

Richard's Corner



Faith also requires something else which is more fundamental—belief. Belief is the foundation of faith. In John's Gospel Jesus says these words... "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." Faith builds on this work but why is it work? It is work because it doesn't just happen. It is an incredible mistake made by thinkers down through the ages to imagine that belief somehow arises naturally either from what is real or from the truth. In fact the opposite is true. Belief arises when we give ourselves to it—when we commit to it. Which means the object of belief can be anything. People can and do believe in things as silly as the danger of stepping on a crack to things as weird as the divine right of Holden cars to always beat Ford in races. Of course this tends to give belief a bad name but all it really shows is that belief requires work—this it is not about what is self-evident but it is about committing to certain conclusions in life and living accordingly. But we are in a new age. Once Paul could write about Gentiles whose beliefs may have been wrong but whose commitment to their conscience made them good and, indeed, open to the gospel. Now-days we are up against the denial of belief—a demoting of the idea of belief down to the status of very personal and largely unimportant (in a global sense) convictions. Nothing important is considered to be subject to such a unstable thing as 'Belief.' So science, material things, wealth, — these are considered both ultimate and not subject to 'belief.' Nonsense. All things hide a set of beliefs. Christians are simply open about it.



St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

Sunday
27 October 2013

Service Leader : Richard Dawson

Preacher: Philip Hill

Worship Leader: Richard Dawson

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Next week

Service Leader: Helen Harray
Speaker: Richard Dawson
Door & Offering: Nicky & Keith Wallis
Bible Reading:
Sound: Wayne/Ged
Setup Team: Kent Rickerby
Welcome team: Lynn Williams
Morning Tea: Phil & Clair Scadden, Robin G

Worship Team: Geoff Bevan
Children's Talk: Bronwyn B
Prayers for Others: Rachel Elder
Data Projector: Ruth Pearce
Duty Elder: Paul Trebilco
Offering Counting:
Prayer Ministry: Gill Trebilco



Today's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8
John 21: 15-17
Acts 15: 36-41

WELCOME



- ❖ 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 are meeting 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!
- ❖ **Global Missions** monthly prayer gathering at Leith Valley Church today 5.30-7.00pm. Join Peter & Jessica Crothall to pray for those working overseas.



Today's team

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: Steve and Liz Christensen, Jennifer A

Worship Team: Richard Dawson
Children's Talk: Richard Dawson
Prayers for Others: Ziggy Lesa
Data Projector: Wayne Harray
Duty Elder: Ziggy Lesa
Offering Counting: Ruth Pearce
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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.



A Baby Girl....

Congratulations to Liz & Harry Lewis-Barnes on the birth of Annabelle Joy born 12 October in the UK. Liz & Harry were both doctors at Dunedin Public Hospital and returned to the UK in July. They send their greetings to Leith Valley Church

Women's Retreat

2nd November
 10am-3pm
 Leith Valley Church

Session 1 : 10-12

Lunch

Session 2: 1-3

Come for one or both sessions but do try to join us for lunch

(Bring some lunch to share)

Led by
 Judith-Anne O'Sullivan.
 \$5



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.

THANKS

CALENDAR

October	30	MLT
	31	Light Party
November	2	Women's Retreat
	3	Our Plan for 2014
	17	Voting on the Plan and Budget
	24	Mission Membership Day

Noticeboard



For an
Unforgettable Experience
 Come to the
 Parachute Music Festival
 24-26 January 2014
 At Mystery Creek

Talk to Liz Christensen or Raewyn Lesa
 TODAY to register your interest
 (Cost estimated to be \$350-\$450 plus food and spending money)

OTAGO TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY
 TRUST BOARD
 50TH ANNIVERSARY
 CELEBRATIONS

Salmond College
 Wednesday 27th November
 6pm

Tickets \$65 from Richard Dawson



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**

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

CITY CHOIR
 DUNEDIN

Choral
 Masterpieces

Conductor:
 David
 Burchell

27 October
 5.30pm
 Town Hall

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