

Richard's Corner



Are you clear about the basic dynamic of the Christian faith? I know this may sound a bit fundamentalistic but it is always good to remind ourselves that there is a basic dynamic—one which we dare not forget. You see by its very nature Christianity stands against a materialistic world view—one that believes only in what it can see, smell or touch—one that considers anything beyond the material something to be doubted at best and dismissed as superstitious and manipulative at worst. It also stands against a purely moralistic view of the world—that is a world in which rightness is considered simply a matter of being moral. Long, hard lessons from history tell us that the worst of human behavior has often been motivated by a sense of 'doing the right thing.' Nazism was replete with moral imperatives for their actions. Apartheid was the same around the world. But perhaps the greatest example of the emptiness of morality is the constant failure we all have in being moral. In the end Jesus had to save us because we are moral failures. And it is very dangerous when Christians revert to a kind of new morality based on conversion. Conversion should make us better people but we cannot then point to that as our **self**-righteousness as if **we** have made **ourselves** better. We haven't. Only our relationship with Christ has begun to change us from the inside. This is one of those basic dynamics of the Christian faith—we cannot change ourselves—we come to Christ because only as we allow Him into our lives can we live as God would have us live. Have you allowed Christ into your life?

Leith Valley Church Contact Details

Office: 267 Malvern St, Leith Valley. Phone: 467 9208

Email address: office@leithvalley.org.nz



Ministers:	Richard Dawson	027 224 2026	rdawson@ihug.co.nz
	Helen Harray	027 473 0042	hmharray@paradise.net.nz
Studentsoul:	Ivan Martinez	022 1909 499	Ivan@studentsoul.org.nz
	Studentsoul office	474 9470	
Parish Manager:	David McKenzie	027 765 1922	parish.manager@leithvalley.org.nz
Youth Worker:	Tim Gonzales	027 240 0907	Kidztime: Fran Dawson 473 0311
Worship Team:	Pauline Lovelock	473 1106	Treasurer: Keith Wallis 454 5338
Church Admin:	Rachel Bates	467 9208 (Office 9am-2pm Tues-Fri)	

Next week

Service Leader: Helen Harray	Speaker: Richard Dawson
Worship Team: Tim Gonzales	Prayers for Others: Lynne Baab
Children's Talk: Kirsten Anderson	Bible Reading: Shane Turner
Door & Offering: Bill & Daphne Lee	Data Projector: Ruth Pearce
Sound: Wayne Harray/Ged Forbes	Duty Elder: Ziggy Lesa
Setup Team: Bill lee	Welcome team: Campbells
Prayer Ministry: Pauline Lovelock	Morning Tea: Crothalls, Keryn H



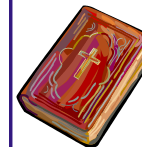
St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

Service Leader: Lynne Baab

Worship Leader: Matt Dent

Preacher: Richard Dawson



Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
Romans 5:5

Sunday 22 September 2013



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

Today we will be sharing communion together.



Bible readings: Romans 5:1-11, Revelation 3:14-22

Missions Prayer Evening

Tonight 5.30-7pm Leith Valley

Bring your tea.

**Baptism service at
Studentsoul here tonight 7pm.
All welcome**

Today's team

Service Leader: Lynne Baab	Speaker: Richard Dawson
Worship Team: Matt Dent	Prayers for Others: Ged Forbes
Bible Reading: Robin Gauld	Data Projector: Bronwyn Bennington
Door & Offering: Ruth Pearce, Robin Gauld	Sound: Craig Campbell
Duty Elder: Judith Forbes	Prayer Ministry: Wayne & Helen Harray
Setup Team: Phil Scadden	Welcome team: Lynn Williams, Mission Lee
Morning Tea: Steve & Judith Lorimer, Julie Hall	

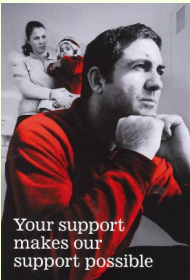
LV info & events

LIGHT PARTY

A positive alternative to Halloween.



31 October 2013, Forsyth Barr Stadium.
Leith Valley is part of the group running this event and is responsible for games and activities on the pitch. Please see Richard if you are keen to help with this great outreach to hundreds of Dunedin children.



This week is Hospital Chaplaincy appeal week. Please pick up an envelope if you want to support this ministry financially. Or donate online at

www.beingthere.co.nz

Your support makes our support possible

Next Sunday afternoon Studentsoul is running

The Carpenter's Cup.

This will include various sports and games
Some help is needed with setting up, running the BBQ and refereeing various challenges.
They also require some planks and a pottery cup.
If you can help please be in touch with:
Mission Lee - 0212952638 or
Matt Gray - 0212887123

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.

"Intercessory Prayer"

Sharing and exploring the book by Dutch Sheet.

A 5-6 week homegroup at 3 Cromwell St., 7-9 p.m.
beginning Mon 30 September.
Contact Adrienne: 476-4400

Youth ministry survey

Please go to our website and have your say in the Youth review process. www.leithvalley.org.nz

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

The Evangelism Conference

For people who are scared of Evangelism
Part of the Hope Project-celebrating 200 years of the gospel in Aotearoa.

Saturday 12 October, 9am -5pm
Nations Church, 334 King Edward St.
Cost \$20

See noticeboard or pick up a flier.

Mosgiel-North Taieri
Presbyterian Church
Children and Families' Ministries

Expressions of interest are sought for a part-time position for 2014.

Please write or email:

Rev. Helen Martin,
11 Church Street,
Mosgiel 9024.

helen@mosgielchurch.org.nz

Cupcakes needed



Cupcake/ Bake/ Produce Sale, for Otago Healthcare Chaplaincy
Hospital Foyer, Friday 27 September
Contact Frances on 4740999 if you can provide some baking.

"Exploring the Father's Heart"
Women's event at Cromwell
Presbyterian Church
11-12 October
Brochures on notices table.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NIUE

is currently establishing a library at their Millenium centre in the capital, Alofi for the whole island population to use. They need donations of Christian educational resources for children, youth and adults. If you have any resources to donate please deliver them to me at 10 Corstorphine Rd Dunedin, or to the Upper Room Chaplaincy office on the Mezzanine floor of the University of Otago Union building, or ring me (027 212 1048) and I can come and collect them from within Dunedin. I will ensure the resources get to Niue.

Rev Greg Hughson greg.hughson@otago.ac.nz

Christian Broadcasting Association Roadshow

Wednesday 25 September, 7:15PM

Caversham Baptist Church

Cnr South Road and Surrey Street, Dunedin

Please come... and meet Sam & Julia from CBA.

This is not a fundraiser! It's our chance to meet you, say thank you for your support, and present briefly some of CBA's latest news... and, we'll have a few surprises up our sleeve. **Contact Alastair on 4554488 or 027 4385338**