

Richard's Corner



The Spirit works to make us into true worshippers of God. This sounds strange since surely when we decide to worship, when we decide to praise God we seem then to be truly worshipping. Why then do we require the Spirit's work to make us into true worshippers? Jesus says that the kind of worshippers God wants are those who worship 'in Spirit and in truth.' In other words, God cannot be worshipped apart from the work of the Spirit within us. There are at least two simple reasons for this. One is that we cannot worship what we don't know but we can only know God through the Spirit. Therefore, it is the Spirit who enables us to know God and then to worship. The second reason is that true worship is not

just us giving to God whatever we think will do. The OT prophets came to a difficult but key conclusion in this regard when they repeated the discovery that 'to obey is better than sacrifice.' Now sacrifice was the central element in Temple worship so this was a difficult conclusion to come to. By it they were saying that true worship must involve the worshipper in a transaction with God that went beyond the giving of material things and the offering of mere words. Rather there needed to be a meeting of spirits—ours and God's summed up by a willingness on our part to both hear God and obey God. And again, this wasn't simply a matter of making a decision, rather it was a result of allowing God's Spirit to inhabit us—to work in and through us and to bring us to the point of giving away our 'better judgment' in favour of God's leading and direction. God's Truth in our life comes by the Spirit and produces worship

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NEXT WEEK

Service Leader: Richard Dawson
Bible Reading: Lynn Williams
Door & Offering: Scadden Family
Sound: Liam Hutton
Setup Team: Bill Lee
Prayer Ministry: Wayne and Helen Harray
Morning Tea: Gill and Paul Trebilco
 Chris and Erina Caradus

Speaker: Richard Dawson
Prayers for Others: Ruth Pearce
Data Projector: Tim Marshall
Duty Elder: Paul Trebilco
Offering Counting: Clair Scadden
Welcome team: Hilary & Craig Campbell



St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

Sunday 12 May 2013

WELCOME

Service Leader: Helen Harray

Worship Leader/Speaker:

Malcolm Gordon



- Today we are privileged to have Malcolm Gordon with us who will be bringing music and teaching as part of our worship together.
- Kidztime starts an exciting new programme today investigating the Early Church by way of a spy theme and the RCIA (Roman Central Intelligence Agency!)

Please stay for some morning tea at the conclusion of the service.



NO STUDENTSOU L TONIGHT DUE TO CAMP THIS WEEKEND

Today's team

Service Leader: Helen Harray
Worship and Speaker: Malcolm Gordon
Sound: Craig Campbell
Setup Team: Bill Lee
Prayer Ministry: Gill Trebilco, Nick Bates
Morning Tea: Bill & Daphne Lee

Door & Offering: Ziggy and Raewyn Lesa
Data Projector: Bronwyn Bennington
Duty Elder: James Lovelock
Offering Counting: Lynn Williams
Welcome team: Alastair Yule, Judith Forbes

THIS WEEK @ Leith Valley

Tuesday Senior Youth Group 7-9pm
Wednesday: Men's Breakfast Group 6.30am
 Prayer Meeting 7.30am
 Women's Coffee Group, 10am-12noon
Thursday: Coffee Plus, 10.30am-12noon
Friday: Community Playgroup 10am-12noon

Women Together in Worship Leith Valley Church Thursday 16 May 7.30pm

Time to worship together informally and
share some reflections post camp.
All women welcome.

Thank you

*Nigel Jamieson, together with
Sasha and Shane and the rest
of the family, extend heartfelt
thanks for all the love, prayers, meals and
friendship received over this difficult
time.*



*The family has been hugely blessed by the
support of Leith Valley Church in a time of
both grieving and celebrating Jan's life. The
service was a beautiful reflection of Jan –
thank you to all those who contributed with
their time, gifts and baking to mark this
celebration.
Bless you all.*

REMINDER: Parish Council will be held on
Wednesday 22 May, not the 15th.

ROSTERS

New rosters available on the notices
table, collect yours today. This
covers the next 8 weeks, the rest
will be coming soon!



CONTACT LIST

If your details
have changed
please amend
them on the clipboard
on notices table. If you are not on
our database but would like to be,
there are forms you can fill in.

EMAIL ISSUES

Since changing our email address in
March from
lvally@maxnet.co.nz
to
office@leithvalley.org.nz

it appears that several people,
especially those with Hotmail accounts
are not receiving our emails. Please
send Rachel an email at the new
address if that

applies to you, **OR** if you
would like to be added to
our mailing list.



NOTICEBOARD

HOUSE NEEDED

Fairley and Nilanthi
Sim both from
Gore have been
pastoring in
Khartoum at the International Church. They
are returning to Dunedin in June so that
their teenage son can undergo eye surgery.
They need somewhere to stay and would
like to housesit initially while they work out
their next step. They would also appreciate
your prayers after a difficult few weeks
when Fairley was arrested and held for
questioning by the authorities, before being
released in time to catch their flight out of
Sudan. They are understandably tired after
a stressful and uncertain time.



Contact Clair Scadden if you can help.
4739737 or 0273094210



Gospel bicentenary - an opportunity!

www.hopeproject.co.nz

2014 will be the bicentenary of the Gospel in New Zealand. To celebrate the
'Jesus - all about hope' initiative plans to share the reasons for our hope in Christ
with every home in NZ through multiple media in the weeks leading up to Easter
2014 (during lent). A Roadshow is traveling throughout our nation to give
believers an opportunity to hear about this first-hand. Please consider getting
along to this.

Mornington Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m, Friday 31 May

The Anglican Ladies of
St Thomas Parish
invite you to hear
Nicola Peart
(First woman professor of Law at
Otago University Law Department)
Thursday 23 May
in the church hall, Northumberland
St, North East Valley
2pm.
Any enquiries to
Hope Gaad ph 4739491

Small Group Leaders' meeting

Saturday May 25th
21 Royston St, NEV
8.30am.
Enquiries to Richard or Helen

Church Potluck Lunch
Sunday June 2,
12.30pm

