



Christmas Can you think about Christmas without thinking about shopping? Possibly, but I'm sure that most of us can't because the whole association of Christmas with consumerism either drives us crazy when we think about it or crazy when we have to engage in the tradition of buying presents. These days many people are trying very creative ways of getting around it. Our own family has a kind of lottery about this time of year to decide who we're buying for. We each get one person and we each buy them one present and that's it for Christmas. The children do tend to get a little more but that tends to be an echo of the special place children have in grandparents' hearts. Others simply don't go there. Some people try to establish a tradition of giving outside the family to needy people in our community or communities in the third world. What a great idea. Perhaps one of the most disturbing trends these days is the age at which children are receiving quite sophisticated and valuable presents such as cell phones. I don't know about you but I just find it hard to imagine that a child under 10 would need a smart phone. Perhaps an older style cell phone would come in handy for parents but one that allows unhindered access to the internet is another issue all together. I suggest we need to be wise about these things and restrict access to screens of all kinds when children are young. We are doomed to have to sit in front of them as adults but it seems to me that with all the natural energy and life children have it is such a pity to provide ways for them to stay indoors and not enjoy the youthful bodies they have.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Richard Dawson
Setup Team	Craig Campbell
Door & Offering	Kidztime
Data Projector	Steven Foote
Sound	Liam Hutton
Duty Elder	Judith Forbes
Welcome Team	Helen Harray
Prayer Ministry	Pauline & Bruce G
Morning Tea	Jocelyn Springthorpe
	Deborah Hendry
Offering Counting	Sarah Tiong



Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Sunday 7 December 2014

Service Leader : Helen Harray
Preacher: Richard and Helen
Worship Leader: Pauline Lovelock



Welcome to our service

Today we light the second Advent candle:
Peace

It's great to have you with us, a special welcome to any newcomers or visitors.

At the conclusion of our service we will have a quick morning tea and reconvene for a congregational meeting.

Next week will be the Kidztime break-up featuring a performance of **Star of Wonder** and presentation of books. This will be followed by morning tea, parents please bring a plate.



Today's Team

Door & Offering: Gill & Paul Trebilco	Children's Talk: Bill Lee
Prayers for Others: James Lovelock	Data Projector: Bronwyn Bennington
Duty Elder: Liz Christensen	Setup Team: Bill Lee
Sound: Ged Forbes	Welcome team: Gill Trebilco
Prayer Ministry: Helen and Mal Crossley	
Morning Tea: Dave and Lynne Baab, Jan Satterthwaite	

Notices

This week at Leith:

7pm Tues: Senior Youth

7.30am Weds: Prayer Meeting

10am Weds: Engage Women

5pm Thurs: Baptisms

Around the Presbytery:

7pm Thurs: Ordination and Induction of
Rev Brendon McRae, Flagstaff Parish,
Centennial Ave



Kidztime Truffles (last week)

Thank you so much for choosing Orphans Aid International as the recipient of the funds. The total was \$168.90. Thank you to all of the kids for making the truffles, and thanks so much to all the people who bought them! Find out about our rescue work at www.orphansaidinternational.org
Thanks everyone, Hilary

Lynne Baab recently wrote an article about fasting for a magazine called **Alive Now**. Spare copies of the magazine are on the back table.

Drawers needed

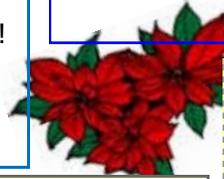
The Bentons are settling in well to their Opoho home but still require drawers for their clothes as well as a toaster. If anyone can help out please let Luke or the office know.

BAPTISMS

This Thursday at 5pm we have two baptisms happening at Leith Valley. Anyone is welcome and there will be an informal meal afterwards for those who can stay. Bring some finger food to share.

Housesitter Available

26 January - 1 April, 2015, Any length of time within that period. contact: catherine.mckinlay@yahoo.ac.nz
021 127 1153



CITY CHOIR DUNEDIN

Gloria

A Baroque Christmas

Friday 19 December
7.30pm Knox Church

Vivaldi: Gloria

Bach: Cantata 133

And more

Accompanied by the Southern Sinfonia and conducted by David Burchell.
Adults \$40, Concession \$30, Students \$10, Children Free
Tickets from Knox Church office or Beggs MusicWorks or talk to Gill Trebilco

Help ensure shelter for Dunedin's most vulnerable;

This year at the Dunedin Night Shelter because of holiday months and the timing of grant applications, we could face a cashflow problem as we enter the Christmas/New Year period. If this happens we will be unable to pay staff and will have to close the shelter for a time. We invite you to make a Christmas gift to help us ensure the continuing service of the shelter. You may like to read about the work of the shelter at dunedinnightshelter.co.nz or contact us on 477 0546 / dunedinnightshelter@vodafone.com if you have any questions or wish to find out more. Donations can be made to 03 0905 0279202 00 Or posted to Dunedin Night Shelter Trust, PO Box 5906, Moray Place, Dunedin 9058.



TRAFFICKING STATS:



Every 30 seconds, someone is trafficked



The average age of victims is 12 years old



Females make up 75% of all victims



Only 1-2% of victims are ever rescued

YOUTH INTERNSHIP

Calvin Community Church is offering a Youth Internship in 2015. Applications close on 14 December. See job description at www.calvin.org.nz Contact office@calvin.org.nz to apply.

Money Matters: Our account number for online giving is **03 0883 0620501 00**

Ring Rachel at the church office if you would like a donation no. for tax purposes.

Important dates

Thursday 11 December

Baptism of Kezia Bates and Chrissy Cameron at Leith Valley, 5pm

Friday 12 December

Final practice for musical

Saturday 13 December

4pm Community Performance of Christmas Musical, Carols and BBQ, George St School

Sunday 14 December

10am Performance of Christmas Musical and Kidztime breakup

Sunday 21 December

Communion Service.

Last George St Service for 2014

Wednesday 24 December

7pm Christmas Eve Family Service at Leith Valley

Sunday 28 December

10am Service at Leith Valley Richard Dawson/Brett Knowles

Sunday 4 January

10am Service at Leith Valley Bill Lee/Ivan Martinez

Sunday 11 January

10am Service at Leith Valley Ged Forbes/Ivan Martinez

Hospital Chapel duty

Sunday 18 January

10am Service at Leith Valley Judith Forbes./Brett Knowles

Sunday 25 January