



## Baptism in the Holy Spirit

If you're worried about not having had the 'right' experience in regard to the Holy Spirit... **don't be!** There is very little that can be said to be a normative experience of the Spirit in the New Testament. The disciples were first breathed on by Jesus and seemingly received the Spirit without any particular manifestation. They then heard a great wind and saw tongues of fire among them and resting on each one. This led them to cry out in praise to God in a 'tongue' or language they didn't understand. The gentile believers in Caesarea burst into tongues as well whereas the Corinthian believers who had been baptised into John's Name didn't receive the Baptism of the Spirit till they were prayed for and had hands laid upon them. Some speak, others don't. Sometimes there is a feeling; sometimes there is a vision, sometimes there is a noise. There is little that can be said to be 'normal.' Having said this, however, we cannot just ignore the injunction to be 'filled with the Spirit.' This is, certainly, normative in the New Testament even if the experience of it is variable. The Church begins with an outpouring of the Spirit. It continues with a series of Holy Spirit actions and throughout, the Spirit is active in the giving of spiritual gifts and Words (prophecy) which are considered central to the church's life. Indeed, Paul will say 'Be filled and go on being filled with the Spirit.' The key then is not to focus on the experience but to seek the Person of the Holy Spirit and all that God would have for us through the Spirit's work. This was, and is, the *normal* thing to do in the Christian life.

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### Next week

**Worship Team:** Rod Galloway  
**Bible Reading:** Youth  
**Prayers for Others:** Youth  
**Setup Team:** Bill Lee  
**Prayer Ministry:** Helen & Wayne  
**Morning Tea:** Camilla & Peter C,

**Door & Offering:** Youth  
**Data Projector:** Ruth Pearce  
**Duty Elder:** Judith Forbes  
**Welcome team:** Helen Harray  
**Offering Counter:** Sandi Jull  
**Sound:** Stephen Trebilco



# Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

## Sunday 7 September 2014

**Service Leader:**

Jess Palmer

**Worship Leader:**

Pauline Lovelock



Even when we are too weak to have any faith left, he remains faithful to us and will help us.

2 Timothy 2:13

## Welcome to our service today

- ♦ It's great to have you with us, a special welcome to any newcomers or visitors.
- ♦ Kidztime and Junior youth are running as normal today and we will also see the next installment of *God's Mega Plan* before the children head out.
- ♦ If you are new and have children between 0 and 13, please ask directions to the various venues when the children leave.
- ♦ We'd love you to join us for Morning Tea after the service.
- ♦ Richard is away today with a number of the men (and boys) at Tirohanga Camp.
- ♦ Studentsoul here tonight at 7pm, all welcome.



### Church Fair Countdown



weeks to go!

**Today's Readings:** ~Psalm 139:1-18 ~2 Timothy 2:8-15

### Today's team

**Door & Offering:** Phil & Clair Scadden  
**Data Projector:** Sandi Jull  
**Duty Elder:** Catherine McKinlay  
**Welcome team:** Judith Forbes  
**Morning Tea:** Sarah Tiong, Ruth Pearce  
 Bill & Daphne Lee

**Bible Reading:** Camilla Cathro  
**Prayers for Others:** Rachel Elder  
**Setup Team:** Phil Scadden  
**Prayer Ministry:** Catherine, Gill  
**Sound:** Liam Hutton  
**Offering Counter:** Sarah Tiong

# LV info & events

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 group**

Weds 10am: Contact Rose 466-7874

**Spring Series**

Thursday 7pm: Contact Brett Knowles  
or Helen Harray

**Thursday Coffee  
Group will not be  
running through  
September.**

**Instead we will be  
joining in with the  
Thursday evening  
Spring Series  
meetings.**

**Contact Gill with any  
queries: 473 9628**

Thank you to those who have signed  
up for the church fair, and donated  
items. Keep the items coming. You can  
bring them to church on Sundays,  
contact Sasha to arrange a drop off  
(473 1111) or Shane will be doing pick  
ups on Saturdays in October.



*The monthly Contemplative Evening Service will be  
next **Sunday 14 September** at **6.30pm** beginning  
with a light meal.*

*Leith Valley Church, 267 Malvern St.*

**Good News. Great Joy.**



Each year we join thousands of  
others in preparing Christmas Shoe  
boxes for **Operation Christmas  
Child.**

Take a brochure from the notices  
table and get started today.

Boxes need to be dropped off at  
Manna Bookstore during October.

*There are a few printed shoe boxes  
available but you can also use your own.*

**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.

# Noticeboard

**Lynne Baab** will be giving a public lecture on  
Tuesday 16 September on **Listening for Mission  
and Ministry.**

This will be held in Burns 1 at the University at  
5.15pm.

The public lecture will be followed by a book  
launch of her new book, *The Power of Listening:  
Building Skills for Mission and Ministry.*

Musicians/Singers, have you  
thought about going to this?



*A space of quiet  
in the heart of the  
City*

First Church

Every Tuesday

12.15-12.45pm

Worship, reflection

All welcome

**CURRENTLY NEEDED  
AT THE FOODBANK**



Spreads



Toilet Paper



Biscuits



Sugar

**FAITH THINKING  
COURSE**

*Music and Worship  
through the Ages*

Presented by Malcolm  
Gordon (Worship, Music  
and Arts Enabler, Knox  
Centre for Ministry and  
Leadership)

**Friday Sept 19, 7-9pm**

**Saturday Sept 20, 9-12.30**

Knox Centre for Ministry  
and Leadership,  
Knox College,  
Arden Street.

**Cost:** \$30 waged /\$20 un-  
waged

Coming up in October  
**The Other Church History:  
How Christianity went East  
and South**

**Garden Day Sat 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Waikouaiti Presbyterian Parish

6 interesting gardens, Devonshire

Tea, Plant, Cake and Produce Stalls.

Tickets \$10

