

## Richard's Corner



I suggested last week that distraction is an important strategy in the face of pain. A further much needed balm is to deal with the mind at such times. Most people find that the first thing they encounter after some pain inducing event is the question 'Why me?' Why should I have experienced such a thing and also perhaps, 'Where was God?' Even a small event can trigger such an interrogation of God. I caught the very tip of my finger in my mulcher on Monday. It split the finger and left the tip crushed and bruised and it really hurt. Immediately I began to worry that it might be punishment of some kind for one of my many sins. The question of what God was doing when I stupidly pushed my finger through the protective grating into the path of the flying high tensile steel flails also began to raise it's ugly head until a little voice was heard to whisper—"Richard should you have been even attempting to do this? Who really went missing Richard, Me (God) or you?" I'll let you guess the right answer here. Still, even if God's off the hook it doesn't stop the self-accusing voices from becoming loud and depressing because we do do stupid things and we are at fault for many of the things which happen to us. So what should our response be as Christians? Well they say confession is good for the soul but confession means, essentially, that we say the same thing as God—that we repeat God's Word on the matter. God is not our accuser—Satan is, and he does it with glee. We need to stop giving Satan help here. He doesn't need our help. Self-accusation may be healthy once, but after that God says 'Come, you are my child.'

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## Next week

**Service Leader:** Richard Dawson

**Worship Team:** Richard Dawson

**Children's Talk:** Alastair Mutch

**Door & Offering:** Caradus

**Sound:** Ged Forbes, Richard Dawson

**Setup Team:** Wayne Harray

**Prayer Ministry:** Jessica & Peter Crothall

**Morning Tea:** Jacks, Catherine M

**Speaker:** Efren and Becky Roxas

**Prayers for Others:** Russell Elder

**Bible Reading:** Liz Christensen

**Data Projector:** Rachel Elder

**Duty Elder:** Susan Jack

**Offering Counting:** Clair Scadden

**Welcome team:** Ivan M, Judith F.



# St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

**Service Leader & Speaker:**

Helen Harray

**Worship Leader:** Pauline Lovelock



## Sunday 8 September 2013

## Today at George St

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



Today Helen will preach the fourth and final part of the *Whisper Series*.

After the service there is a lunch for newcomers in the school staffroom.

## STUDENTSOU L SERVICE HERE TONIGHT 7PM

## Today's team

**Prayers for Others:** Alastair Yule

**Children's Talk:** Bronwyn Bennington

**Door & Offering:** Niblock Family

**Sound:** Liam Hutton

**Setup Team:** Kent Rickerby

**Welcome team:** Gill T, Mission L.

**Bible Reading:** Sarah Tiong

**Data Projector:** Wayne Harray

**Duty Elder:** Philip Hill

**Prayer Ministry:** Alastair Yule

**Morning Tea:** Lynne and Dave Baab

# LV info & events

## LEITH HAPPENINGS

### Excel Concert

Friday night, 7pm at George St  
**Missions Workshop (see below)**

Saturday 9am-12pm

### Small Group leaders' Breakfast

Saturday 21 September  
21 Royston St, 8.30am

## 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.*



**Eflen and Becky Roxas**  
will be sharing with us next weekend.

- ❖ Saturday morning workshop at LV Church, 9am –12pm
- ❖ Sunday morning church service

## Mini Master Chef



Thurs 19 September  
Leith Valley Church, 4.30pm

Kidztime families will have received an email about this event. Children are invited to help prepare a meal for their families with Fran and Dave. If there are any more children who would like to be involved or families who would just like to come for the meal (6pm) contact **Fran on 473 0311**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



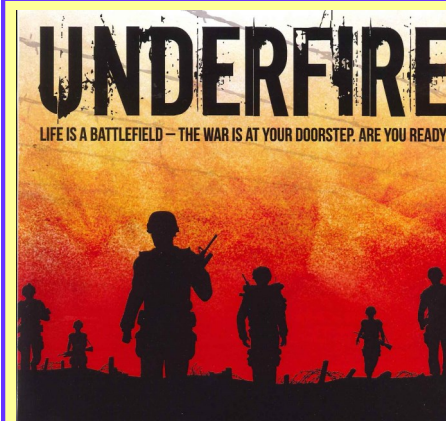
Put a smile on a child's face this Christmas with a shoebox full of simple gifts.

Read the brochure carefully for prohibited items.

Don't forget the \$9 donation towards shipping.

Drop off spots will be announced in October.

# Noticeboard



A presentation by  
**Excel School of Performing Arts.**

**George St School Hall**  
**7pm**  
**Friday 13 September**

**Starts this week!**

## FAITH THINKING

Spiritual Practices – Sabbath,  
Fasting and Prayer - Lynne Baab

**Wednesdays** Sept 11, 18, 25.

7.00 - 9.00 pm

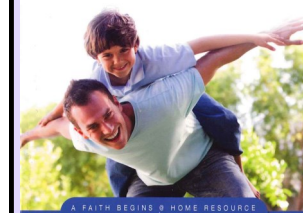
**Venue:** Burns 5, Albany Street,  
University of Otago

**Cost:** \$30 regular  
\$20 (stdt/unwaged)

See noticeboard for registration details.

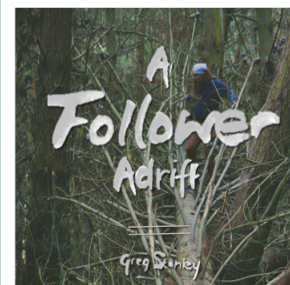
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Author, Faith Begins at Home and Founder of Faith @ Home Ministries

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**See Rachel Bates  
if interested**



## A follower adrift

Hi! I'm Greg Stanley and I've written an album called: "A follower adrift". You can get it for free at

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Please grab a copy – click download and enter \$0.00.

I'd love to know what you think and you can let me know at:

[www.facebook.com/FollowerGregStanley](https://www.facebook.com/FollowerGregStanley)

Cheers ears.