

Richard's Corner



The more I reflect on resisting evil the more I realize that the very act of taking a stand is often enough for evil to be thoroughly undone. Often the greatest weapon evil has in its arsenal is the deceit around how strong or how vital a certain evil it. The very thought that a certain evil cannot be overcome or cannot be resisted is often enough to guarantee that evil prospers. The giant Goliath, the walls of Jericho, the Red Sea and the Jordan all looked invincible until someone was willing to stand up to them and then they crumbled or gave way with barely a finger raised in their defense. And today we must remember that no evil stands with ultimate power even if sometimes evil can resist for while. The question is, are we willing to speak the truth about such evil and stay wedded to the truth while others ridicule us. This also is a common theme in the fight against evil—the ridicule of those who are not prepared to admit the truth or make a stand against evil. However, let us not use the tactics of evil to face evil. The Bible is also against mockery and abuse and I suspect many good protest movements and some journalists resort to this quickly in an attempt to forward their cause. I don't think this works. Proverbs 22 says... 'Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.' Using evil to defeat evil is a dangerous and dubious tactic. Better to stick with the truth delivered from a calm but determined heart. Then we model what lies behind the truth we speak and this reinforces our claim to be heard. The Bible says 'Resist the devil and he will flee from you.' How important this is.



St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

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Welcome to our service

- + If you are new or visiting, we hope you'll stay for some morning tea so we can get to know you.
- + Please make sure you have picked up your copy of the **new roster** from the notices table.
- + Parents, please remember it is your responsibility to ensure your children are adequately supervised after the service. Two to five year olds must be collected from Junior Kidztime by an adult.

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16

Today's Readings: Matthew 5:13-16, Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 25:1-10



Monthly Missions Evening

Tonight, Leith Valley

5.30pm: Bring your tea and eat together

6-7pm: Join in discussion and prayer for our missionaries

Next week

Service Leader: Helen Harray
Speaker: Helen Harray
Bible Reading: Miranda Fairmaid
Data Projector: Ruth Pearce
Prayer Ministry: Wayne H, Adrienne K
Offering Counting: Sarah Tiong
Morning Tea: Gill and Paul T, Lynn W.

Worship Team: Pauline Lovelock
Door & Offering: Debbie G, Bronwyn B
Duty Elder: Liz Christensen
Sound: Liam Hutton
Setup Team: Craig Campbell
Welcome team: Lynn W

Today's team

Door & Offering: Ziggy & Raewyn Lesa
Children's talk: Nigel Jamieson
Data Projector: Fiona Cooper/Ruth Pearce
Sound: Liam Hutton
Welcome team: Gill Trebilco
Prayer Ministry: Pauline & James Lovelock

Prayers for Others: Russell Elder
Bible Reading: Robin Gauld
Duty Elder: Judith Forbes
Setup Team: Bill Lee
Morning Tea: Julie Hall

LV info & events

Groups at Leith

267 Malvern St

Senior Youth Group Tues 7pm

Women's Coffee group

Weds 10am

Thurs 10.30am (see other notice>>)

Men's breakfast group

Weds 6.30am

A number of other groups meet in homes, please see Helen if you would like to find a group to belong to.

ALSO if you would like to lead a group in 2014 she would love to hear from you.

Websites you might be interested in:

www.familyfirst.org.nz

www.theparentingplace.co.nz

The Friday night small group is holding a Garage Sale on **Saturday 30 November**. This is to raise funds for a school in Burkina Faso.

If you have goods you could donate please contact Helen Harray or Ged Forbes

Holiday Work Wanted

Matthew Scadden is looking for holiday work (Dec, Jan, Feb).

If you can help please ring

03-4739737, or email

mscadden@ihug.co.nz.

The Thursday morning coffee group will meet for an end of year lunch this

Thursday 11.45am at the Croc-o-dile café (Botanic gardens.)



Church Camp 2014

Tirohanga 14-16 March

Needed: Enthusiastic, innovative people to put this together.

Especially crucial: camp cooks!

Contact Helen if you are keen.

Musicians and singers

Are you interested in being a part of the music team in 2014?

There will probably be a few gaps to fill in the new year, so please see Pauline for more details and to register your interest, or contact her on

plovelock@xtra.co.nz

Good level of musicianship, commitment and enthusiasm required.

Money Matters

For giving online/by automatic payment please use the following account number:

03 0883 0620501 00

Ring Rachel at the church office if you would like a donation number for tax purposes.

Noticeboard

Accommodation Needed

1 or 2 bedroom unit/studio/granny flat needed for 55 year old Christian female and 1 well behaved cat.

I'm moving back to Dunedin from Auckland to start work at Mercy Hospital mid January.

Please help me with my step of faith. Dina 021 109 2471

Agastya Rama Listya, a lecturer at Satya Wacana Christian University, in Java has been accepted at Otago University to do his Ph.D. in ethno-musicology, but has been unable to obtain funding for this. If anyone can offer accommodation or sponsorship please contact Mary Huie-Jolly maryrhj@gmail.com

HOUSE FOR RENT:

Three bedroom + office in St. Kilda.

Close to Kings and Queens high schools.

Modern, clean, 2 heat pumps, flat section.

Phone Brian 022 317 8433.



6 DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

11 - 17 January, 2014

En Hakkore

Brochures on notices table.

Talk to Judith Lorimer who attended last year to find out more.

Giving to the Philippines

Dear Friends,

As you know on Friday the 8th 'super-typhoon' Haiyan (called 'Yolanda' locally) slammed into the islands of Leyte and Samar in the Philippines, killing thousands and leaving millions homeless and basic necessities. Servants, which has a long history of working in the Philippines, is encouraging Christians to give through the Tear Fund network. Servants is also accepting donations, which it will pass on to smaller local NGO's working in areas we perceive are being missed by the larger relief operation (note donations to Servants for overseas needs are not tax deductible, whereas for Tear Fund they are). If you go to www.servantsasia.org, you'll find a good description (with links) of the groups we encourage you to give to. Many thanks, Kristin

Mary Meets Mohammad

"Tasmania's first asylum seeker detention centre opens and local Christian woman Mary is skeptical of the 400 male asylum seekers from Afghanistan. However, after her knitting club donates beanies to the asylum seekers she returns regularly to visit and unexpectedly finds herself in regular contact with Mohammad, a 26 year old Muslim. A true story about challenging beliefs, about fear and about love.

Screens in Dunedin Rialto Cinema from December 5.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

PSO's Enliven Maybank activity group requires volunteer drivers to take people to and from the clubroom at Ross Home.

Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays

10.30 and/or 3.15pm

Cars Provided.

For more information contact Co-ordinator Marilyn Withnall (03) 473 0890