



**Politics in view** I hope all of you who could, did vote yesterday. We live in a country where democracy allows people to make some sort of choice about who governs them and therefore what those people think. If we don't like what they think we don't have to vote for them. I sense, however, a deep malaise in New Zealand around politics. Many feel that politicians don't listen and don't do what is best for the country. Politicians are labelled as heartless, calculating, self-promoting, lying, megalomaniacs. This is not true. Many have hearts... just joking!! Frankly I believe a politician's life is not easy. Charged with fulfilling the dreams of most voters politicians must, at the same time as managing the country responsibly also deliver everybody's dream of what New Zealand should be like. So they have to balance the job of helping the country perform to its best economically whilst protecting the environment; delivering health, education, police and transport solutions for all comers and doing a myriad of other things all of which have built-in conflicts with other portfolios. Put this together with their 3 yearly accountability cycle (the elections) and you get a difficult job. Yes there may be some perks but the pay rates are not great and the sacrifices their families make to have them all in Wellington for long periods of time are considerable. And, frankly, how often do we pray for our government and for our leaders? Once a year? Once every three years? By all means, vote for who you think will do the best job but don't just vote and forget. Remember these people are human. They need us to think well of them.

*Richard*

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For a full list of contact details email the office for a copy of our church directory.

## NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

<b>Service Leader</b>	Richard Dawson
<b>Preacher</b>	Richard Dawson
<b>Worship Team</b>	Pauline/Jess
<b>Setup Team</b>	Wayne Harray
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Bronwyn B, Chrissy C
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Phil Hill
<b>Bible Reading</b>	To be arranged
<b>Data Projector</b>	Wayne Harray
<b>Sound</b>	Ged Forbes
<b>Duty Elder</b>	James Lovelock
<b>Welcome team</b>	Helen Harray
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	James & Pauline L
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Ruth Pearce
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Judith & Ged F Rachel E



# Leith Valley Church

*"Growing great community"*

## Sunday 21 September 2014

**Service Leader:** Helen Harray  
**Preacher:** Richard Dawson  
**Worship Leader:** Matt Dent



"Which of these ..was a neighbour to the man...?"  
"The one who showed him mercy"  
*Luke 10:36-37*

## Welcome to our service today

- It's great to have you with us, a special welcome to any newcomers or visitors.
- We'd love you to join us for Morning Tea after the service.



**Today's Readings:** Genesis 2:15-25 ~ Luke 10:25-37

**Tonight**

7pm George St:  
**Studentsoul**

**Next week**

5.30pm Leith Valley:  
**Missions Prayer Evening**



## Today's Team

<b>Door &amp; Offering:</b> Maree & Marco Kleinlangevelsloo	<b>Data Projector:</b> Fiona Cooper
<b>Bible Reading:</b> Shane Turner	<b>Duty Elder:</b> Catherine McKinlay
<b>Prayers for Others:</b> Nat Christensen	<b>Welcome team:</b> Helen Harray
<b>Setup Team:</b> Craig Campbell	<b>Offering Counter:</b> Clair Scadden
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b> Bruce & Pauline Geddes	<b>Sound:</b> Liam Hutton
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Lynne & Dave Baab Jan Satterthwaite	

# LV info & events

# Noticeboard

This week  
at Leith

**ALL 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

**Women Together**  
18/19 October  
**St Martin's Island**  
Pick up a brochure today



## Christmas Musical

Meeting next Sunday after church for parents and children (5yrs+) who are interested in being involved in the Christmas musical *Star of Wonder*. Children wishing to audition for singing/speaking parts can do so after the meeting (maybe bring some food to keep them going!) Rehearsals will be 1-3pm Sundays. Performances 13&14 Dec. Anyone who is interested in helping (sound, lighting, advertising, costumes, props, scenery) or has any queries please contact **Miranda** on 027 518 360 or [miranda\\_simon@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:miranda_simon@yahoo.co.nz)

## Fair News

**Seven weeks to go:** keep going with the de-cluttering bring your clean saleable goods (books, toys, kids clothes, white elephant) along to church on a Sunday. Contact: Sasha or Shane 473-1111

**Luke and Angela** have found a home to move into in the next few weeks. They are in need of furniture, linens, kitchen items, and more. If you have anything you could donate to them, please let them know. Also, there are a few more slots left to greet Luke and Angela by bringing them a meal. Sign up at <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=XGAG2072> Password Benton

This Week's  
Tip

**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.

## COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT PROJECT



A big THANKYOU to those of you who have already done this! For the rest of you, you can reply to the email you received during the week, or if you have lost it or haven't got it, you can find it on the church website, under the newsletters tab on home page. See also the insert in today's newsletter, with all the info, and a blank space for you to write your 'blurb' this morning during/after the service (or take it away with you and bring back next week). Completed forms can be put into the labelled container on the table as you go out. **THANKS VERY MUCH** – the more people who contribute, the more useful this will be.



**WANTED:** drawers, TV, couch covers, dartboard and other sports equipment for youth group. Contact Luke if you have any of these things to donate. **022 637 0655**

## CHRISTMAS BOXES

Pick up a prayer bookmark today!



We often get asked about sharp items, so here's the "official" answer!

Try to make these items age-appropriate... Safety scissors for 5-9 year olds, normal scissors are fine for 10-14 year olds. Likewise sewing kits are better for the older age kids. Badges are OK for 5+ but unsuitable for 2-4s.



## Light Party 31 October, Forsyth Barr Stadium, 6-8.30pm

We are once again running some games and a horizontal bungee at this city-wide event.

**Needed:** Approximately **20 volunteers** to help set up and run events (rotating, so you will have breaks), Also **donations** to cover cost of bungee hire (\$260). Contact Richard to sign up.

## Pastoral/practical theology conference

21-22 November Knox College  
**Keynote speaker** Paul Trebilco; *Identity Formation in Earliest Christianity: Constructing Outsiders in New Testament Letters* Also featuring Lynne Baab, John Roxburgh and many more. **Flyers available**

## Clinical Pastoral Education Course

19 January - 27 March, 2015  
Applications due 11 November 2014  
Contact person: Rev Mary R. Huie-Jolly  
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## Wanted to buy: a cheap, reliable car

Contact Catherine:  
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## JUNIOR YOUTH!

Luke is taking a group of year 7-9's away at Labour Weekend to Camp Columba at Pukerau. See [pukeraulabourweek-endcamp.co.nz](http://pukeraulabourweek-endcamp.co.nz) to find out more. Cost is \$90 but there may be some funds available to subsidise this. Contact Luke on [luke.benton@leithvalley.org.nz](mailto:luke.benton@leithvalley.org.nz) if you're interested.

## ALSO

Don't forget you are all invited to Senior Youth on Tuesday night this week. 7pm. Be there!

## BAKE SALE

for Hospital Chaplaincy this Friday. Any donations gratefully received, take to the hospital foyer on Friday morning.



**Mark and Kanako Lokman's** home in Leith Valley is available to rent mid Oct-13 Jan. Quiet, good summer sun, fully furnished, all mod cons and more. Please contact Richard Dawson 027 2242026 or email the church office if you are interested.

**Keryn Harrex** is looking for 2 months accommodations in Naenae, Lower Hutt while she completes her final field work placement in Occupational Therapy. Required 6 October to 12 December. Contact her on 027 2290 366 or [kerynisharrex@hotmail.com](mailto:kerynisharrex@hotmail.com) if you can help.