

Sunday 27 April 2014

Service Leader: Miranda Fairmaid

Preacher: Helen Harray

Worship Leader: Geoff Bevan



Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.

Matthew 25:40

Welcome to our all-age service

- ◆ A special welcome if you are new or visiting, we hope you'll stay for morning tea after the service
- ◆ Studentsoul here tonight at 7pm

Today's Reading: Matthew 25:31-40



This morning we join with Sasha and Shane Turner as they dedicate their son Malachi. A special welcome to relatives and friends of the Turner family.



Monthly Mission Night Come along to Leith Valley tonight for time together praying for Missions associated with our church.
5.30pm-7pm Bring your tea.

Today's team

Door & Offering: Steve & Judith Lorimer
Bible Reading: Kezia Bates
Welcome team: Alastair Yule
Prayer Ministry: Nick Bates
Duty Elder: Judith Forbes

Setup Team: Steve Christensen
Data Projector: Fiona Cooper
Sound: Stephen Trebilco
Morning Tea: Peter and Jessica Crothall
Mark Lokman

Next week

Worship Leader: Pauline Lovelock
Preacher: Lynne Baab
Door & Offering: Rose and Bri Adams
Children's Talk: Bronwyn Bennington
Prayers for others: James Lovelock
Welcome team: Gill Trebilco
Prayer Ministry: Helen Harray

Service Leader: Helen Harray
Morning Tea: Crossleys, Keryn, Julie H
Bible Reading: Jocelyn Springthorpe
Setup Team: Craig & Phil's teams
Data Projector: Mark Lokman
Sound: Wayne Harray
Duty Elder: James Lovelock

Notices

Groups at Leith

267 Malvern St

Youth group and Coffee Groups will take a break over the school holidays.
These start back in the week of 5-9 May

POSITION VACANT

Church Cleaner at Leith Valley Church
3 hrs per week.

Application form and Job Description can be obtained from

parish.manager@leithvalley.org.nz
Applications close Mon 29 April 2014.

Remember to set aside the following dates for our retreats:

Women: Saturday 10 May
9.30am-12 noon

Men: Saturday 17 May 1.30pm-3pm

ROSTER TIME...

Make sure you see the draft roster today and confirm or deny your availability for your rostered slots.

IVAN MARTINEZ

Our Studentsoul minister is being officially ordained on **Tuesday night.**

7:30 pm, Ross Chapel, Knox College, Reception to follow. **ALL WELCOME**



Find us at:

267 Malvern St/Phone 467 9208

office@leithvalley.org.nz

www.leithvalley.org.nz

Richard's Corner



Looking Up. It's not an easy thing to look up. The Psalmist comments on this often. In Ps 42 he says, 'Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.' This appears a little strange to our ears because it looks as if the Psalmist is experiencing life as a partnership between his conscious centre and something he calls his soul. And his soul is down—it's depressed and it's clearly both a frustration to him and something he struggles to cope with. The interesting thing is that while the anthropology behind this view is not widely accepted today this is how many report their depression to me today. It's like a foreigner, a stranger who comes into our homes and brings with them a bad mood. We don't want it there but we can do little about it. I glean two things from the Psalmist's words. Firstly, this is not unusual—this is common human experience. Our souls will often react apart from our wills and bring into our life feelings and emotions we don't want. However, like the engine of a car, motive power doesn't come with directional intelligence. In our soul's case, **emotive power** doesn't come with intelligence. It just is. Secondly, the answer to negative emotive power doesn't lie within. Rather it lies with the source of all hope which is God. Hope, which is essentially a vision of a good future, is terribly limited if we look within. Only when, with the Psalmist, we direct ourselves (souls) to 'Hope in God' can we find an antidote to the vagaries of our souls' emotions. Look to God—for only there do we find true rest for our souls!