

## Helen's Corner



**GIVING** Paul had laboured to build the Philippian church for 11 years. Now he's been in prison for 4 years and he is writing this letter so that Epaphroditus whom they had sent to bring a gift to him, could return with it. Paul points out in the letter that they were the only church to support him – they had given him aid more than once – and he rejoices because he is amply supplied with the gifts they had sent along with Epaphroditus.

**But he doesn't thank them!** Isn't that interesting? He doesn't outrightly thank them. How rude! Our Mums always told us to say thanks. But wait, hold your judgment because in the Greco-Roman world the giving and receiving of gifts and services was loaded with social expectations and assumptions. Giving was a way in which you acquired honour and put others in your debt. To acknowledge a gift meant you would have to give something in return.

In Philippians, Paul puts *giving* into a new framework. It is not for our advantage or honour but for the benefit of others. It is to be driven by a superabundance of love and to imitate the sacrificial attitude of Jesus. If the money given is a sacrifice to God we act primarily toward God and not the receiver, and so no one should feel in our debt or like they have to account for it. Paul expresses joy and commends the Philippians for their giving because they 'think, feel and act' with a Christ-like disposition as he has been urging them throughout the epistle.

***And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.***

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## Next week

**Worship Team:** Jess Palmer  
**Children's Talk:** Richard Dawson  
**Morning tea:** Fitzpatricks, Jan Satterthwaite  
**Data Projector:** Bronwyn  
**Sound:** Stephen Trebilco  
**Set up:** Wayne's team  
**Duty Elder:** Catherine McKinlay



# Leith Valley Church

*"Growing great community"*

**Service Leader:** Helen Harray  
**Preacher:** Lynne Baab  
**Worship Leader:** Geoff Bevan



## Sunday 29 June 2014

### Welcome to our service

- + This morning Lynne Baab concludes our series in Philippians.
- + Directly following our service this morning is our AGM. This will consist of a semi-formal meeting to pass reports/accounts and elect new elders. After that we will have lunch and there will be Ministry displays and people to explore/interact with, over this time. We hope you'll stay and take this opportunity to find out more about what goes on here at Leith.

### Congratulations!

Alastair Yule and Sue Carey-Smith  
on your recent engagement.

We rejoice with you  
both and pray God's  
richest blessings at  
this time.



### Rejoice in the Lord always

*Philippians 4:4*

**Today's Reading**  
Philippians 4:4-20

## Today's team

**Door & Offering:** Clair & Phil Scadden  
**Prayers for Others:** Nick Palmer  
**Welcome team:** Hilary & Craig C  
**Data Projector:** Bronwyn Bennington  
**Morning Tea:** Dave Baab, Mark Lokman  
**Bible Reading:** Fiona Cooper  
**Duty Elder:** Paul Trebilco  
**Prayer Ministry:** Wayne Harray  
**Sound:** Liam Hutton  
**Setup Team:** Craig Campbell

## New Elder Nominations

### Bill Lee

Bill and his wife Daphne have been part of Leith Valley for several years where Bill has served as treasurer, home group leader, set up team leader, children's talk giver and many other roles. He has already spent time as an elder and is happy to offer his time for a further term. Bill and Daphne have two adult children; Elizabeth who is married to Andrew Buxton and currently serving with SIM in Nairobi and South Sudan. Fiona their younger daughter works as a teacher at Elim Christian College in Auckland.



### Catherine McKinlay

Catherine has been attending Leith for the past 5 1/2 years. She teaches English (ESOL) to international students at the University of Otago Language Centre. She has a background in primary teaching, and has lived about a third of her life outside of NZ (much of it in childhood), including periods of time spent in Singapore, India, Australia and China. She has served as an associate elder for the past 2 years.



