Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2015

Service Leader: Richard Dawson
Preacher: Brett Knowles
Worship Leader: Richard Dawson

the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God
Romans 8:21

Welcome to our service

It's great to have you with us this morning. Please stay for some morning tea after the service and if you are new we'd love to get to know you. If you would like us to get in touch, take one of our welcome flyers and fill in your details on the insert.

Kidztime and Junior youth are running today, finishing off their programmes before the school holidays.

Today's Team

Door/Offering: Bates Family
Children's Talk: Hamish Temple-Doig
Data Projector: Fiona Cooper
Set up team: Craig Campbell
Offering Count: Keryn Harrex
Welcome team and Prayer Ministry: Gill Trebilco
Morning Tea: Richard & Chris Newton, Deborah Hendry
Bible Reading: Shane Turner
Prayers for others: Fiona Cooper
Sound: Ged Forbes
Duty Elder: Susan Jack

From The Minister's Desk

Being Divided 2: "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand." So said Jesus when He was accused of using the devil to do His miracles. We have set ourselves the goal of being a community and the one thing a community can't stand is disunity—being divided against one another. Of course this doesn't mean that we cannot disagree with one another, hold different views or struggle with each other from time to time. We are still human. But we also must perceive and preserve a precious view of those who have deliberately joined with us in Christian community. They are God's gift to us; God's precious children and our brothers and sisters and to hold them in contempt in any way is to sow seeds of division and destruction within the Body of Christ. If anyone deserves our favour, forgiveness and friendship—these do. The primary sign of the kingdom as it is found in the church is, according to Jesus, our love for one another. Notice the standard. It is not mere presence nor favour nor patience nor tolerance. It is love. Do we love our fellow Christian? Do we go beyond these other attitudes to the ultimate—to love? The fact is we will have to if we want to avoid being divided because only love is willing to go the extra mile and to look beyond the shattered humanity from which we have all come to find Christ. And yes, Jesus has redeemed us and we are being built into new creatures but the shattered-ness of our sinful lives stays with us like weed seeds in a well manicured garden. Left to itself the seeds germinate and become plants and bear further seed and only constant attention will mitigate this. Love is what is required for us to live together in anything like Christian communion and so our task, if we are not to be divided is to learn to love one another—then the world will know we have a living Lord.

Richard

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NEXT WEEK

Service Leader	Rod Galloway
Preacher	Richard Dawson
Worship Team	Rod Galloway
Setup Team	Nick Bates
Children's Talk	Bill Lee
Prayers	Peter & Jessica C
Bible Reading	Kent Rickerby
Door & Offering	Lokman Family
Welcome Team	Miranda Fairmaid
Prayer Ministry	Fiona Cooper
Data Projector	Rachel Elder
Sound	Richard & Fiona
Duty Elder	TBC
Morning Tea	Helen & Mal C
	Judith Forbes
Offering count	Debbie Griffiths

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NOTICES

THIS WEEK @ LEITH

Tuesday
Youth Group (Years 11-13) 7-9pm

Wednesday
Men's Breakfast 6.30am
Prayer Meeting 7.30 am
The Weekly Grind Coffee group (Women) 10am

Thursday
Prayer and Praise 7.30pm

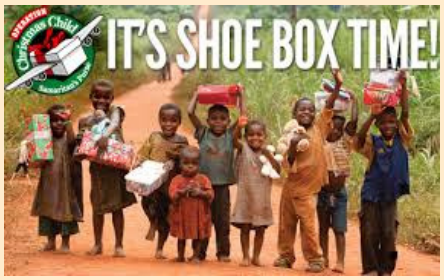
Prayer and Praise Evening

Thursday Night
267 Malvern St
7.30pm-9pm
Come and spend time in prayer for our church, community and beyond

Mission Prayer
Next Sunday 5.30pm
Leith Valley Church
Bring your tea

COMING UP:

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER: WORKING BEE AT LEITH 9AM
Sunday 4 October: All Age Service
Sunday 11 October: Contemplative Service



Message from Christy Nicholls, part of Dunedin's OCC (Operation Christmas Child) team:
OCC aims to provide tangible support in the form of a personal gift box to children in need internationally. The thoughtful gift boxes are filled with a collection of goodies - all of your own choosing! It's a great way to personally involve yourself in helping others that are facing difficulties in life (earthquakes, human trafficking, education, etc) throughout the world, including the Pacific. There is Christian material that is available for families if they wish to take it in the form of a storybook. The pick up and drop off location for the boxes is at the Volunteer Centre (UNICREW!) right across from OUSA - handy!
Please check out our site for more information: https://www.facebook.com/OCCDunedinUni

Contact Rachel Bates if you want to make a box but are not sure what to do.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW STUDY GROUP STARTS
TOMORROW STUDYING JAMES
CONTACT CATHERINE IF INTERESTED
021-1271153
cathe-rine.mckinlay@yahoo.co.nz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RICHARD MAKE SURE HE GETS HIS CRUNCHIE TODAY!

LABOUR WEEKEND CAMP
AT TIROHANGA FOR YEAR 7 AND 8 YOUTH.
CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE INFO ON EMAIL THIS WEEK

Rock Solid Quiz and Auction

The proceeds from this event were $**2200!**
Thank you everyone for your donations of food, gifts & time and for those of you who came out on a cold rainy night.
Well done everyone!

Monthly PSO Story: Spring is a time for Growing Taller

At the heart of all Presbyterian Support Otago's Family Works services is the welfare of children. We support parents and so that children may thrive and enjoy the freedom of childhood.
Family Works also offers a number of programmes to directly assist children facing challenges in their lives.
One of these programmes is 'Growing Taller'. A fun, activity -based group programme Growing Taller helps children aged six to eleven who are experiencing stressful life events at home, school or in peer relationships. Children dealing with stress can find it difficult to manage their emotions, may feel anxious and lack confidence in their own abilities. "Now I know that when I make a mistake it's not the end of the world". This statement from Jill, a Growing Taller participant is just the sort of resilience our programme aims to build in young children. There is an element of fun built into each of the seven weekly sessions to help children remember little prompts to recall when they feel anxious or sad. By recognising their own emotions, they can take steps to prevent situations from escalating and overwhelming them. This is deeply empowering for a child.
Your support for Presbyterian Support Otago and Family Works is helping children like Jill to "grow taller".
www.psotgago.org.nz

Presbyterian Support Otago

Engage

Youth Daily Bible App
Free download from www.sunz.org.nz/engage
(Available for apple/windows/android)

Senior Youth this Tuesday

All year 9-13, come along at 7pm for a pizza night and discussion about Term 4
Text Raewyn with any questions on 027 3614 289

Food bank current needs:

Chilli beans	Canned
Rice	Vegetables
Noodles	Spreads
Toilet paper	Sauces

Money Matters: For all direct payments please use account number
03-0883-0620501-00
If you would like a donation number for tax purposes please contact the office.