



It's Friday but Sunday's Coming

Sunday for most Kiwis means something other than church in the morning and empty space in the afternoon. For most Kiwis it means a day when I don't have to work so I can do something enjoyable or at least important like having a BBQ or going surfing or even doing the garden. But for we who desire to have a relationship with God we persist in coming at least semi-regularly to church and frankly sometimes it's not easy. We'd rather be doing something else if we're honest. So why persist against a cultural tide which is reaching storm proportions? Wouldn't it be easier and, in some ways, more honest just to join the rest, and bag church? Can't we still believe in God and not be so tied to a congregation? Well, frankly, no... You see as soon as we start down this line of thinking we are saying something about belief which is not true for our faith. We are saying that belief is largely a personal thing which belongs to me and me only and which does not owe anyone else anything. It's a personal possession. This is, however, to forget that belief isn't the result of a simple personal choice. Rather it is the fruit of an interaction with the God of the universe. Belief is the evidence of God at work, not the ticket we produce to get into heaven. You believe because already the Holy Spirit has been at work in your heart helping you to know God and to know that God is totally committed to you and God has shown this through the Cross by which everything that once stood between God and You was removed. That love comes before belief and it's what leads us to God... to believe!

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Richard Dawson
Preacher	Richard Dawson
Worship Team	Matt Dent
Children's Talk	Dave Jull
Prayers for Others	Ruth Pearce
Bible Reading	To be arranged
Setup Team	Nick Bates (Bri, Geoff)
Door & Offering	Liz & Steve C
Data Projector	Sandi Jull
Sound	Ged Forbes
Duty Elder	Susan Jack
Welcome Team	Judith Forbes
Prayer Ministry	Alastair Yule
Offering Counter	Ruth Pearce
Morning Tea	Colin & Chris F



Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Sunday 19 October 2014

Service Leader: Paul Trebilco
Worship Leader and Preacher:
Richard Dawson

*For where two or three are gathered
in my name, I am there among them*

Matthew 18:20

Welcome to our service

- 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.
- Kidztime and Junior Youth programmes begin again for the term today

Today's Readings: -John 5:16-21 -Matthew 18:18-20 -1 Corinthians 6:1-8



Photos and "blurbs" for our Community snapshot booklet are due by Tuesday. Information forms on the notices table.



Tonight 7pm
George St
Studentsoul
Worship evening
All welcome



Today's Team

Door & Offering: Ruth Pearce	Children's Talk: Steve Christensen
Prayers for Others: Colin Fitzpatrick	Bible Reading: Jocelyn Springthorpe
Data Projector: Rachel Elder	Duty Elder: Liz Christensen
Setup Team: Craig Campbell	Welcome team: Richard
Sound: Liam Hutton	Prayer Ministry: Richard
Offering Counter: Clair Scadden	Morning Tea: Gill & Paul Trebilco, Debbie Griffiths

LV info & events

Noticeboard

This week at Leith:

7pm Tues: TNT (Senior Youth)

6.30am Weds: Men's Breakfast

7.30am Weds: Prayer Meeting

10am Weds: Engage Women

Fair News

We have 3 weeks to go until the Leith Valley Church Fair. Fun! Fun! Fun! As you can imagine, we are working on the finer details now, and would appreciate help with the following:

- Urgent** - Plant flower, herb and vegetable seedlings - these need to be planted today. Please contact Colin Fitzpatrick if you can assist

- Please collect and bring supermarket bags to Church on Sundays.

- Baking for the Baking Stall. Please contact Judith Forbes.

- Food items for the hampers e.g. chocolates, sparkling grape juice, biscuits, etc

If you have items for the fair, please either bring them to church, drop off at 160 Signal Hill Rd or ph/text Shane to arrange Saturday pick up. 0274-786055

Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and energy to this wonderful opportunity to showcase Leith Valley St Stephens Church and support the youth ministry.

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.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

There's still time to fill a shoebox for a child in need! If you're unsure what age to do then try a 2-4 year old boy. This group usually gets the least number of contributions which means some little boys have to have a girl's box or else an older boy's one.

- If you've tried donating online and become confused by it being in Australian dollars, don't worry, when you head to the "checkout" there's an option to convert to NZ\$ and it's still just \$9.
- Our shoe box gifts from Australia and New Zealand are sent to 7 countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. Those countries are: Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu.
- Drop off completed box by

Thurs 30 October

Before service prayer will be at 9.40am, while Peter and Jessica Crothall are away. They will be once again praying between 9 and 10am from Sunday 2 November.

Monthly Missions Prayer

Next week 5.30pm, LV Church.
Bring your tea.



Studentsoul end of semester programme:

Tonight 7pm: Worship night at George St
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. Thanks!

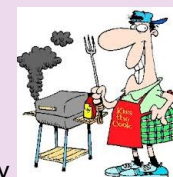


Small fridge and 2 cupboards for sale. Cupboards would make good shelving for garage or similar.
Contact Church office.



Wayne Harray and Mal Crossley

are running the barbeque at the Church Fair. Unfortunately their helpers have had to pull out so they are looking for a few more pairs of hands, even for an hour or so. Contact Mal on 453-5114



Light Party Forsyth Barr Stadium 31st Oct, 6-8.30pm



Keep praying for this event. There is still room for more volunteers, be in touch with the office this week if you can help.

Please get **summer holiday dates** to Rachel as soon as possible so she can get started on the new roster, which begins on 16 November. Swaps can be made as always but it's good to aim for as few clashes as possible!



House available to rent over Christmas.

Do you have family or friends visiting for Christmas? 3bedroom, sunny home in Opoho available 22nd Dec - 5th Jan.
Contact Shane on 0274-786055