



## General Assembly

You must have prayed!

This was the best GA for 20 years at least. At last the emphasis has been shifted from debate to resourcing and from argument to restoration. The teaching at GA led by Kiwi Steve Taylor a theologian and missiologist presently heading up the South Australian Theological training centre was outstanding and set our hearts and minds on the things of God each day. Debate was restricted to business sessions during the day and we had the evenings free which was just wonderful. Finally the one difficult debate we had to have covered about 2 hours on the last day and was punctuated by about 120 commissioners walking out and refusing to deal with the issue in this way again. This may sound rather dramatic but it wasn't really. They did this in a very quiet fashion and it clearly showed that the middle ground in the debate over sexuality does not want to settle the issue by having another argument. I suspect the Church is ready for a solution which allows those who disagree with our present ruling about sexuality and leadership to experiment on a local basis. So we end up allowing individual parishes to stand apart from our fundamental understanding of the biblical texts on this issue. If this sounds radical to you remember that this is also how the Reformed Church eventually came to recognise that woman could be leaders and that Ministers didn't have to participate in infant baptism. So we've been down this road before. As it stands I confess I could not officiate at the marriage of two people of the same sex but am able to accept that another parish/minister might think differently.

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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>	To be confirmed
<b>Preacher</b>	Richard Dawson
<b>Worship Team</b>	Richard Dawson
<b>Children's Talk</b>	Steve Christensen
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Colin Fitzpatrick
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Jocelyn Springthorpe
<b>Setup Team</b>	Craig Campbell
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Ruth Pearce
<b>Data Projector</b>	Rachel Elder
<b>Sound</b>	Liam Hutton
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Liz Christensen
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Richard
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Alastair, Catherine
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Clair Scadden
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Gill & Paul Trebilco Debbie Griffiths.



# Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

## Sunday 12 October 2014

**Service Leader:** Miranda Fairmaid

**Preacher:** Helen Harray

**Worship Leader:** Jess Palmer



# PRAY

## Welcome to our service

- It's great to have you with us, a special welcome to any newcomers or visitors.
- Today is an all-age service, so the children will be in church for the full service.
- We'd love you to join us for Morning Tea after the service.



**Today's Reading:**

Acts 12:1-24

### Tonight

7pm George St:

**Studentsoul Baptism Service**

6.30pm Leith Valley:

**Contemplative Service**

### JUNIOR YOUTH!

Talk to Luke urgently today if you want to go on the camp at Labour weekend.



## Today's Team

**Door & Offering:** Lara & Hamish Temple-Doig

**Morning Tea:** Judith & Steve Lorimer, Josh Bruce

**Data Projector:** Ruth Pearce

**Setup Team:** Bill Lee

**Sound:** Wayne Harray

**Offering Counter:** Sarah Tiong

**Duty Elder:** Nick Palmer

**Welcome team:** Gill Trebilco

**Prayer Ministry:** Mal & Helen Crossley

# LV info & events

# Noticeboard

## Term 4 starts this week

so the following groups will re-commence at Leith Valley in Malvern St:

**7pm Tues:** TNT (Senior Youth)

**6.30am Weds:** men's Breakfast

**7.30am Weds:** Prayer Meeting

**10am Weds:** Engage Women

**10am Thurs:** Coffee Plus (Women)

Venue to be confirmed,

contact Gill Trebilco on 027 277 0067

## Women's Camp

Next weekend!

Today is the last day to register,  
see Rachel or Helen  
You will be emailed with final  
arrangements this week.

## Fair News

Attention hoarders and declutterers. It is time..... Time to relinquish yourselves of the excessive items stored in your garage and/or spare bedroom/cupboards.... There will never be an easier way to do this.. Just call or text Shane on **0274-786055** and he will magically appear with trailer in tow to relieve you of your items. Please ensure these are sellable and clean.

Thanks everyone who has been out delivering flyers. There are 400 more to allocate this morning. See Sasha today.



## CHRISTMAS BOXES

### This week's ideas...

- ⇒ How about a deodorant for an older child? No aerosols though.
- ⇒ A cloth shopping bag is a good idea so that when the much-loved box falls apart the child has something to keep their presents in.
- ⇒ Put in a deflated soccer/basketball and include a small pump.



Remember to drop off completed boxes at Manna books, or one of the Salvations Army Op shops. Final date is October 30.

## Art Exhibition

Jessica Crothall is showing her latest work at the **Mint Gallery**

32 Moray Pl until Wed 23 October.

Artists floor talk:

**Sat 18 October 11-11:55 am**

Jessica will give her final talk on her work at the gallery.

Format: interview, come and add your own questions



**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 no. for tax purposes.

## Studentsoul end of semester programme:

19 October 7pm: Worship night

26 October 7pm: Prayer chapel. All are welcome to attend.

**Calling all bakers!** Who wants to help encourage (with food) our students during exam period? Let Amanda know if you can provide something anytime between 15 October and 8 November. 022 312 0213 or [amanda@studentsoul.org.nz](mailto:amanda@studentsoul.org.nz). Thanks!



## Church Leadership Support Advisor

The Synod and Southern Presbytery are seeking an experienced Christian leader to take up this role. It will involve helping and supporting church leaders in the Southern Presbytery in a range of issues and on occasion engaging in mediation situations. Negotiable hours. Significant travel involved. Full details available from Fergus Sime. Phone: 477-7365 Email: [synod.otago.southland@xtra.co.nz](mailto:synod.otago.southland@xtra.co.nz)

## Mornington Youth Ministry Facilitator

Do you love youth? Do you want a challenge? Part-time position with big time results. The Mornington Presbyterian Church invites applicants for a quarter-time position to outreach to youth, years 7 and 8. The employment is as a facilitator developing a volunteer church team, commencing early 2015.

For full job description, please contact Rachel Judge, 453 5357,

[Rachel@morningtonpres.org.nz](mailto:Rachel@morningtonpres.org.nz).

## Mataura Presbyterian : The Continuing Journey

Mataura Presbyterian Church have copies of the book "The Continuing Journey" available for sale at \$20 each plus p&p. celebrating 140 years of Mataura Church. all orders can be sent by email to [matpreschurch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:matpreschurch@xtra.co.nz) or ph 03 203 7585 and leave a message.

## Pastoral/Practical Theology Conference

21-22 November Knox College

**Keynote speaker** Paul Trebilco;

Also featuring Lynne Baab, John Roxburgh and many more. **Flyers available**

## Light Party

Forsyth Barr Stadium  
31st Oct, 6-8.30pm



This is a huge undertaking for the churches of Dunedin.

Close to 6000 people are expected.

Please give your support through volunteering to help with activities  
(see today's clipboard)

If you can't help, please pray for the event's success and for a positive impact on the many kids and families who attend.

## CAP MONEY COURSE

Beginning 15 October (this Weds) at 7pm

Musselburgh Baptist Church

Continues for three weeks.

Register online at [www.capnz.org](http://www.capnz.org)

or by contacting the church

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