

A Life Well Lived

What is it to live well? That's the sort of question that can inspire a complete blank or a sense of frustration because the answer seems obvious. And, if there is an obvious answer it is likely to be couched in ethical language; to play fair, to serve, to share, to give, to care. The trouble here is that one can live this kind of life consistently and then lose it in a single moment. The Jews tried this but even when they thought they had it sorted, righteousness all mapped out, God in a box—Jesus showed how completely twisted and self-serving their 'rule' really was. To a certain extent the Romans went the other way—at least their ruling class did. If ever there was a group of people given over to excess and to complete self-indulgence it was them. Freedom gone mad, and liberality in everything. This led to the collapse of regime after regime. Rome rotted from the inside out. This wasn't life—denying oneself nothing led inexorably to the death of the human spirit. So what's the answer? What does Jesus suggest? He pointed out that the problem with the human spirit is that it can only function properly as a slave to something; in others words, not as a ruler. It needs constant guidance, constant instruction and, left to itself, will always make its desires into its master. Given this there is only one solution... to become God's slave. To give our broken spirits to the One we can trust; to become slaves to something that will lead us back to life. Are you prepared to do this? Are you prepared to say to God "Be my master?" *Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8)*



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Next week's team

Service Leader	Richard Dawson
Preacher	Brett Knowles
Worship Leader	Geoff Bevan
Door & Offering	Pauline and James L
Children's Talk	Judith Forbes
Prayers	Alan Paterson
Bible Reading	Dave Baab
Data Projector &	Mark Lokman and Fiona
Sound desk	Cooper
Morning Tea	Bill & Daphne Lee Esther Dale
Duty Elder	TBC
Welcome Team	Miranda Fairmaid
Prayer Ministry	Robyn and John W
Offering Counter	Prue Paterson
Set up Team	Craig Campbell

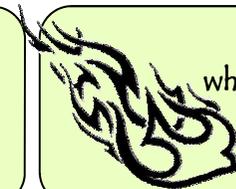
Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Sunday 19 June 2016



SERVICE LEADER
RICHARD DAWSON
WORSHIP LEADER
PAULINE LOVELOCK



And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

(Luke 24:49)

Welcome, 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.



This morning we will be sharing communion together and Richard will be preaching the final part of the **40 days with Jesus** series.

Kidztime and Junior Youth are on today, they will leave the service after communion.

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53

TODAY'S TEAM

Door Greet and Offering:	Niblock Family	Set up Team	Bill Lee
Prayers for Others:	Rachel Elder	Bible Reading:	Fernanda de Souza
Data Projector:	Bronwyn Bennington	Sound:	Liam Hutton
Duty Elder:	Russell Elder	Prayer Ministry:	Mal & Helen Crossley
Morning Tea:	Lynne & Dave B, Pia Gallagher	Welcome Team:	Bruce & Pauline Geddes
		Offering Count:	Debbie Griffiths

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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

AGM plus dessert!

7pm, next Sunday,
267 Malvern St

Reports will be available Sunday morning.
Please contact Rachel if you can provide a
dessert or help with serving hot drinks.



THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

Women's night at Elim Church, 7.30pm
Guest speaker: Pastor Renee Bennett.
Tickets \$10

THURSDAY 23 JUNE

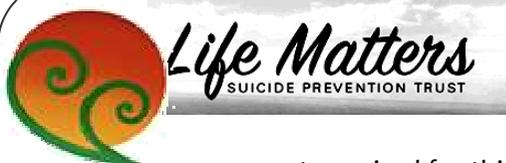
OCTACAN 2016
7.30pm-2.30pm, take your cans and other
non perishables to the Octagon.

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Approaches to Christian Living
10-3 (See noticeboard)

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There is a Hopewalk planned for
Saturday 13 August from Dent school
to the Octagon.

To raise money for the traffic man-
agement required for this event there is a quiz night on July 12
at the Mosgiel RSA.

Teams of 4-6, \$5 per person. Email Nikki on 0273431099 to register.
For more information on either event see "Life Matters Dunedin Hopewalk"
on facebook or contact Greg Hughson on greg.hughson@otago.ac.nz

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.

Staffing update

You may have read last month that we needed to modify our office structure due to certain gaps in our staffing. Rachel Bates has taken on the role of Office Manager (dealing with HR, Health & Safety etc) and we advertised for an office assistant to be responsible for some of the administration tasks.



We are delighted to introduce you to **Callum Hines** who has been appointed to this role. Callum comes from Auckland and is at Otago University studying commerce and law.

He has been involved at Studentsoul for the last two years and is currently part of their Ministry team.

He will be working 9am-12noon, Tuesday to Friday and will be on the other end of the phone if you call during those hours.

His email is admin@leithvalley.org.nz and we hope to train you all(!) to use this address for all your general enquiries or notices for the newsletter.

Welcome Callum!

PINE CONES 4 SALE

Rock Solid Girls are selling pine cones to raise money for their camp. Only \$10 per sack or equivalent amount. To purchase contact Ashley: 022 386 3491

Online Giving bank account 03-0883-0620501-00
Contact office for donor number.

Christian Religious Education Advisor

12 hours per week. Involves oversight and support for team leaders and Bible in schools teachers, planning and strategy meetings with CEC Trust.

For job description or to apply (with CV and covering letter) Contact Carolyn Sims (Chair)

Email: andrewcarolynsims@gmail.com

Phone: 027 739 5699.

Next week is Refugee Sunday

- We will hear from Miranda and Janice about their experiences working with Red Cross to settle Syrian families in Dunedin.
- We will also be taking up a special offering for helping some of these families with firewood/ electricity costs. (or give online during the week)
- Paul Somerville from Empower Asia will be our Guest Speaker.

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