

## Refugee

There can be absolutely no question that we must welcome those who have been refugees into this city. Our own faith is a faith of the refugee and for the refugee. In God's sight we are all refugees from His love and grace and only because of God's love and grace do we find a new home back with the God who is our true home. We arrive before God with nothing of any value and we are accepted not as vagrants or interlopers but as daughters and sons of His love. We who were so poor are made rich by God's love and grace. So the question cannot be one of whether or not we should welcome these people but what real welcome means. Jesus was once welcomed by an important man—Simon the Pharisee, into his house. Jesus was given a place at the table which was certainly a sign of honour and it must have been a considerable risk for Simon to have Jesus there since the Pharisees were already implacably opposed to Him. However, before the meal, a woman of ill repute enters the house and begins to tend to Jesus and wash his feet with her tears and apply an expensive soothing balm to them. The others at the meal are offended that Jesus would even allow this woman to touch him. But Jesus defends her saying that her welcome has been more significant and more real than anything Simon offered. He also explains that because she understood her need and came in the humility of that need, her prayers have been answered. One key learned from this story is that some welcomes can convey more of an "unwelcome." A hand shake and a hearty "hello" cannot convey anything but the most formal of welcomes. A true welcome requires skin! It requires commitment, time, friendship and resource for if a welcome is not these things then it conveys more an unwelcome than a true welcome. Are we prepared to put skin to our welcome to the Refugees?



*Richard*

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## Next week's team

<b>Service Leader</b>	Richard Dawson
<b>Preacher</b>	Richard
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pauline/Jess
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Phil & Clair Scadden
<b>Children's Talk</b>	—
<b>Prayers</b>	Alan/Jenny Paterson
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Lynne Baab
<b>Data Projector</b>	Ruth Pearce
<b>Sound</b>	Liam Hutton
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Liz & Steve Christensen Debbie Griffiths
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Rachel Pettigrew
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Mal & Helen C
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	John & Robyn W
<b>Offering Counter</b>	TBC
<b>Set up Team</b>	Nick Bates

# Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"



*Sunday 1 May 2016*



**Service & Worship Leader:**  
**Richard Dawson**  
**Preacher:**  
**Geoff New**

**Mission Prayer Meeting Tonight**  
5.30pm, Leith Valley Church  
267 Malvern St

It's great to have you with us this morning! A warm welcome to any visitors today, we hope you enjoy your time with us and can join us for morning tea.

There will be Kidztime (up to yr 6) after the children's talk, Junior Youth will begin again next weekend.

We look forward to hearing from Geoff New this morning. Geoff is the Dean of Studies at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership. He and his wife Ruth moved to Dunedin from Auckland last year when Geoff took up this position.

➡ **Tax receipts and new contact lists available on the back table.**

## TODAY'S TEAM

<b>Door Greet and Offering:</b>	Esther Dale	<b>Children's Talk:</b>	Steve Christensen
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	Rachel Elder	<b>Sound:</b>	Ged Forbes
<b>Data Projector:</b>	Mark Lokman	<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Nigel Jamieson
<b>Duty Elder:</b>	Susan Jack	<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Miranda Fairmaid
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Mal & Helen Crossley Susan Jack	<b>Offering Count:</b>	Prue Paterson

**Leith Valley at [www.leithvalley.org.nz](http://www.leithvalley.org.nz)**

## Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:5-9

<sup>5</sup> After I go through Macedonia, I will come to you—for I will be going through Macedonia. <sup>6</sup> Perhaps I will stay with you for a while, or even spend the winter, so that you can help me on my journey, wherever I go. <sup>7</sup> For I do not want to see you now and make only a passing visit; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. <sup>8</sup> But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, <sup>9</sup> because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.



**We celebrate with  
Presbyterian Support  
Otago  
who won the  
SUPREME AWARD  
at the 2016 Trustpower Dunedin  
Community Awards  
on Wednesday night.**

The award recognises the efforts of 600 volunteers throughout Otago working in areas like the Buddy Programme, Shop-On charity shops, YouthGrow programme, Enliven programmes for older people and Family Works food bank.

They look forward to representing Otago at the national awards in Rotorua next March.

### FOODSHARE

Since late last year we have had a team of Leith women picking up food from Foodshare each Wednesday and distributing packages to families in need and to the Orphans Aid Op shop where food is given out free to the customers. The team consists of:  
Bronwyn Daley, Kanako Lokman, Renee Koh and Nicky Bisley.  
Foodshare is an excellent initiative, making use of food that would otherwise be wasted by distributing it, through various agencies, to those in need.



Foodshare processes over a tonne of food each weekday and there are various over-heards involved in achieving this.

Currently they are fundraising by selling wooden spoons and "spoonulas". These cost \$5 and each one sold enables them to provide 10 meals for families in the community.

**CONTACT BRONWYN DALEY ON  
463-6574 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
PURCHASING THESE PRODUCTS.**

### Speaking of life and death

A series of forums focussing on euthanasia. 5.30pm Wednesday  
St Paul's Cathedral

### South Island Ministry Conference

17-19 May, East Taieri Church.  
Suitable for all in ministry roles, can attend part or whole conference.  
Contact Rachel for info or look online at <http://www.etchurch.co.nz/conference>

### First Thursday at Highgate

Monthly meal and speaker on first Thursday of each month. Highgate church, 6pm. Bring a plate if you can.  
This month's speaker: Carol Grant: The life of a Police Chaplain.

### Christian Women's (CWCI) Event

Monday 9 May, 7.30pm, Salvation Army Citadel, Princes St.  
Speaker Jenny Beck. Tickets \$15, Includes coffee and dessert.  
Tickets available at Manna books or on the night.

### "Transplanted" Exhibition

Refugee portraits of New Zealand Community Gallery, 8-18 May.

### The Jihad of Jesus

*How Christians and Muslims can work together for peace and justice.*  
Dave Andrews, Christian Heritage College, educator for TEAR Australia.  
Archway 2 Lecture Theatre  
Tuesday 10 May, 5.30pm-6.30pm  
Followed by supper and discussion.

**GONE POTTY  
LV Women's Event  
Pottery painting evening,  
Friday 13 May, \$20.**  
Look out for an email this week.

# NOTICES

## What's on at Leith?

**SENIOR YOUTH Tuesday 7pm**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**  
Wednesday 6.30am

**WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING**  
Wednesday 7,30am

**"THE WEEKLY GRIND"**  
Women's coffee group, 10am, Weds

## 40 DAYS WITH JESUS

If you're not in a small group, check the list today and choose one that suits.  
Weeks 1 and 2 of devotional book available (gold coin appreciated)

## PSO Yellow bags

Bring these along to church next Sunday.  
Take one today if you haven't already, and do some decluttering this week!



## Our Vision:

Growing great community

## Our Values:

All people matter to God  
We need to grow  
We need to be in community  
We need to serve



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