

## Helen's Corner



Relationship, relationship, relationship.

*Whanaungatanga* is the Maori word and concept for relationship. It means a sense of family connection - a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides a sense of belonging. How's your relationship with the Father? With the Son? With te Wairua Tapu? Tapu means holy. I sometimes wonder whether my relationship with God is very holy, whether it lacks a sense of the sacred ground I walk on when I come into the presence of God. All too often the ground is crowded with words like...work, busy, busy, stress, tired. I'm there in body sort of but 'wired' when it comes to spirit and soul. In fact my spirit can be like dry bones, no longer connected with flesh,

parched and dry for lack of God's binding me up and giving me wholeness.

But I have discovered that when I actually stop, God has a chance to speak and recreate me, breathe new life into me. And I have a chance to hear stuff that was just static before. *But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child my soul is content within me.* (Psalm 131:2)

*Soaking* is the new century word for getting with God and letting Him refresh and fill you up again. John called it '*abiding*' in Christ. Paul prayed in Ephesians that we would be '*rooted and established in love, having the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*' This is God loving us in a way that *surpasses knowledge* and results in His pulling together our fractured minds and disconnected beings into deep relationship with Him. If we put a dry sponge into a bucket of water, the sponge will slowly expand as the water permeates the interior. This is what we experience as we soak in God's presence. The more we soak, the more we become filled with His Spirit, and the self is put into perspective. Soaking is both a passive being in God's presence and an active waiting, a mind and heart opened to intently gazing on the Holy Three. In this position He can sanctify us and help us be more like Him. Sometimes it takes a shipwreck to find relationship again.

I discovered numerous resources on the net to help me pause and rest. I offer them to you as a way to get into His presence and wait patiently for Him. Google: *Julie True* for numerous you tubes of this kind of prayer or download her music onto your phone or Ipad from I Tunes. Another good resource is: *Decrees Inspired by the Psalms* by Elizabeth Nixon & Jonathon Williams from I Tunes. There is a wealth of instrumental music out there as well. May this bring you joy.

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## Next week

**Service Leader:** Ged Forbes  
**Speaker:** Kristin Jack  
**Prayers for Others:** Ged Forbes  
**Duty Elder:** Catherine McKinlay  
**Welcome team:** Lynn Williams  
**Data Projector:** Steven Foote  
**Sound:** Wayne Harray  
**Offering Counter:** Ruth Pearce

**Worship Team:** Pauline/Jess  
**Door & Offering:** Ziggy&Raewyn Lesa  
**Bible Reading:** Judith Lorimer  
**Setup Team:** Bill's Team  
**Prayer Ministry:** Pauline & James L  
**Morning Tea:** Jane & Andrew Dawson  
 Robin Gauld



# Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

## Sunday 18 May 2014

**Service Leader:** Helen Harray

**Worship Leader:** Geoff Bevan

**Speaker:** Helen Harray



I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.  
*John 15:15*

## WELCOME!



- ⇒ A special welcome if you are new or visiting. We'd love to get to know you over morning tea at the end of the service.
- ⇒ Small group study of Philippians starting soon: see Helen if you would like to find a small group to belong to.
- ⇒ Adopt-a-student lunch today. Could hosts and students meet on stage at the end of the service so that we can ensure everyone knows where they're going.

**Today's Readings:** ~Isaiah 41:8-14 ~John 15:9-17

## Studentsoul 7pm

## Today's team

**Door & Offering:** Bronwyn B, Ruth P  
**Bible Reading:** Pip Robertson  
**Duty Elder:** Susan Jack  
**Welcome team:** Craig & Hilary Campbell  
**Prayer Ministry:** Helen & Mal Crossley  
**Offering Counting:** Clair Scadden

**Prayers for Others:** Latafale Auva'a  
**Setup Team:** Phil Scadden  
**Data Projector:** Sandi Jull  
**Sound:** Stephen Trebilco  
**Morning Tea:** Peter and Jessica Crothall  
 Lynn Williams

# LV info & events

## Groups at Leith 267 Malvern St



### Senior Youth Group

Tuesday 7-9pm

### Women's Coffee groups

Weds 10am: Contact Rose  
466-7874

Thurs 10.30am: Contact Gill  
473-9628



If you would like to  
keep up with the  
Dawson's travels follow  
their blog at:

<https://rickdaws1.wordpress.com/>

## Fundraisers for Burkina Faso Project

- Garage Sale Friday 30 May
- Bake sale and Cake  
auction Sun 8 June



More details to come

If you would like a copy of the  
"Acts 29" prayer resource, please  
contact Rachel at the office during  
the week.

## Keep up with coming events on our website



## Monthly Missions Meal and Prayer next Sunday at Leith Valley. 5.30pm-7pm Bring your tea.

## Reminders

**Office hours** are 9am-2pm Tuesday to  
Friday. You can leave a message  
outside these hours.

**Notices** for the newsletter need to be  
into the office by Friday 9am.

**Our email prayer group** would love to  
hear of needs in the congregation that  
they can be praying for.. Contact  
Rachel and she will email the details  
out to them.

## 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.

# Noticeboard

## Lecture series at Opoho Church

There has been some interesting thinking  
around the role of Christianity in the  
development of early NZ in the last few years  
and some of those thinkers are presenting  
lectures at Opoho Church over 3 weeks on  
Thursday evenings.

8, 15, 22 May, 7.30pm followed by supper and  
a chance to chat. All are most welcome.

Contact Margaret Garland for more details.  
Phone 3956129 or 027 7572367

[marg.garland@gmail.com](mailto:marg.garland@gmail.com)

## BOOK PROMOTION

### *The Ways of the Eagle*

by Rangitoia Chase

Rangitoia, who has been with  
us at Leith for the last six  
months invites you to an  
evening of music and  
memories to promote her  
book.

Refreshments provided.

Book orders taken on the  
night. \$22

**12th June 6:00pm-7:30pm**

**Dunedin City Library  
4th floor**

Contact Rangitoia  
425-0710

## Children's Ministry Two training opportunities

### 1) STICKY FAITH – Growing Lifelong Disciples of Christ

In this workshop we will learn some  
keys for forming and nurturing faith  
and reflect on how we can respond to  
these keys in our ministries with  
children in our churches,  
communities and homes.

**Dunedin - Thursday 22nd May,  
7.00 pm to 9.00 pm**

Anglican Diocese Centre, Green Island  
Led by Jill Kayser, Kids Friendly Coach,  
PCANZ

Free of charge  
Supper provided

### 2) Children's Ministry Training

With experienced Sydney based  
trainer Emma Collett.

#### Topics include:

- Understanding the developing child
- Teaching the Bible to children
- Applying the Bible with children
- Storytelling, music, craft, games  
and more!

For veteran children's workers and  
newbies alike.

**Saturday May 31  
1.30-4.30pm**

Queens Drive Gospel Hall  
33 Queens Drive, St Kilda

**Cost: Free!**

**See noticeboard**