

Richard's Corner



Many of you will be into the second week of the 'Whisper' series and be examining whispers in the realm of the everyday. The fact is that God whispers here, I believe, more than anywhere else. God is interested in the 'everyday' stuff of our lives and He speaks into this area a lot. Why? Because this constitutes a lot of life! We live life in the realm of nappies and night-time stories, of niggles and work and negotiations at home, of cooking and cleaning and vacuuming and grocery shopping. Because we live here—God speaks here and so we can expect to hear God in these places. This means that we really need to begin referencing God in these places. I suspect much of the reason we don't hear God much of the time is that we don't expect God to be saying anything either in these contexts or about them. But God does speak here. One of the reasons Jesus' preaching was so effective was that it drew from precisely these areas—shepherds going about their everyday tasks, women cleaning house, men building houses. Jesus took these everyday events and allowed God to breath meaning into them which means He must have been sensitive to the Spirit's speaking when He was experiencing the same situations. More than this, however, is the fact that Jesus choose some very ordinary men to be His disciples. What a wonderful message this is to everyone today. A message which affirms that all people may hear God, obey God and be used by God. So be encouraged no matter how ordinary your life seems—God is in the ordinary, everyday, mundane things. With these He can work powerfully.

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Next week

Service Leader: Helen Harray
Worship Team: Tim, (Matt's team)
Children's Talk: Bill Lee
Door & Offering: Debbie G, Lynn W
Sound: Liam Hutton
Setup Team: Bill Lee
Prayer Ministry: James & Pauline Lovelock
Morning Tea: Sandra Dillon, Fitzpatrick

Speaker: Richard Dawson
Prayers for Others: Ruth Pearce
Bible Reading: Debbie Griffiths
Data Projector: Sandi Jull
Duty Elder: James Lovelock
Offering Counting: Shane Turner
Welcome team: Craig & Hilary



St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

Service Leader and Speaker:

Richard Dawson

Worship Leader: Matt Dent

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.



Sunday 25 August 2013



It's great to have you with us today.

If you are new or visiting we hope to catch up over morning tea. This morning we witness and celebrate Matthew Scadden's baptism.

A warm welcome to Matthew's friends and family.

- There is no **Studentsoul** service tonight due to mid-semester break.
- **Welcoming team:** there will be a meeting in the staffroom after the service
- **Missions Prayer Evening** tonight, 6-7.30pm, Leith Valley. Bring your tea, eat together then join together in discussion and prayer for missions associated with Leith Valley Church.

Today's team

Bible Reading: Miranda Fairmaid
Data Projector: Ruth Pearce
Sound: Craig Campbell
Welcome team: Helen and Wayne
Setup Team: Phil Scadden
Prayer Ministry: Peter and Jessica Crothall

Prayers for Others: Paul Trebilco
Duty Elder: Paul Trebilco
Morning Tea: Gill and Paul Trebilco
 Sarah Tiong

LV info & events

LEITH HAPPENINGS

Prayer and Communion
Thursday 4pm

Contemplative Evening Service
6.30pm next Sunday

Newcomer's lunch

A lunch for all those who have started coming to Leith in the last six months will be held in the staffroom on Sunday 8 September.

Need a useful Father's Day Gift?

We have ordered ten copies of the book "Faith begins at home: Dad" At the bargain price of \$9.20 each. Let Rachel know if you would like one of these.

GEORGE ST SCHOOL FAIR

Sat 7 September 11am-2pm

Needed: A team of about 10 LV people to help clean up at 2pm.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes and instruction pamphlets available today.
Collection month is October.

Groups at Leith

267 Malvern St
Senior Youth Group Tues 7pm
Women's Coffee groups
Weds 10am
Thurs 10.30am
Men's breakfast group
Weds 6.30am

A number of other groups meet in homes, please see Helen if you would like to find a group to belong to.

Women Together "Spring Fling" is this Saturday!



Leith Valley Church
7pm

Bring a small plate for dessert and dress in floral patterns or colours if you feel so inclined!

Monthly Men's Nite Thursday September 5 Filadelfios 7-10pm.

Noticeboard

UNDERFIRE

A presentation by Excel School of Performing Arts.

George St School Hall
7pm

Friday 13 September

Feel free to take some leaflets from the notices table to hand out.



Piano player?

Otago Healthcare Chaplaincy is looking for people willing to go on a roster to play in the hospital chapel services, 10.30am Sunday mornings.
Call Frances O'Connell on 474 0999 ext 8130 if you can help.

Christian Broadcasting Association

Next month the CBA team will be holding a series of get-togethers around the country. They will be in Dunedin 25 September, venue to be confirmed.
An informal, informative meeting for supporters of this ministry.

Flatmate wanted

A group of three students require a responsible Christian flatmate to share a flat in 2014.

Contact Hayden on 027 724 9934 or hayden.mcauliffe@gmail.com



As we heard last week, Hilary Campbell is participating in the *Live Below the Line* Challenge in September to raise funds for Orphans Aid International. Hilary also runs the local OAI op shop in South Dunedin.

We can all help in this mission:

- Sponsor Hilary in her quest www.livebelowtheline.com/me/hils
- Do the challenge yourself: www.livebelowtheline.com/nz-orphansaid
- Give the op shop your time, custom, or pre-loved clothes and household items.



Youth Advocate Scholarship

Leprosy Mission NZ

A great opportunity for students to travel to Nepal to see the work of the Leprosy Mission in action and to become a Youth Advocate for the Leprosy Mission.

Contact Rachel at the office if you are interested in finding out more.

Children's Ministry training day
Cromwell 7 September
See Noticeboard for details