

Richard's Corner



Appearances

Never judge by appearances. We have a bias towards the physical and the visual. Why this is, I am not sure but that it is the case I am positive. Without at all wanting to dismiss people who are physically beautiful I can say without fear of contradiction that the people who've most impressed me in life have, without exception, been neither beautiful nor impressive in their physical stature. Don't get me wrong, I am as impressed by beauty as the next man (or woman as the case may be!) But there is so much more to people than how they look and we Christians must begin to learn this from the earliest age because we, of all people, know the value of one's spirit. We are, if nothing else, a 'spiritual people,' a people who focus on the Spirit and are aware of the importance of our own spirits for it is via our spirits that God's Spirit speaks to us as Paul understands it... *"When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."* And it is towards that spirit that we should direct our attention as Christians for it is the state of our spirits which makes us truly who we are. I cannot tell you how much more attractive I find those who have a beautiful spirit. There is a purity and a transparency and a simplicity about those who've allowed their spirits to be touched and changed by the Spirit of God which simply cannot be ignored. And it is so much more significant that how we look.

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Next week

Worship Team: Richard Dawson
Bible Reading: Catherine McKinlay
Prayers for Others: Helen Harray
Setup Team: Craig Campbell
Prayer Ministry: Bunty Bunce
Morning Tea: Richard & Chris Newton

Door & Offering: Judith & Steve L
Data Projector: Bronwyn Bennington
Duty Elder: Bill Lee
Welcome team: Gill Trebilco
Offering Counter: Ruth Pearce
Sound: Stephen Trebilco



Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Sunday 17 August 2014

Service Leader: Helen Harray
Speaker: Sandra Sellmer-Kersten
Worship Leader: Jess Palmer



- A warm welcome to any visitors today. We hope you can join us for morning tea after the service.
- Welcome to **Sandra Sellmer-Kersten** who is speaking this morning. Sandra works for Elijah House Ministries and is from the US. She is now married to Peter, a New Zealander and they live in Blenheim. She has been in Dunedin facilitating the *Freedom from Shame* Seminar over the last few days.
- There is a short meeting after the service for all those in the *Settlement Group* for our new Youth Worker Luke Benton and his family. See Amanda and Ivan at the back. Also some of the Junior Youth will be coming round with clipboards listing pantry items to donate for them. Let's give them a warm welcome to our church family!



Car Wash Today.

All proceeds to the Burkina Faso classroom Project. IOU's accepted!

Church Fair Countdown



weeks to go!

7pm Tonight: Studentsoul

Today's team

Door & Offering: Colin & Chris Fitzpatrick
Data Projector: Rachel Elder
Duty Elder: James Lovelock
Prayer Ministry: Mal & Helen Crossley
Morning Tea: Peter & Jessica Crothall
 Keryn Harrex

Prayers for Others: James Lovelock
Welcome team: Judith Forbes
Setup Team: Bill Lee
Sound: Wayne Harray
Offering Counter: Clair Scadden

Leith Valley Notices

Luke and Angela Benton and their children Haylee and Madison arrive in Dunedin on Tuesday 26th. We are hoping to fill their pantry with supplies and their freezer with meals for the first week. After this we hope to drop off hot meals 2 to 3 times each week through September. Please see or email Amanda if you can help amanda@studentsoul.org.nz

Please pray for Nat Christensen, our youth and other leaders as they head away on ski trip next weekend.

CHURCH FAIR:

Welcome from now on:
Donations of books, children's clothes, toys and general White Elephant items. Please take to Shane and Sasha's (160 Signal Hill Rd) or call them to pick up.

♦ Ph 473 1111 or 0211 724 709.

Monthly Missions Prayer



Next Sunday
5.30pm, Leith Valley Church.
Bring your tea.

Leith Valley Prayer Day

Meet at Leith to pray for our world on Wednesday at 7.30am or Thursday 1pm. OR fill in a time slot on the roster on the noticeboard. There is a link to the online version in last week's *Leith Valley News* Email.

SPRING SERIES

When the Spirit Comes

Thursday evenings beginning 28 August with teaching from Bunty Bunce. Followed by four sessions with Brett and Adrienne Knowles. These gatherings are **open to all** and will be a time of worship and teaching as we explore what it means to be

a **prophetic** community,
a **visionary** community
and a **dreaming** community.
Leith Valley Church 7pm
28 August
4 Sept, 11 Sept
18 Sept, 25 Sept



Men, pick up a camp flyer today if you haven't already and get those camp registrations in! Don't miss out!

GUMBOOT CAMP!



It's almost time to start preparing Christmas Shoe Boxes again for Operation Christmas Child.

You could start shopping for:
♦ something for school, for hygiene
♦ something to love/to wear/to play with
♦ something special

This week at Leith

Senior Youth Group Tuesday 7-9pm

Men's Breakfast 6.30am Weds

Prayer Meeting 7.30 am Weds

Women's Coffee groups

Weds 10am: Contact Rose 466-7874

Thurs 10.30am: Contact Gill 473-9628

Money Matters: Our account number for online giving is 03 0883 0620501 00 Ring Rachel at the church office if you would like a donation number for tax purposes.

JULY '14	Actual	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual	YTDE Budget	YTD Diff
Offerings	\$23 018	\$24 417	-\$1,399	\$154,841	\$170,919	-\$16,078
Grants etc	—	—	—	\$44,000	\$41,332	\$2,668
Expenditure	\$27,486	\$26,162	\$1,324	\$180,889	\$212,251	-\$31,362

Dunedin events

Just Action 2014

In our backyard

How do we live justly in our own community? This year Just Action travels to four main centres to help us think about our own backyards. Be inspired by our guest speaker from the UK, and locals who are making a difference.

Thursday 21 August, Salvation Army, 575 Princes St.



Thomas Burns Memorial Lectures

The sons of Zebedee
Prof Richard Bauckham.

This week:

Tues: Called to Fish for People

Weds: Sons of Thunder

Thurs: Jerusalem

All at 5.15pm
Archway 2 Lecture Theatre

God's Not Dead

Movie Screening
SBS St James Theatre
Gore
Aug 30, 7.45pm, \$10

Excel Youth Concert:
YOU'RE NOT ALONE
Friday 5 September, 7.30pm
Kings/Queens Auditorium
\$7.00

CARE Course Part 1, Dunedin 2014

Flagstaff Community Church, Wakari

Thurs Aug 21, 7-9pm & Fri 22, 9am-4.30pm

For more information, email: jjopson@ihug.co.nz or phone 03 489 7361. Cost \$90, including lunch on Friday.

This course is suitable for youth workers and people interested in school chaplaincy.

Joy for the Journey

CWCLI Women's event.

Speaker Rose Jeffrey,

\$15 Supper included

25 August, 7.30pm
Salvation Army, Princes St.

Noticeboard

Food Bank Wishlist

Toilet Rolls

Tea and Coffee

Spreads

Pasta Sauces

Instant Noodles

Gravy & sauce mix



Housesitting wanted

We are a friendly, young couple doing postgraduate study for the next two years. We are looking to house sit in Dunedin from November 2014. Flexible, reliable, animal lovers & happy with short or long term.

Email: basam118@student.otago.ac.nz

Reference available from Peter and Jessica Crothall

Four bedroom flat

Available for rent in Montague Street, NEV, from January 1st, 2015. \$105 per room. Private location, sunny, brand new dishwasher, modernised kitchen and bathroom. Phone Simon or Miranda 4737360 or 02102680618