

Prayer

Prayer is conversation with one who is always there. Prayer allows us access through Jesus Christ into a conversation with God. God is always seeking a conversation with us. God always greatly desires to communicate with us. A couple did some redecorating in their bathroom. They took down some wallpaper, filled a few holes and repainted the walls. Some new decorations and pictures were purchased. The pictures needed to be hung so they got out their tool bag, pulled out a hammer, found some picture hooks and used the hammer to drive the picture hooks into the wall in the correct places, so the pictures could look nice on the walls. Then the hammer was put back in the tool box, ready for its next use. Everyone knows where to find it for next time!

We might as well admit it. We often use prayer in our lives and in the church as a tool from a tool kit. When we need God to do something, when we need something in ministry, when we desire to have something accomplished, we go to the spiritual tool box because we know prayer is what we should use. We pick up prayer, we pray the prayer and then we put prayer back in the box until we need it again. But prayer is intended to be so much more than this!

So often we use prayer as a vehicle to get us to a desired destination. We need provision, so we pray. We need anointing, so we pray. We need healing or deliverance or cleansing so we pray. But what if prayer is not the vehicle that brings us to our destination, but rather, what if it *is* the destination? Prayer is not simply a step of the journey, prayer *is* the journey. When we realise this, we begin to understand prayer as a continual conversation with God and our relationship with God deepens to new levels.

*(From "Conversation with God, The Power of Prevailing Prayer"
You Version Bible App)*

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Lovelocks
Preacher	Richard D
Worship	Lovelocks
Prayers	Catriona S
Bible Reading	George B
Door Greeting	Jono McL et al
Children's Talk	Bronwyn B
Morning Tea	Mal & Helen C Chrissy C
Sound/Data	Raymond Y/Rachel E
Vmix/Camera	Tbc/Keryn H
Duty Elder	Judith F
Prayer Ministry	Nigel J
Welcome	Fran D
Offering	Bronwyn B
Set up	Jono McL, Nathan, Ben
Playground	Shannon, Barton, Kim

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 11 July 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



Richard D
'Life in the Spirit'

SERVICE LEADER

OLIVIA D
PREACHER:
RICHARD D
WORSHIP:
OLIVIA D

DUTY ELDER:

JANINE K



TODAY'S READING

ROM 8:
1,2,5-14
ACTS 2:
38-41
MATT 3:
7-9

Today's Team

Door Greeting:	Lokmans	Set up Team:	Graham, Alex, Geoff
Prayers for Others:	Olivia D	Offering Counter:	Keith & Jane P
Bible Readings:	Paul T	Morning tea:	Rachel & Russell E Judith F
Sound:	Liam H	Prayer Ministry:	Robyn & John W
Data Projection:	Geoff N	Playground:	Bary, Pettigrew, Tallon
Vmix:	Dan S	Lock-up:	Richard D
Camera:	Bronwyn B		
Welcome:	Mal & Helen C		

Seeking God's Kingdom
Growing Great Community

Notices

HEART COUNTRY COUPLES' RETREAT

Friday evening from 7pm,
Saturday 9am - 6pm
23-24 July 2021
at Camp Tirohanga.



Brochures with details are available on the admin table.

For Dads and Kids SUNDAY FUNDAY

25th July
Edgar Centre
2pm-4pm
\$10 per family

(we have spare Dads)



Contact: Shane Turner, Mike Summerfield or the Church Office

KIDZTIME DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Change of Plan

We are unable to use the classroom block where Kidztime and Sparklers Programmes usually run because of some maintenance issues, therefore children will stay in church for the first two Sundays of the school holidays (11th and 18th July) but we hope we'll have a programme for the kids on Sunday 25th.



- Leith Valley Church presents -

QUIZ NIGHT!

August 14th @7pm

\$5 to enter | Teams of 4-6 | Raffle prizes to be won! | Cash Only

Hosted at George St Normal School
- Register your team admin@leithvalley.org.nz -

No mainly music during the school holidays - will resume on July 28th

HAD A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY?

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

Prayer by Zoom
Wednesdays 6.30am
Saturdays 8.00am

FOOD FOR THE SOUL



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

Notices

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Knox Church,
Tonight:
Sunday 11th July at 7pm.

A service of remembrance for those who are no longer with us. Led by Margaret Garland. The Knox Choir will be helping to provide musical accompaniment. All welcome.



SYMPATHY

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Simon Niblock, Miranda Fairmaid and family, on the death of Simon's mother in Gisborne. Please know we are thinking of you at this time.

A ROCHA EVENT

A Rocha Dunedin will join STOP on Sunday July 18th, 9.30am at Smiths Creek, Bacon St, Turnbells Bay. If you plan to come, need or can provide transport, please contact Phil Scadden, 027 3463 185. Bring strong shoes, warm clothes, some food, and water. The event will conclude with worship of some kind. If the event needs to be cancelled for any reason, check <https://www.facebook.com/A-Rocha-Dunedin-165099403670601>, after 8.30am, on July 18th.



FAITH THINKING ON ZOOM

Wednesday August 18, 7-8.15pm

"It's All Greek To Me! The New Testament in Text and Translation.

Dr Katie Marcar, Theology Programme, University of Otago.

Please register online at www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation

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Cost: Free, but please register to receive the Zoom link.