Sex Yes I thought that would get your attention! Actually, in this case and on this subject I'm needing some feedback so feel free to txt or email me about the issue I'm raising here. As you know my turn at being Moderator of the PCANZ is about to start and perhaps the most difficult and destructive issue the church has faced in the last 25 years has been that of sexuality. Back in the 90's the PCANZ made a ruling which restricted leadership of the church to people who were either in a traditional marriage or who were celibate. Sound reasonable. Well yes. The trouble is it specifically excluded most gay people from even training and it certainly excluded gay married people since this was not and is not considered a biblical understanding of marriage. From then on at Assembly and Assembly a group of people brought motions to the Assembly in order to allow individual churches the right to choose whom they would to be their Minister and to allow gay people to train for ministry but lost this year after year. The debates were difficult and often emotional and left a bitter taste in the mouths of many people. And this is where we stand today. We have specific rulings which seek to establish a biblical standard for leadership but which leave the church looking very much like a gay-hating institution. We have many people happy to have a biblical standard established in the church with others saying that the standard itself prevents the church from establishing its primary characteristic which is grace. These people would argue that there should be another way of dealing with the sexuality issue that does not require people who sit outside the norm to be excluded from the body or from ministry. What do you think? How far can we go with this? Is there a better way forward—a way in which we could live with difference whilst still maintaining biblical integrity? Let me know.

Richard

Contacts

Church Office: 467 9208
267 Malvern St, Leith Valley
office@leithvalley.org.nz

MINISTERS

Leith Valley	Richard Dawson	027 224 2026
	rdawson@ihug.co.nz	
Studentsoul	Ivan Martinez	022 1909 499
	ivan@studentsoul.org.nz	
Youth-Senior	Ben Gamble	027 6208 009
	Olivia Gamble	027 7228 695
-Junior	Simon Niblock	021 02680618

PLEASE NOTE THESE EMAILS:

Office Manager	**Rachel**	**office@leithvalley.org.nz**
Office Admin	**Callum**	**admin@leithvalley.org.nz**
Treasurer	Matt Dent	027 428 9215

Next week's team

Service Leader	TBC
Preacher	Richard Dawson
Worship Leader	Richard Dawson
Door & Offering	Hilary & Craig Campbell
Children's Talk	TBC
Prayers	Fiona Cooper
Bible Reading	Ged Forbes
Data Projector &	Daniel Sim
Sound desk	Will Satterthwaite
Morning Tea	Russell & Rachel Elder
	Ruth Pearce
Duty Elder	Rachel Pettigrew
Welcome Team	Mal & Helen Crossley
Prayer Ministry	Nigel & Fiona
Offering Counter	Camilla Cathro
Set up Team	Phil Scadden & Richard

Facebook: Leith Valley Presbyterian Church **Website:** www.leithvalley.org.nz

Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Sunday 3rd July 2016

PREACHER
RON HAY
WORSHIP LEADER
PAULINE LOVELOCK

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Mat 9:37

Welcome, it's great to have you with us this morning!
A warm welcome to any visitors today, please feel free to stay for some morning tea after the service.

A special welcome to our guest speaker today
Ron Hay!
Ron has written an award winning book, 'Finding the forgotten God', and we are excited to hear him speak this morning.

Kidztime and Junior Youth are on today, they will leave the service after children's talk!

Today's Readings: Acts 18:1-8 Matthew 9:35-38

TODAY'S TEAM

Door Greet and Offering:	Liz & Steve Christensen	**Set up Team**	Nick & Rachel Bates
Prayers for Others:	Prue Paterson	**Bible Reading:**	Kent Rickerby
Data Projector:	Sandi Jull	**Sound:**	Ged Forbes
Duty Elder:	Susan Jack	**Prayer Ministry:**	Bruce & Pauline Geddes
Morning Tea:	Junior Youth	**Welcome Team:**	Judith Forbes
		Offering Count:	Keryn Harrex

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

Yolanda Ray's website is up and running!
Here is the address
www.talitha-cumi.org

Farewell and lunch

Please note on July 17th it will be a farewell for Fran Dawson, followed by a potluck lunch. This will also be the all-age service instead of the

Missions Prayer Meeting Tonight!

This will be held up at Leith Valley Church from 5:30-7pm
For more information contact
Alan Paterson
floydpat@clear.net.nz

Coming up at Leith!

July 9 men's breakfast

July 12 quiz night (Life Matters) Mosgiel RSA

July 17 Farewell, Lunch, All-age service

August 13 Hope walk for Life Matters

Life Matters

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.

Kidztime
Meeting after church next week for all Term 3 volunteers in the staffroom

Note changes in contacts on back
For general enquiries or notices for the newsletter contact Callum at admin @leithvalley.org.nz -Rachel can be found at office@leithvalley.org.nz

Last week it was announced that Kristin has been recommended as our Interim Minister.
There will be a congregational vote next Sunday to approve this

PROMISE KEEPERS®
MEN OF INTEGRITY

Christchurch 19-20 August
www.promisekeepers.nz

Free Films

goodtv

Someone, Somewhere Loves me

The Orphan lady

www.goodtv.co

Mens Breakfast

Cooked Breakfast
July 9th 8:30am
Leith Valley Church
Gold Coin donation
Kristin to speak

CAP

(Christians Against Poverty)

CAP are looking for a caring person to volunteer as a befriender to a family in Pine Hill. This would involve getting to know the family and offering support and encouragement as a demonstration of God's love. It is not a financial commitment. See Rachel Pettigrew for more details or contact Jo Knowles 0211636900

Warm, sunny, 3-4 bedroom home in Wakari available for rent from July for six months plus. Fully or partly furnished, rent negotiable for the right tenants. Close to town and uni, bus stop right outside. Phone Rose Adams on 021 708 399 for more information.

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