

## Comment



The dark night of the soul sounds horrendous, I know, but it is actually a Christian concept born out of the experience of a wide variety of medieval Christians but coined first by the Spanish saint, St John of the Cross, around 1577.

The 'dark night' wasn't so much about suffering or loss as it was about deprivation for the sake of truth. There were two major 'deprivations' described by St John. The first, a sensory deprivation and the second, a spiritual one in which love (God) becomes more and more the dominating theme of one's life.

The fascinating thing about this pathway is that it describes to a lesser or greater degree, the pathway to maturity of all love. It does this by highlighting the notion that not until love depends on something other than feelings can it really grow into its fullest expression.

Sense, experience, even simple company can all be a distraction from the one goal of discovering love in and for others but especially within us. Marriage, friendship, at work and in Christian community – all need to grow through the easy stage, to a stage where one's motivation and desire for the relationship is greater than one's desire for fulfilment through it.

In short love, to be love, exists in its purest form – for itself. When we truly love we love not to attain anything but to give.

*Richard D*

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### NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

<b>Service Leader</b>	Rachel B
<b>Preacher</b>	Richard D
<b>Worship</b>	Rachel B
<b>Prayers</b>	Helen & Alastair
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Nick B
<b>Door Greeting</b>	Jono McL
<b>Children's Talk</b>	Alan P
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Camilla & Peter C Keryn H
<b>Sound/Data</b>	Barry C/Ruth N
<b>Vmix/Camera</b>	Janine K/Anna C
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Mark L
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Robyn & John
<b>Welcome</b>	Bronwyn M
<b>Offering</b>	Trudie C
<b>Set up</b>	Geoff N/Brian S
<b>Playground</b>	Potter, Bary, Yeo

# LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 11 April 2021



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 ...

**Selwyn Yeoman:**

**'Knowledge, Names and Longing Love'**



### 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 Church

### SERVICE LEADER:

NAT/SELWYN Y

**PREACHER:**

SELWYN Y

**WORSHIP:**

NATALIE Y

**DUTY ELDER:**

AIDAN S



**TODAY'S READING**

JOHN 20:  
1-18

## Today's Team

<b>Door Greeting:</b>	Potters	<b>Set up Team:</b>	Millers
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	Philip H	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Bronwyn B
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	Kent R	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Rachel & Russell
<b>Sound:</b>	tbc		Sarah T
<b>Data Projection:</b>	Nathan M	<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Don L
<b>Vmix:</b>	Dan S	<b>Playground:</b>	Koh, Huang
<b>Camera:</b>	Bronwyn B	<b>Lock-up:</b>	Bronwyn M
<b>Welcome:</b>	Campbells		

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# Leith Notices

## Missions Prayer Group



Tonight April 11th  
5pm  
At Leith Valley Church.

## DONATIONS

Receipts for donations are available in printed form, on the admin table at the back of the church.

Thank you Thank you

## FUN FRIDAY! Junior Youth

fortnightly event at Leith Valley Church 6-8pm \$3  
Next meeting this Friday 16 April  
Contact: Rachel 027 737 7295



## FOOD FOR THE SOUL



Meets 10-11am on Fridays, @ Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern St. for morning tea and to make up food.

## MAINLY MUSIC



Music and movement for pre-schoolers and their caregivers.

Wednesdays 10am  
at Leith Valley Church,  
267 Malvern St.  
Contact: Fran Dawson  
027 456 1188



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Latest copy available on the admin table.



Student Soul  
Sundays 7.15pm  
Oaken Café -  
538a Gt. King St  
All welcome.

## HAD A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY?

Send details to Rachel:  
[batesr71@gmail.com](mailto:batesr71@gmail.com)  
for the power point.



## Prayer by Zoom:

Wednesdays 6.30am,  
Saturdays 8.00am  
The link is the same each week and is sent out by email Tuesdays & Fridays.

# Opportunities

## FAITH THINKING (1)



On Wednesday April 14, 7:00 - 8:15pm  
a free "Faith Thinking on Zoom" session is offered:

*"A case study of an evangelical congregation that has coped in a creative way with the challenge of LGBTQ+ issues"*

This is by Rev Dr Lynne Baab, Author and Former Jack Somerville Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, Theology Programme, University of Otago.

To register go here: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html> and click on "Register online".

Note - the session is free but you need to register so that we can email you the Zoom link (which will be sent to you, along with instructions.)

## FAITH THINKING (2)

### Going Deeper into 1 Corinthians

with Professor Paul Trebilco, Theology Programme, University of Otago.

7-9pm, Thursday May 6, 13, 20 in Burns 7.

This Course costs \$20. To enrol please go to:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html>



Faith Thinking courses are jointly organised between the Theology Programme and some Dunedin Churches, and supported by Continuing Education at the University of Otago.

## AUTUMN RETREAT:

### Falling Leaves and Gathering Kindling

With the Rev Dr. Hilary Oxford Smith and harpist and singer, Julie Saraswati.

Friday 7th May, 9.30am - 4pm

@296 Teschemakers Road, Oamaru, Otago 9492 - \$95.00 per person  
Includes morning and afternoon tea, soup and platter lunch, all materials and handouts.

To register email [hilary@spiritofbradan.com](mailto:hilary@spiritofbradan.com)

Or phone 021 0283 5435

