

December - how did that get here so quick?! So often this is a month not so much about frankincense as franticness; not so much about myrrh, but about blur. It can be a frenetic month as we try to get work stuff 'sorted' before the year ends, while at the same time wrestling with plans for Christmas, & for the summer break (if we can afford one). For many people December is the most stressful month of the year. For many others, Christmas is the saddest and loneliest time of the year.



And so we need the message of Advent - that Christ has come and is coming again - to really sink into our hearts. More than that, we need to continually invite Jesus in to be Lord of our hearts, our lives - and our schedules. Now more than ever, we need Jesus to be the core, the centre from which we operate. **Psalm 46:9-10** says: *God makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shield. God says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."* Jesus says: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you....don't let your hearts be troubled, & don't be afraid"* (John 14:27)

Make a conscious decision not to be overwhelmed by either busyness or loneliness this season, but to make Christmas a time when your relationship with Jesus is reborn. If you need to talk with someone, or pray with someone to help you get to that place - myself and Nancy and all the other dozens of 'ministers' we have at Leith are totally available.

Many blessings

Kristin

Leith Valley Church

Growing Great Community

Sunday 11th December 2016

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



"But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

Luke 15:32

SERVICE LEADER: KRISTIN JACK
PREACHER: PAUL TREBILCO
WORSHIP LEADER: GEOFF BEVAN

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

Today's Readings: Luke 15:1-2, Luke 15:11-32

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Next week's team

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| Service Leader | Nancy |
| Preacher | CHILDREN'S PLAY! |
| Worship Team | Pauline |
| Children's Talk | CHILDREN'S PLAY! |
| Prayers | Jenny P |
| Bible Reading | Liz C |
| Door & Offering | Campbell Fam |
| Morning Tea | Fairlie & Nilanthi |
| | Susan J |
| Sound | Ged Forbes |
| Data Projector | Bronwyn B |
| Duty Elder | Camilla C |
| Prayer Ministry | Fiona, Nigel |
| Welcome Team | Mel, Helen |
| Offering Count | Sandi |
| Set up Team | Nick |
| Playground | Pettigrew, Johnson, Satake |

TODAY'S TEAM

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| Door Greet and Offering: | Ziggy and Raewyn Lesa | Children's Talk: | No Talk |
| Prayers for Others: | Phil Hill | Data Projector | Will Satterthwaite |
| Bible Reading: | Alan & Jenny Patterson | Duty Elder: | Bill Lee |
| Sound: | Fiona Cooper | Prayer Ministry: | Kristin J & Gill Trebilco |
| Morning Tea: | Andrew & Jane Dawson | Playground | Mutch's & Daley's |
| Set up Team: | Craig | Offering Count: | Camilla Cathro |

NOTICES

This week at Leith Valley

Men's Breakfast Wed 6:30am

Prayer meeting Wed 7:30am

Women's Walking Thurs 10:20am
(meet Ross Creek/Burma Rd carpark)

Farewell Lunch

There will be a farewell Potluck lunch for Ivan, Amanda, Ezra and Elias Martinez on the **18th** of December after church. Please be at 267 Malvern Street at **12.30**, bring a plate to share.

The monthly global mission prayer meeting will be held today (the 11th Dec), 5.30-7.00pm at 267 Malvern St. See you then!

Christmas Service for all Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteers on
Sunday 11th December 2016 at 6.30pm
in the Dunedin Hospital Chapel
The Remembrance Tree will be dedicated.
Supper to follow
We look forward to seeing you.
Please RSVP to Frances by 8th December for catering purposes
Phone: 474 0999 ext 58130

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.

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

Kidztime Christmas Concert
On Sunday the 18th December kidztime will be presenting 'A Countdown to Christmas'. They have worked very hard and it promises to be a great show!

IMPORTANT

Kidztime Christmas Concert Practices are as follows:

-After Church **today 12.30-1.30pm**

-**Saturday 17th Dec 1-3.30pm** at
George Street School Hall

-Please have all children who are in the play at church by **9.30 am on Sunday the 18th.**

Foodshare's last day for the year will be Wednesday the 21st of December. The service will be resuming again on the 18th of Jan.

Acts of Kindness Charitable Trust will again be hosting Christmas Dinner at the Dunedin Town Hall on the 25th December 2016. It is a privilege for the Trust to facilitate this event and help bring joy and companionship to those that attend.

The intention of the Christmas Day meal is to give opportunity for companionship for those who would otherwise be spending the day alone or are unable to provide a meal for themselves or their family.

The Draft Summer roster is now out! View it on the church's website, or request an email copy. Please make the church office aware of any problems you have with it.
Thanks everyone for helping out!

The Dunedin Hospital Chaplains are looking for volunteers to help push beds & bring patients to the Hospital Chapel on Christmas Day. If interested, please contact:
Frances O'Connell on
474 0999 ext 58130

