

Comment

What Should I Say?

There's an awful lot of speech about hate speech at present. I don't know about you but I find it terribly difficult to nail down when a person is speaking hatefully or not. I used to think that people who disagreed with me were being hateful but then I realised that they were just disagreeing and they really weren't trying to convey anything about me at all.

Then I suspected that that people who were angry with me were being hateful but then I realised that, in most cases at least, I'd done something really dum and their anger was quite justified.

So I wondered about people who didn't like me and who expressed this in various ways – whether their speech might be considered hateful? Then I realised that I shouldn't expect everyone to like me and that there were probably things about me that were pretty disagreeable anyway.

Finally, I did think that sometimes people who didn't like me and who were angry with me, who disagreed with me and who expressed this using some fairly colourful language were being a little hateful and so I thought to myself – wouldn't it be good if we could ban their language.

I could calmly say, 'Sorry, you're not allowed to say that! That language is illegal!' And that would fix things because they would say... 'Sorry, I didn't mean to break the law. Can I take that back and start again?'

And I would say 'No!' 'You've said it now and you have to submit to the full weight of the law, you hateful, nasty person!'

And I realised, as I thought about it, that saying *that* would be hate speech!

Richard D.



LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 18 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. Give to the Service Leader, or leave on the welcome table, in the marked folder.



Todays' Message

Richard D

'Word and Worship'

Roster: It will soon be time to look at compiling the next roster which will run from August 29 till November 21. If you are not already a volunteer and would like to be, please contact the church office. A full list of duties and the exact dates for the roster will be sent out soon.

SERVICE LEADER
LOVELOCKS
PREACHER:
RICHARD D
WORSHIP:
LOVELOCKS

DUTY ELDER:
JUDITH F



TODAY'S READING

MATT 15:
13-20
JAMES 3:
1-12

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

| | |
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| Service Leader | Olivia D |
| Preacher | Mike S |
| Worship | Olivia D |
| Prayers | Rachel B |
| Bible Reading | Nick B |
| Door Greeting | Evan & Lily H |
| Children's Talk | Interview |
| Morning Tea | Jocelyn & Steve S Rebecca G |
| Sound/Data | Barry C/Ruth P |
| Vmix/Camera | Janine K/Anna C |
| Duty Elder | Pauline L |
| Prayer Ministry | Mal & Helen C |
| Welcome | Bronwyn M |
| Offering | Debbie G |
| Set up | Millers, Brian S |
| Playground | Satake, Yeo, Downey |

Today's Team

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| Door Greeting: | Jono, Nathan, Ben | Set up Team: | Jono, Nathan, Ben |
| Prayers for Others: | Catriona S | Offering Counter: | Bronwyn B |
| Bible Readings: | George B | Morning tea: | Mal & Helen C Chrissy C |
| Sound: | Raymond Y | Prayer Ministry: | Nigel J |
| Data Projection: | Rachel E | Playground: | Barton, Kim |
| Vmix: | Dan S | Lock-up: | Fran D |
| Camera: | Keryn H | | |
| Welcome: | Fran D | | |

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)



BULLRUSH!

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 -

mainly music

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 CHANGES THINGS

Prayer by Zoom

Wednesdays 6.30am
Saturdays 8.00am

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

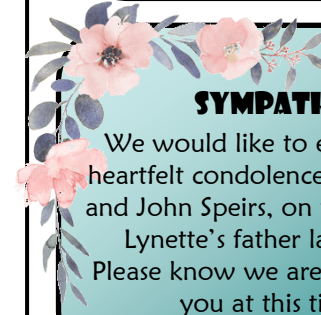


Meets 10-11am on Fridays, @ Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern St. for morning tea and to make up food parcels. All welcome.

Notices

TAONGA

Tuesday, 27th July at 2pm in the Fitzpatricks home, 273 Malvern St.
Tessa Lovelock, Leith Valley's Youth leader, will be there to share something of her life and ministry.
All over 60's welcome.
Fellowship, food and faith.



SYMPATHY

We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Lynette and John Speirs, on the death of Lynette's father last week. Please know we are thinking of you at this time.

TALITHA KUM

Raises awareness of the evil of trafficking in persons.



Candlelight Vigil:

Thursday 29th July, 6.00-6.30pm
Octagon, Dunedin.



All welcome to attend.

TALITHA KUM
END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

STUDENT Soul
OAKEN CAFE

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

WOMEN'S AGLOW MEETING

Tuesday, 27 July at 1pm
@ DCBC
19 Main South Rd, Concord.
Open Invitation.



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.

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