

## Richard's Corner



I've been meditating on the hard places of life—the losses, the disappointments, the worries, the niggles—in short the things that make life unhappy. Most of you will have some idea of what I am talking about. Some of you will be knee deep in loss and grief now. If you are, I hope that what I am about to write won't sound strange or as if I am taking your situation lightly. You see what I've come to realize is that these situations and the suffering they bring are normal for this world—they are, to be frank, what we may expect from a sin-scarred world. Yes we strive to lower the incidence of such tragedy and loss—that much we should and can do. But this side of heaven we won't leave it all behind. So what to do? What's our calling as Christians in the face of all this pain, both personal and communal? Much has been written about grieving well and I agree that this is important but there are other things we can and should do. Pain responds well to distraction. I went through a time in my life where the whole environment of my working life was painful and grief-causing. The only thing that helped was actually doing something. At that stage I had a very physical job and I found that expending myself in my work was, in many ways, quite therapeutic. I'd come home from a day doing this, at peace and feeling less heavy than if I'd spent the day away from working in this environment which had caused such pain. I believe this is one reason why physical work is so important for a healthy society. It allows our hearts and minds to rest while our bodies carry the day.

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## Next week

**Service Leader:** Helen Harray  
**Worship Team:** Pauline Lovelock  
**Children's Talk:** Steve Christensen  
**Door & Offering:** Caradus  
**Sound:** Liam Hutton  
**Setup Team:** Kent Rickerby  
**Prayer Ministry:** Alastair Yule  
**Morning Tea:** Baabs, Jess Palmer

**Speaker:** Helen Harray  
**Prayers for Others:** Alastair Yule  
**Bible Reading:** Sarah Tiong  
**Data Projector:** Wayne Harray  
**Duty Elder:** Philip Hill  
**Offering Counting:** Lynn Williams  
**Welcome team:** Gill T, Mission L.



# St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

**Service Leader:** Helen Harray

**Speaker:** Richard Dawson

**Worship Leader:** Geoff Bevan

John 15:4



*Abide in me as  
I abide in you.*

## Sunday 1 September 2013



It's great to have you with us today.  
 If you are new or visiting we hope to catch up over morning tea.

**Today's Readings:** John 15:1-8, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Studentsoul service here tonight 7pm



**Contemplative Service** tonight beginning with a Light Meal at 6.30pm, Service starts 7pm  
 Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern St, Leith Valley

## Today's team

**Door/Offering:** Debbie Griffiths, Lynn Williams  
**Prayers for Others:** Ruth Pearce  
**Data Projector:** Sandi Jull  
**Duty Elder:** James Lovelock  
**Setup Team:** Bill Lee  
**Prayer Ministry:** James & Pauline Lovelock

**Children's Talk:** Bill Lee  
**Bible Reading:** Debbie Griffiths  
**Sound:** Liam Hutton  
**Welcome team:** Craig & Hilary Campbell  
**Offering Counting:** Shane Turner  
**Morning Tea:** Sandra Dillon  
 Colin and Chris Fitzpatrick

# LV info & events

## LEITH HAPPENINGS

### Men's Nite

This Thursday 7pm Filadelfio's

### Missions Weekend

14-15 September

(see separate notice)

### Small Group leaders' Breakfast

Saturday 21 September

## Newcomer's lunch:

### Next Sunday

School staffroom,  
after the service.



## FAITH AT HOME BOOKS:

We have eight copies of the book "Faith begins at home: Dad" at only \$9.20 each. Let Rachel know if you would like to buy one.

## GEORGE ST SCHOOL FAIR

Sat 7 September 11am-2pm

We (LV Church) are helping to clean up at 2pm. If you want to join our team of helpers, let Rachel know by emailing or phoning the office.



## 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.*

## Father's day quotes:

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.

*Charles Wadsworth*



It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping. *John Sinor*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes and instruction pamphlets available at the back. Read the brochure carefully for prohibited items and don't forget the donation towards shipping.



# 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.

## FATIH THINKING

Spiritual Practices – Sabbath, Fasting

and Prayer - Lynne Baab

Wednesdays Sept 11, 18, 25.

7.00 - 9.00 pm

See noticeboard for details.



As we heard two weeks ago, 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](http://www.livebelowtheline.com/me/hils)
- Do the challenge yourself: [www.livebelowtheline.com/nz-orphansaid](http://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