

Richard's Corner



Jesus choose salt and light to illustrate what we are to be in the world. One of the fascinating things about these metaphors is that they both imply that there must be contact with the world. Both salt and light work, as it were, **by being there**. Salt works by being mixed with the thing that it is to effect—by being there. Light also works by being placed in the place which needs illumination—by being there. A candle in the daylight is of little use. A candle in a place of deep darkness is a miracle and a saviour. And this leads naturally to another amazing thing about these metaphors—quantity doesn't really come into it. I think we so often disqualify ourselves because we estimate the influence we can have and it doesn't seem much at all. Imagine if the little boy who supplied the 5 loaves and 2 small fish had said "No you can't have them because they are so small they won't make any difference!" 5000 people and more would've gone hungry that day. Salt must be put with that which it is to influence. It cannot sit back and be apart from it and be at all effective. Light, likewise, works in dark places. As things around us become darker, what we are will always shine more brightly. The Church has always been more effective in times when things around it were difficult and we also will find that our faith becomes more real as it is tested by real trials. The question is, are we prepared to make contact—to be available in a way that allows what God has put within us to shine? If you don't know, simply ask God to show you the way. What God has put within us is stronger than what is against us!

Sunday 9 June 2013

You are the salt of the earth

Matthew 5:13

WELCOME

It's great to have you with us this morning. If you are new or visiting we hope to catch up over some morning tea after the service.

Service Leader: Richard Dawson
Worship Leader: Matt Dent
Speaker: Helen Harray

Leith Valley Church Contact Details

Office: 267 Malvern St, Leith Valley. Phone: 467 9208
Email address: office@leithvalley.org.nz

Ministers:	Richard Dawson	027 224 2026	rdawson@ihug.co.nz
	Helen Harray	027 473 0042	hmharray@paradise.net.nz
Studentsoul:	Ivan Martinez	022 1909 499	Ivan@studentsoul.org.nz
	Studentsoul office	474 9470	
Youth Worker:	Tim Gonzales	027 240 0907	Kidztime: Fran Dawson 473 0311
Worship Team:	Pauline Lovelock	473 1106	Treasurer: Keith Wallis 454 5338
Parish Manager:	David McKenzie	027 765 1922	parish.manager@leithvalley.org.nz
Church Admin:	Rachel Bates	467 9208 (Office 9am-2pm Tues-Fri)	

Tonight: 6.30pm
 A light meal followed by a **Contemplative Evening Service**

Studentsoul

Next service 14 July.

Next week

Service Leader: Richard Dawson	Speaker: Kristin Jack
Worship Team: Pauline Lovelock	Prayers for Others: Emily Yates
Bible Reading: Pip Robertson	Door & Offering: Niblock
Data Projector: Bronwyn Bennington	Sound: Liam
Duty Elder: Susan Jack	Setup Team: Kent Rickerby
Offering Counting: Clair Scadden	Prayer Ministry: James & Pauline L
Welcome team: Judith & Ivan	Morning Tea: Williams & Keryn Harrex

Today's team

Service Leader: Richard Dawson	Speaker: Helen Harray
Worship Team: Matt Dent	Prayers for Others: Catherine McKinlay
Bible Reading: Ged Forbes	Door & Offering: Fenella Cand Alex L
Data Projector: Ruth Pearce	Sound: Craig Campbell
Duty Elder: Judith Forbes	Setup Team: Bill Lee
Offering Counting: Lynn Williams	Prayer Ministry: Peter&Jessica Crothall
Welcome team: Wayne and Helen Harray	Morning Tea: Kristin and Susan Jack Sarah Tiong

**THIS WEEK @
Leith Valley**

Tuesday Senior Youth Group 7-9pm
Wednesday: Men's Breakfast Group 6.30am
 Prayer Meeting 7.30am
 Women's Coffee Group, 10am-12noon
Thursday: Coffee Plus, 10.30am-12noon
Friday: Community Playgroup 10am-12noon

*Accommodation Required
for 5 weeks*

Candace, a Wyoming University student is coming to do an internship at Otago University. She is looking for a Christian family or flat that could accommodate her from approximately the 10th July to 11th August. Please call Rachel at the office if you would like more information of if you can help.



Set up teams

Thank you to the **one person(!)** who has responded to the call for more set up volunteers. We still need 4 or 5 more people (men or women) to make sure all the teams are operating on a minimum of four people. Let Rachel know at the office if you can help.



Studentsoul Notice:



Semester exams are upon us and we would love to have volunteers bake goodies for our students. The next two weeks we will have the Studentsoul office open for students to drop in, take a break from studying, and enjoy a hot drink and homemade treat.

If you are able to help, please contact Amanda 022 312 0213



noticeboard



Regional Director



We need an extraordinary person to oversee Christian Religious Education in State Schools throughout Otago.

The position is initially for 15 hours per week, for 12 months, reliant on continuing funding.

The Regional Director would work with the Otago CEC Trust, and alongside our current Chaplaincy Coordinator.

The position includes fundraising, promotion, administration, mentoring, liaison with schools and team leaders, volunteer teacher training and support. For more information go to

cecotago@allmail.net



"A ROCHA AT TIROHANGA"

– a sign of hope for the healing of Creation. The winter planting programme begins again on SATURDAY JUNE 22nd.

Meeting at Tirohanga Camp at 11.30 am.

Bring gardening clothes and lunch.

We will provide hot drinks, soup and a good fire.

Contact Claire: 473 9737 or 027 309 4210 if you need a ride."



WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Come along to an awesome evening of praise & worship.

7.30pm

Thursday 27th June

Leith Valley Church (Malvern St)

