

## Richard's Corner



On the matter of resisting evil there is another very important biblical tradition in this regard, this is to refuse to react. This may seem odd given what I said last week about taking a stand but it makes sense in the context of conflict. Conflict arises out of perceived or real disagreement or insult. There are as many possibilities for conflict as there are life situations but one of the keys to the proliferation and expansion of conflict into violence is the way language is used around conflict. Our speech has the capacity to either provoke or heal the original problem. Proverbs makes much of this. Prov 10 says this... *When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but the prudent are restrained in speech.* Here the restraint of speech is what delays or prevents evil. On the other hand... *Do you see someone who is hasty in speech? There is more hope for a fool than for anyone like that,* clearly shows that someone who races to speak generally inflames issues. And it's not just speech which can do this. One who races to act without thinking—even if their actions are well meaning can often make a situation worse than it was. Well meaning action needs to be well thought through and acceptable to those to whom it is directed. If it is not then it always runs the risk of inflaming conflict because in the end a true end to conflict will require the parties involved to grow up and make amends whatever that may mean. True reconciliation involves the parties who are in conflict being willing partners to any agreement. Where that is taken from them it can so often make things worse!



# St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

## Sunday 1 December 2013



# HOPE

And the government  
will be on his shoulders

Isaiah 9:6

## Welcome to our service on this first Sunday of Advent

If you are new or visiting we invite you to stay for morning tea so that we can get to know you. Please take a welcome leaflet from the back.

Kidztime and Junior Youth continue to run until next week 8 December.



Each year at Christmas we partner with Tear Fund by taking part in their Christmas appeal. Brochures will be available throughout December and you can also go to [tearfund.org.nz/wipeawaytheirtears/](http://tearfund.org.nz/wipeawaytheirtears/)

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Next week

**Service Leader:** Richard Dawson  
**Speaker:** Richard Dawson  
**Door & Offering:** Niblock family  
**Duty Elder:** Phil Hill  
**Sound:** Stephen Trebilco  
**Setup Team:** Wayne Harray  
**Welcome team:** Hilary & Craig Campbell

**Worship Team:** Rod Galloway  
**Children's Talk:** Assynt Given  
**Bible Reading:** Lynn Williams  
**Data Projector:** Rachel Elder  
**Prayer Ministry:** Richard  
**Offering Counting:** Lynn Williams  
**Morning Tea:** Richard & Chris Newton, Helen Crossley

Today's team

**Service Leader & Preacher:** Helen Harray **Worship Leader:** Pauline Lovelock

**Door & Offering:** Bronwyn Bennington  
**Bible Reading:** Miranda Fairmaid  
**Data Projector:** Ruth Pearce  
**Setup Team:** Bill Lee  
**Welcome team:** Lynn Williams  
**Prayer Ministry:** Adrienne Knowles, Wayne Harray

**Prayers for Others:**  
**Sound:** Liam Hutton  
**Duty Elder:** Liz Christensen  
**Morning Tea:** Gill & Paul Trebilco  
Lynn Williams

# LV info & events

## Coming up

### ► Meeting for youth and parents 8 December after the service, in the school staffroom.

Let Rachel know if you have Yr 6-12 children and haven't received an email with information about this.

### ► Kidztime Break-up Service Sunday 15 December

### ► Christmas Eve Services at Leith 7pm Family Service 11.30pm Carol Service



**Thanks** everyone for your generosity with the truffles two weeks ago. We made \$482 to forward to Liz Buxton to help her group of South Sudanese women.



### NEW MUSICIANS AND SINGERS REQUIRED

If you are interested in being in a music team next year please contact Pauline on [plove-lock@xtra.co.nz](mailto:plove-lock@xtra.co.nz)



## Men's Night: Barbeque

**Aquinas College,  
6pm,  
Thursday 5 December.**



Bring some food and drink.  
Queries to Richard: 4730311 or Shane: 4731111

## Calendars for Sale

Hannah Sim has produced a calendar to raise funds both for her uni fees and to help girls in Sudan with education costs. The calendar is made up of photos Hannah took while living in Sudan over the past few years.

If you would like to order one please put your name down on the sign up sheet at the back and give your payment to Rachel (\$15 each) . If you wish to pay online contact Hannah for an account number:

[hannahsimcreations@gmail.com](mailto:hannahsimcreations@gmail.com)

Orders taken today and next Sunday

## Holiday Work Wanted

Matthew Scadden is looking for holiday work (Dec, Jan, Feb). If you can help please ring 03-4739737, or email [mscadden@ihug.co.nz](mailto:mscadden@ihug.co.nz).

## TRANSFORMERS – Raising Up Young

**Leaders** This is an initiative of *Kids Friendly* to develop young leaders within our churches. A camp for 10-13 year olds is planned on 14-16 February, 2014 at Tirohanga.

Participants need to be accompanied by a mentor from their home church. We would love to send a group of young people from Leith so if you could help as a mentor (at camp and beyond) please contact Rachel at the office for more details.

# Noticeboard

## Accommodation Needed

- **1 or 2 bedroom** unit/studio/granny flat needed for 55 year old Christian female moving to Dunedin to start work at Mercy Hospital mid January. Contact Dina 021 109 2471
- **Agastya Rama Listya**, a lecturer at Satya Wacana Christian University, in Java has been accepted at Otago University to do his Ph.D. in ethno-musicology, and requires both accommodation and sponsorship. If you think you can help please contact Mary Huie-Jolly [maryrhj@gmail.com](mailto:maryrhj@gmail.com)
- **Noella**, a Rwandan girl who has lived in NZ for since 2008 and just became an NZ citizen last month is coming to Dunedin to do Health Sciences. She is looking for private board. If you think you can offer a room please contact Beryl on 021-2514023

## HOUSES FOR RENT:

**15 Gillespie St, North East Valley**  
5 Bedrooms – good quality home with good size rooms. Modern kitchen, all day sun, convenient location, close to bus stop and supermarket  
Rent - \$450 per week (\$90/room)  
Phone Kate 0274803728

## Three bedroom + office in St. Kilda.

Close to Kings and Queens high schools. Modern, clean, 2 heat pumps, flat section. Phone Brian 022 317 8433.

## 6 DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

11 – 17 January, 2014 En Hakore  
Brochures on notices table.

## December Entertainment:

**Movie: Mary meets Mohammed.** Mohammad is a 26 year old Muslim living at Tasmania's first detention centre. while Mary is a staunchly Christian pensioner, and not welcoming of the 400 male detainees mostly from Afghanistan. An unlikely friendship develops between Mary and Mohammad after her knitting club donates woolen beanies to the asylum seekers. Mary finds many of her prior beliefs are challenged as her relationship with Mohammad deepens.  
**Screens at Rialto from December 5.**

**Handel's Messiah:** Tuesday 10 December  
Dunedin Town Hall, 7.30pm, see noticeboard



**Rock Solid, Youth and Family Programmes** are looking for a female youth worker to join our team in 2014, to work in a 10 hour per week position with High School age girls. This position would well suit someone already engaged in part time employment, particularly as a youth worker or in a related field. Please contact Kirstin Jack on **022 0753286** [manager@rocksoliddunedin.co.nz](mailto:manager@rocksoliddunedin.co.nz)



At Servants Health Centre we serve the poor and we have patients who experience difficulty affording transport to attend appointments. We are creating a list of caring drivers to help with this. If you have a full and clean drivers licence, a vehicle and can offer transport for a patient even once a month, please contact Jo Rowe on 4777 040