

## Richard's Corner



One of the most tragic elements of conflict is how quickly it becomes the dominant narrative for whole groups of people. So even today we have all sorts of relationships defined by only one thing—conflict and the very twisted way it distorts the image we have of each other. The terrible result of this is that we begin to define our self-image in terms of a duty to conform to the demands of conflict. So it becomes a cultural norm to be aggressive and hateful towards others. This was never so clearly illustrated than in the events of Christmas Day 1914 on the infamous Western Front in northern France. Having slaughtered each other merrily for several months thoughts on both sides turned to Christmas as it approached. Separated often by only 30 metres the Allies could hear and see the Germans celebrating Christmas on the 24th as their custom. So some men began to shout across the lines to each other and soon a few were crossing into no man's land and exchanging gifts. Carols could be heard by both sides and then on Christmas day an amazing thing happened. Buoyed by the events of the previous day, formal and informal meetings happened right across the front with groups of men meeting with each other and laying down their weapons as they shared gifts and song. The German bands even played 'God Save the Queen' and 'Home Sweet Home.' It was a moment of joyous calm and peace. There is even some evidence a football match was played. Tragically, however, at midnight the alarms were sounded and everyone went back to the killing. It was, you see, their duty...



# St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

**Service Leader & Preacher:**

Richard Dawson

**Worship Leader:** Rod Galloway



## Sunday 8 December 2013

### Welcome to our service

- ✦ Today we light the second Advent candle:  
Peace
- ✦ If you are new or visiting, we hope you'll stay for some morning tea so we can get to know you.
- ✦ Josh Bruce and his Rock Solid boys will be selling sausages for \$2 each after the service to raise funds for summer camps.
- ✦ Next week will be the Kidztime break-up followed by morning tea, parents please bring a plate.



**Today's Readings:** *Luke 2:5-20, Numbers 14:39-45*

**Meeting in the staffroom after the service for Youth and parents.**

## Leith Valley Church Contact Details

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Office hours: Tuesday to Friday  
9am-2pm

## Money Matters

For giving online/by automatic payment  
please use the following account number:  
**03 0883 0620501 00**  
Ring Rachel at the church office if you would  
like a donation number for tax purposes.

**Presbyterian Support Otago** is  
requesting help with foodbank and  
other Christmas items.

These include

**Basic pantry items:** flour, sugar, rice,  
pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal,  
spreads.

**Christmas extras:** festive food items  
or small gifts such as vouchers,  
movie/pool tickets, toys (new or good  
condition), toiletries.

**Contributions** can be brought to  
church or dropped off directly to 407  
Moray Place Dunedin.

## Next week

**Service Leader:** Richard Dawson

**Door & Offering:** Kidztime

**Data Projector:** Sandi Jull

**Setup Team:** Wayne Harray

**Welcome team:** Helen Harray

**Worship Team:** Matt Dent

**Duty Elder:** James Lovelock

**Sound:** Wayne Harray

**Offering Counting:** Clair Scadden

**Morning Tea:** Palmers, Bates

## Today's team

**Door & Offering:** Niblock Family

**Children's Talk:** Assynt Given

**Data Projector:** Rachel Elder

**Sound:** Stephen Trebilco

**Welcome team:** Hilary and Craig Campbell

**Setup Team:** Phil Scadden

**Prayers for Others:** Bill Lee

**Bible Reading:** Lynn Williams

**Duty Elder:** Phil Hill

**Morning Tea:** Chris & Richard Newton

Helen & Mal Crossley

# LV info & events

## Coming up

### Next Sunday:

Kidstime Break-up Service  
Newcomers Morning tea

### Christmas Eve Services at Leith

7pm Family Service

11.30pm Carol Service

## TRANSFORMERS Camp

*Thanks to those who have expressed interest in being mentors for this initiative. Young people who are interested in going need to register soon as there are only 35 places available. Contact Rachel for registration forms if you haven't received one through email.*

*Dates: 14-16 February*

## Strengths Finder 7-9 February, 2014

Need a couple coach? Interested in unlocking the full 34 strengths?

Haven't done Strengths Finder yet and would like to?

At Leith, 70 people have currently completed the course. As a church we look forward to making more use of the information that this has generated in building teams and in working together for the work of the Kingdom here through us.

Cost is \$90 and includes: a 45 minute online questionnaire, a summary of your top five strengths and a session with a Strengths Coach from Christchurch.

Contact Helen if interested. 473-7511

## Calendars for Sale

Photos from Sudan, produced by Hannah Sim.

Please put your order in today or email:

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

## Finance Report

Giving has increased and remained steady over the last couple of months. Thank you for your continuing support over the Christmas and holiday period.

Oct	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Diff
Total Inc	\$27,123	\$26,583	\$540	\$245,642	\$265,834	-\$20,192
Expenditure	\$24,521	\$26,162	-\$1,641	\$240,203	\$261,544	-\$21,341

Nov	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Diff
Total Inc	\$27,134	\$26,583	\$551	\$274,835	\$292,413	-\$17,578

# Noticeboard

## Year 9 Boy (13 years)

requires private board for 2014.

**Cameron Moran from Queenstown will be studying at John McLashan College and would like to find board with a Christian family. He is keen to be involved with church and youth group. Contact Rachel for more details.**

## FOR RENT: 15 Gillespie St, NEV

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**

## Situation Vacant

### Parish Administrator/Secretary

Mosgiel-North Taieri Presbyterian Parish seeks a full-time parish administrator/secretary. This is a new position supporting a small ministry team, relieving pressure from key volunteers, and providing the public face for the parish. This position would suit someone with initiative who enjoys people and has proven ability to work efficiently on a range of tasks at any one time. Sympathy with the Presbyterian church, and familiarity with a Linux Operating System would be an advantage. This position is ideally 40 hours but job-sharing would be considered. Job Description and person specification available at [www.mosgielchurch.org.nz](http://www.mosgielchurch.org.nz).

Applications close 19 December. Begins Feb 2014

## Handel's Messiah:

Tuesday 10 December, 7.30pm

Dunedin Town Hall

See poster on noticenboard.

## ChatBus Street Appeal

Friday 13 December

9:00am - 5:00pm

Can you help us by volunteering some time on a street corner as a collector please?

ph 476 3132 if you can help



## 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

## Hospital Chaplaincy

### Volunteers Service

2pm Thurs 12 December

Hospital Chapel

RSVP to Frances on 474 0999 ext 8130

by Monday 9th