yourself to Church as a living sacrifice.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Hannah T-H
Preacher	Creative Team
Worship	Hannah T-H
Prayers for Others	-
Bible Reading	-
Door Greeting	Debbie G/Graeme W
Children's Talk	Creative team
Morning Tea	Andrew & Jane D
	Chrissy (depends on alert levels)
Sound/Data	Barry C/Bronwyn B
Vmix/Camera	Janine K/Ashley M
Duty Elder	Pauline L
Prayer Ministry	-
Welcome	Campbells
Offering	Debbie G
Set up	Craig, Simon ,Paul
Playground	Johnston, Barton, Kim

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 13 September 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:
Rachel B**

**'Paul's CV
of
Weaknesses'**

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



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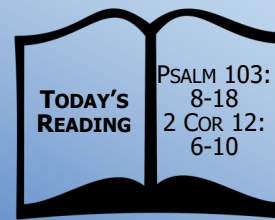
HANNAH T-H

PREACHER:

RACHEL B

WORSHIP:

LOVELOCKS



**TODAY'S
READING**

PSALM 103:
8-18
2 COR 12:
6-10

Today's Team

Door Greeting: Jono McL
Prayers for Others: Bill L
Bible Readings: Chris F
Sound: Liam H
Data Projection: Mark L
Vmix: Phil D
Camera: Freya P
Children's talk: Interview

Welcome: Fran D
Set up Team: Phil S, Jono M
Offering Counter: Trudie C
Morning tea: n/a (Mal & Helen)
 n/a (Bonnie S)
Prayer Ministry: Don L
Playground: Henderson, Tallon
 Shannon

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Leith Notices

CREATIVE SERVICE COMING UP!



Next Sunday 20th September

This is a chance to celebrate our creativity! You may not have been able to make it to any of the workshops, but don't worry, if you have anything you have made, drawn, painted, composed or otherwise created, please feel free to offer it for display for that day.

Contact Hannah

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or Miranda

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ALERT LEVEL 2

Please remember to record your details for contact tracing, either by using the app or filling in the form at the door.

We must observe physical distancing as well and unfortunately we are not having morning tea after church.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

to be held after church on 27th September, 2020

to vote on prospective new elders, Mark Lokman and Donovan Lind. Biographies will be published next week, so you can find out more about them.



Prayer by Zoom:

Wednesdays

6.30am,

Saturdays 8.00am

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.



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Meets 10-11am on Fridays @ Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern St. All families who are recipients of food parcels are invited to attend for morning tea, as are any members of the congregation who would like to help.



Opportunities



The Global Leadership Summit happens in New Zealand on Thursday October 14th and Friday October 15th. It is an entirely digital product this year which means you can watch it anywhere you can connect to the web but we will be running a corporate event at Leith Church, 267 Malvern St on those days so that we can watch it together.

We are offering tickets through this office for a reduced price of \$72 per adult and \$40 per student.

You can register here <https://globalleadership.org.nz> but please connect with the office first if you want the discount.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

Taieri Christian Care Trust are looking for members to join their board.

The Trust oversees the running of the Mosgiel Community Foodbank. If you have a passion for serving the people in the Taieri area we would love to hear from you. The board meets every 2 months. For further information contact

Trudie Clearwater 0272923917.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEED HELP

Do you have space in your home this Christmas/New Year for some international students who cannot return home, from 20 December - 5 January? Weekly payment to be negotiated.

Please talk to Nick Bates if interested or call/text him on 021 497603.

Thank you!



Oaken Café - 538a Gt. King St All welcome.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tentative new date: Sat 26 Sept

Blessed