

Richard's Corner



Easter Opportunities

This week is Palm Sunday—the beginning of a week long period of celebrating the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is the centre of our faith friends. This is where all that we believe collides with all that the world would rather not believe. It is the events of Easter week which give power to our faith for they speak not just of the violence and sin of our condition but of a love and life greater than these things and through which we may be made free to live lives worthy of our race. Won't you join with me this Easter Week in raising up the name of Jesus. I challenge you to make each evening meal a place where we speak the name of Jesus somehow. A verse, a prayer, a remembering something about the Easter story—make this Easter week different so that children in particular may know that this time is so special. And then, why not invite someone to the Easter service on Sunday if you're around. We are working to make this a very special service which will be accessible to all comers—not just Christians. We will make this a time when all people can find something to connect with and where the gospel is raised up to speak into the hearts of all those who are there. Invite someone and see whether God may not touch them anew. And while you're at it, won't you pray with me each day that this would be the case—that the Holy Spirit would move in power during the service to touch hearts and minds and to bring all people closer to Jesus. Let us remember that wonderful Easter greeting... 'He is Risen!' and the answer... 'He is Risen indeed!!'



Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Palm Sunday, 13 April 2014

Psalm 150



*Praise the Lord
Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord*



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WELCOME

- ◆ We hope you enjoy our all-age Palm Sunday service today,
- ◆ A special welcome if you are new or visiting, we hope you'll stay for morning tea and a chat.

Studentsoul Tonight 7pm

Contemplative Evening Service

Tonight at Leith Valley Church
6.30pm –8pm
Beginning with a light meal.



Easter Services this week at George St
Maundy Thursday 7pm Good Friday 9.30am



Next week

Service Leader: Richard Dawson
Speaker: Richard Dawson
Children's Talk: Fran Dawson
Bible Reading: Kristin Jack
Duty Elder: Catherine McKinlay
Welcome team: Lynn Williams
Data Projector: Sandi Jull
Offering Counting: Sandi Jull

Worship Team: Richard Dawson
Door & Offering: Niblock Family
Prayers for Others: Ruth Pearce
Morning Tea: Rachel & Russell Elder
Setup Team: Wayne Harray
Prayer Ministry: Mal & Helen Crossley
Sound: Ged Forbes

Today's team

Service Leader: Helen Harray
Door & Offering: Rose and Bri Adams
Setup Team: Bill Lee
Prayer Ministry: Grace Milburn
Morning Tea: Sandra Dillon, Rachel Bates
Sound: Wayne Harray

Worship Team: Richard Dawson
Duty Elder: Paul Trebilco
Welcome team: Craig Campbell
Data Projector: Steven Foote

LV info & events

Good Friday Roster: Rachel Elder, Catherine McKinlay, Susan Jack, Wayne Harray, Craig Campbell, Grace Milburn, Paul & Gill Trebilco, Ged Forbes.
Please check your rosters for specific duties.

Groups at Leith

**267 Malvern St
Senior Youth Group**

Tuesday 7-9pm

Women's Coffee groups

Weds 10am: Contact Rose
466-7874

Thurs 10.30am: Contact Gill
473-9628

Men's Breakfast Group

Weds 6.30am

**These groups will all take a two week
break over the school
holidays.**

As part of our "Growing towards God" theme that begins in May,

Guided Retreats are planned for both Men and Women next month.

Women: Saturday 10 May
9.30am-12 noon
With Judith-Anne O'Sullivan

Men: Saturday 17 May 1.30pm-3pm
With Mark Chamberlain

*Judith-Anne will also have a few slots available on Friday afternoon 9 May for Spiritual Direction.
See Helen if interested.*

Put these dates on your calendar today!

**Easter to Pentecost Prayer
Venture**
Following the book of Acts.
Sign up today!

Spare Rhubarb?

Liz Christensen needs some for Easter Camp. She can collect it from you early this week (Weds at latest)
Phone 027 404 6408
Or email



Church Prayer day this Thursday

Once a month we join in prayer as a church to pray for needs within our congregation. There is a roster online where you can add your name to a timeslot (6am-6pm). A link to this will have come through on Friday. If you're not online, you can ring the office for a list of our prayer needs and join in praying at a time of day that suits you.

Communal prayer time at Leith: 1pm

SUNDAY 11 MAY ADOPT-A-STUDENT LUNCH

Clipboards going round today to sign up to be a host for this. Please include your phone and email.

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

You can help introduce your neighbour / sister / friend / son to Jesus this Easter.



CBA produces radio programmes designed specifically to communicate the Christian faith to people who never darken the door of a church. Please see CBA's appeal envelope to find out how you can help with their Easter programme plans.

Phone 0900 80 222
to make a \$20 donation or visit
www.cba.org.nz.

Thank you!



Next Faith Thinking Course:

Bonhoeffer– A 20th century theological giant. Dr Chris Holmes

Monday April 28, 7.00-9.00

Monday May 5, 7.00-9.00 pm and

Monday May 12, 7.00-9.00 pm

Venue: The Hub (Elim), 67 Harrow St

To register, email

continuing.education@otago.ac.nz

Coming soon:

~The Theology of Church's Mission

Faith begins @ Home: Mom

A small practical ideas book from Faith at Home founders Mark and Maria Holmen. If you would like to order a copy for \$10.50, contact Rachel by 20 April.



Hospital Chapel Help

Leith Valley is responsible for the transporting of patients from their wards to the hospital chapel service on **Sunday 27 April**. A team of 9-10 is needed from 9.45am until 11.30. Children welcome to accompany bed/chair-pushing parents. Please contact Rachel at the church office if you can help.



WELL DONE!

On Friday 4 April, several of the senior youth and leaders spent a cold rainy night taking turns to run laps of the University Union as part of the Relay for Life event. The team raised over \$1000 for the annual cancer fundraiser.

Petite Character Cottage for rent, NEV



2 bedrooms plus sunroom.
Heat pump, modern energy saving oven, eco panel heaters in three rooms.
Old bathroom in the throws of a slow renovation.
Good quality wool carpet throughout.
Treehouse, garden shed, off street parking, 2 paved entertainment areas with deck. Close to bus stop, gardens and uni.
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