

Moderators ANZAC message

'He is not here, he has risen' Mark 16:6

This is surely the heart of Christianity: Jesus risen from the tomb. The cross is not victorious. The crucifixion of Jesus on the cross is not a Roman victory. The Jewish religious authorities were bewildered and lost. Jesus died on the cross. This then, was all that mattered to both the political and the religious authorities of the time, Jesus is risen.

ANZAC Day is a remembrance and honouring of armed personnel who served in the wars involving New Zealand. Most especially, of our alliance with Australia in these global conflicts. For all our sporting rivalries, Australia remains our nearest and most dependable alliance across many levels of cooperation and defence.

Armed conflict has cost and lost many lives. It is sad and unfortunate when human nature desires to dominate and control. The hope is that we will not revisit these rivalries, conflicts, wars, and that no more lives will be needlessly lost. Where does Christianity come into the ugly and brutal outcome of war? Faith sustains us and reminds us of our humanity. Diplomacy and statesmanship help us to keep peace and goodwill.

In past wars, German Christians fought Allied Christians. How sad, but it was the reality of their time. Today, Christians are challenged to fight only for Jesus and for his Kingdom. This is our challenge now – stand up and fight for Jesus. He is risen.

Christianity has a saying that Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins. On ANZAC Day, we think about the sacrifices made by soldiers for their families to have freedom, justice and equal opportunities. Jesus is viewed as God's sacrifice for the redemption of humanity. The feelings and atmosphere of Good Friday and ANZAC Day are similar. Battles, deaths, hopelessness and despair. However, there is also that sense of forgiveness, redemption & life. Christ is risen. Death is defeated.

Jesus is not in the tomb. He is risen. This is Good News. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We honour and remember the men and women who gave their lives for God, King (Queen), country, family... and we find strength knowing that Jesus is risen.

Jesus said, "No greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

Blessings Fakafo
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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Hannah T-H
Preacher	Richard D
Worship	Hannah T-H
Prayers	Rachel E
Bible Reading	Bonnie S
Door Greeting	Ashleen Q
Children's Talk	-
Morning Tea	Jocelyn & Steve S Debbie G
Sound/Data	Ged F/Ruth P
Vmix/Camera	Brian M / Bronwyn B
Duty Elder	Don L
Prayer Ministry	Mal & Helen C
Welcome	Bible L
Offering	Bronwyn B
Set up	Millers
Playground	Shannon, Tallon, Barton

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 25 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.



Communion Today



There is no Kidztime or Junior Youth today, however activities will be handed out after the Notices

SERVICE LEADER:

RICHARD D
PREACHER:
CLARE L
WORSHIP:
RICHARD D

DUTY ELDER:

JANINE K



TODAY'S
READING

JOHN 12:
20-36

Today's Team

Door Greeting:	Evan & Lily H	Set up Team:	Thurlows
Prayers for Others:	Judith F	Offering Counter:	Jane P
Bible Readings:	Chrissie C	Morning tea:	Mal & Helen C
Sound:	Ged F		Jan S
Data Projection:	Bible L	Prayer Ministry:	Nigel J
Vmix:	Phil D	Playground:	Pettigrew, Shotbolt, Caldwell
Camera:	Freya P		Ged F
Welcome:	Dave B	Lock-up:	

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Leith Notices

DONATIONS

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



Prayer by Zoom:

Wednesdays 6.30am,
Saturdays 8.00am

The link is the same each week and is sent out by email Tuesdays & Fridays.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Church AGM will be held on Sunday May 2 at Leith Valley Church 267 Malvern St. Come for dessert at 7pm, meeting will start at 7.30pm



Copies of the Annual Report will be available on the Sunday morning

STUDENT
Soul



7:15PM @ OAKEN CAFE ~ SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

Leith Notices

OPEN LECTURE
Centre for Theology and Public Issues,
Theology Programme,
University of Otago.

FAITH THINKING

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>

HAD A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY?

Send details to Rachel:
batesr71@gmail.com
for the power point.

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

In recess for the holidays, begins again on May 5

BE STILL

AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.