

Richard's Corner



The Christian life revolves around the word 'faith.' We are a people of faith but the era we live in is hard on faith. And it is so for two reasons I believe. 1. Because we live mostly in large cities we are becoming more separated from God's Creation and 2. we in the West have become wealthy. Faith requires at least a couple of things. It requires that we are able to act apart from the guarantee of sight. A farmer or gardener does this every time he/she sows a seed. Burying that seed is an act of faith because it is doing something in the hope that unseen forces will cause that seed to sprout and grow. And faith is strengthened whenever we act in this manner and live to see the evidence of our act of faith. Much of the natural world contains such lessons of faith—that the seasons will follow, that the sun will eventually shine again, that the rain will come. When we were more connected to that world the lessons of faith weren't as foreign to us as they are today. Today we are not nearly so used to thinking of doing things which involve hope rather than sight. And we are also rich. Wealth is not bad in and of itself but it can shield us against the realities of faith. Faith eventually calls us to make personal choices which are not rational from a worldly point of view—like when a young Hudson Taylor left England, his family and life and even the possibility of marriage to preach the gospel in China. Wealth would have required a completely different set of choices for him but he chose to follow another call—the call of faith, the call to follow God. Who will you follow today?



St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

Sunday
20 October 2013

Service Leader and Preacher:

Paul Trebilco

Worship Leader: Pauline Lovelock



I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

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WELCOME



Today's Reading: Romans 11:33—12:8

- ❖ Welcome to our service this morning.
- ❖ If you are new or visiting, we hope you'll stay for some morning tea so we can get to know you.
- ❖ Kidztime and Junior Youth begin their Term 4 programmes today.
- ❖ **Parents of 2-5 year olds (Junior Kidztime)** could you please make sure you go to the staffroom and collect your children at the end of the service. This gives the teachers a chance to pack up and maybe even get a cup of tea!
- ❖ Church Prayer day this Thursday, check your email for a list of prayer needs.



Next week

Service Leader: Richard Dawson
Speaker: Philip Hill
Door & Offering: Judith and Ged Forbes
Bible Reading: Ged Forbes
Sound: Craig Campbell
Setup Team: Bill Lee
Welcome team: Hilary and Craig Campbell
Morning Tea: Christensens, Jennifer A

Worship Team: Richard Dawson
Children's Talk: Bill Lee
Prayers for Others: Ziggy Lesa
Data Projector: Wayne Harray
Duty Elder: James Lovelock
Offering Counting: Ruth Pearce
Prayer Ministry: Wayne & Helen H

Today's team

Door & Offering: Scaddens
Data Projector: Sandi Jull
Duty Elder: Liz Christensen
Setup Team: Phil Scadden
Morning Tea: Keith & Nicki Wallis, Grace Milburn

Bible Reading: Phil Scadden
Sound: Liam Hutton
Welcome team: Helen, Richard
Offering Counting: Clair Scadden
Prayer Ministry: Adrienne Knowles

LV info & events

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.

Monthly Mission Night

Come along to Leith Valley next Sunday evening for time together praying for Missions associated with our church.

5.30pm-7pm Bring your tea.

Prayer, Communion and Prayer Walk.
 Thursday 1pm, Leith Valley

Women's Retreat

2nd November
 10am-3pm
 Leith Valley Church

Led by
 Judith-Anne
 O'Sullivan.
 \$5
 Bring some lunch to share.



Students continue to appreciate contributions of baking as they provide a drop in space for students during exams.
 Contact Amanda 022 31200213

The world revolves around me

Yeah right

Jnr Youth term 4

God shows no partiality. Romans 2:11

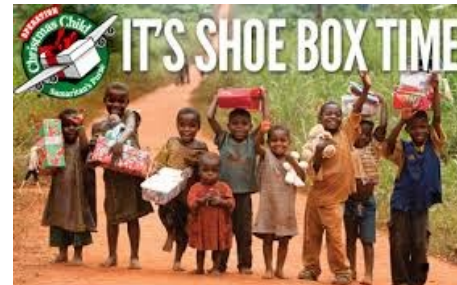
We were encouraged by Efren and Becky Roxas' visit last month. If you would like to help them with costs as they return to Cambodia, you can send a cheque to the Servants office (marked Roxas) or give to Kristin Jack to pass on.

Money Matters Thanks everyone for your continued support!

- * For giving online/by automatic payment please use the following account number:
 03 0883 0620501 00
- * If you are still giving to the old bank account could you please change this over at your earliest convenience.
- * Ring Rachel at the church office if you would like a donation number for tax purposes.

CURRENT	September	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual
	Total Income	\$23,547	\$26,583	-\$3,036	\$218,519
	Expenditure	\$27,443	\$26,162	\$1,281	\$215,798

Noticeboard



Get your completed Christmas boxes into Manna Christian Store or a Salvation Army Family Store this week!

Seminar: Lost in Transition

Wednesday 23 October
 7pm-9.30pm

Nations Church, 334 King Edward St.
 Presenter David Goodwin

Come and hear what the church can do to address the ongoing loss of its young people. \$30 including book.

Register at

tinyurl.com/Lost-in-Transition



Lawrence Spring Duathlon
 2 November
 Pick up a flier



A positive alternative to Halloween

31 October
 6pm-8.30pm
 Forsyth Barr Stadium
 Gold coin entry

This will be fun night out for families, pick up a flyer today.

Volunteers still needed to help with this event
See/ring/email Richard Dawson

CITY CHOIR DUNEDIN

Choral Masterpieces

Conductor: David Burchell

27 October 5.30pm Town Hall

Enquiries to Gill Trebilco 473 9628

Opoho Presbyterian Church

Warmly invites you to their

Advent service

Wednesday 13 November, 2pm

followed by afternoon tea

An offering will be taken up for

Moana House

Port Chalmers Presbyterian Parish presents:

West Harbour Garden Trail

Saturday 9 November 11am - 5pm



Tickets with Maps \$12.00
 available on the day at Emmanuel Church Station Road Sawyers Bay.
 Ticket includes Devonshire Tea
 Plant and food stalls
 For advance tickets
 Ring Shirley 471 0690