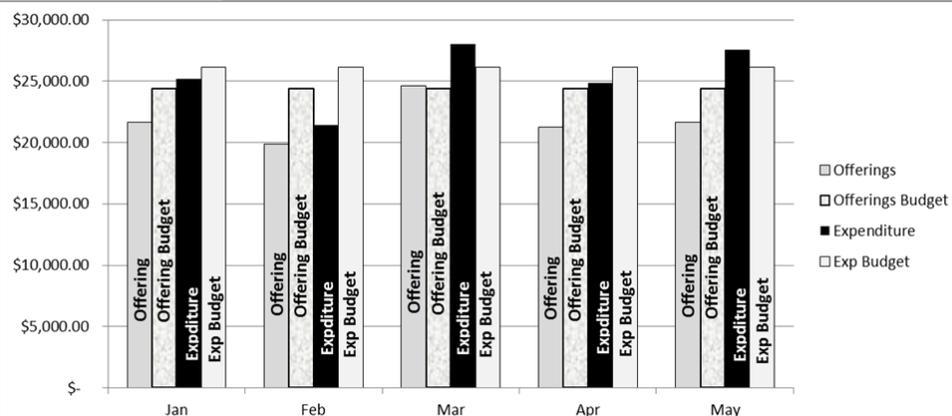
### Nick Palmer

Nick has been coming to Leith Valley for two years. He is married to Jess and has four children aged 21 months to 7 years. He works at Anderson Lloyd as the General Manger of Systems. Outside of work Nick enjoys running, cycling, tennis, photography and spending time with his family. He would relish the opportunity to bring his skills and perspective to our church/parish council in the role of elder.



## FINANCE

The diagrams below give an up-to-date picture of where we are financially in relation to the budget.



May	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Diff
Offerings	\$21,652	\$24,417	-\$2,765	\$109,087	\$122,085	-\$12,998
Grants etc	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$44,000	\$41,332	\$2,668
Expenditure	\$27,550	\$26,162	\$1,388	\$127,013	\$163,417	-\$36,404

Please note: in the 2013 financial year \$15 000 was given through the church to mission projects A,B and C. Some of our congregation also supported these projects in other ways.

# Noticeboard

### Servants Health Centre – Job Opportunity: Clinical Nurse Manager

Servants Health Centre is an established free health clinic that provides medical care to those in Dunedin who cannot afford it. Its services are provided by volunteer health professionals, inspired by Jesus' call to serve those in need. Presently there are 6 part time doctors and eight part time nurses as well as several others with roles from cleaner to chaplain.

At present we are looking for a permanent, part –time clinical nurse Manager. This is a paid position. If you would like to know more please refer to job applications on Trade Me

**Trade Me jobs/ Healthcare/Management**

### Tidy Two bedroom flat

Available for rent in Duncan Street near city centre. Suitable for a couple or two singles. Short or long term lease. \$220 pw. Comes with whiteware and a queen-sized bed, new carpet throughout, recently renovated, off street parking.

**Ph Simon** 021 02680618 or 4737360

Couple with two children require **House sitting** in Dunedin from the end of June. Phone Miranda 0275187360 Or 4737360

### People wanted for PSO Family Works Research

A research project by PSO Family Works is seeking former Young Buddies, Youthgrow youth or Adult buddies for project evaluation research. Subjects will be reimbursed. Call Family Works on 477 7116.

St James Presbyterian are holding **An Afternoon of Antique Appraisals**  
12 July 2014, 2pm—4pm  
Church Hall

### Fresh Horizons Conference

*“to inspire and equip people in the second half of life”*

August 13-14th 2014  
Tauranga Yacht Club

**Keynote speaker:** Rev Phil Potter  
See notices table for more brochure

Faith@Home resources on sale for cost price. See noticeboard for details.

### Living Wisdom School Christchurch, July 7-18th

Monday - Friday for 2 weeks 9am –3pm  
2 textbooks included. \$800 inc GST per person. Register online at [www.livingwisdom.co.nz](http://www.livingwisdom.co.nz) - calendar page - or phone the Living Wisdom office on 03 547 4386.

Also: Day seminars  
Moods and Emotions, July 5 Chch  
Building Better Relationships, July 19, Hanmer Springs

For more info call Rachel at church office

### Messy Church conference

**Where:** Hope Presbyterian Church, Christchurch

**When:** Friday 1 to Sunday 3 August.

**How much:** \$20 Fri/\$80 Sat & Sun.  
Fliers on notices table.