



## It's Friday but Sunday's Coming

How important is Sunday and the rituals which are traditional for Christians on that day? Is it that important to maintain Sunday as a 'Church Day' or can we, dare we, allow this to change. I suspect Jesus wouldn't mind a bit of change. After all it was He who said that the Sabbath was made for people and not people for the Sabbath. But just how far should we go with that? Do we do away with 'church' altogether citing the greater importance of serving 'people' and their needs? I think this question needs at least two answers. On the one hand if we're talking about the actual day i.e. Sunday then we can afford to be lenient. Although it's handy to develop a habit of worship on a particular day I don't think God really minds what day it's on. On the other hand if we're talking about the Sabbath and all that attends it then we can't so easily dismiss it. Jesus never spoke against the Sabbath. The different rhythm of that day, the fact that it meant rest and a chance to worship is, I believe, vital for the health of our churches and the individuals within those churches. Without a regular weekly rest we simply become too tired to make good decisions. This is to say nothing of the fact that God requires that we take such a rest and so blesses this.

Whatever is not done on this day doesn't become a penalty for the faith community. God promises to make up for it if not in a material way then in health and vigour and spiritual vitality. Our Sunday routine may not need to be on a Sunday but it needs to be weekly and it needs to include worship and rest.

*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>	Helen Harray
<b>Preacher</b>	Rob Yule
<b>Worship Team</b>	Rod Galloway
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Miranda Fairmaid
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Ged Forbes
<b>Setup Team</b>	Phil Scadden
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Palmer family
<b>Data Projector</b>	Steven Foote
<b>Sound</b>	Liam Hutton
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Catherine McKinlay
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Hilary and Craig C
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Bruce and Pauline G
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Sandi Jull
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Hilary and Craig Jess Palmer



# Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

## Sunday 26 October 2014

**Service Leader & Preacher:**  
Richard Dawson  
**Worship Leader:** Geoff Bevan

*if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father*  
*Matthew 18:19*

## 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 are both running this morning.

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



**Monthly Missions Prayer Gathering**  
Leith Valley Church  
Tonight 5.30pm,  
Bring your tea.



**Tonight 7pm**  
George St  
Studentsoul  
Prayer Chapel  
All welcome



## Today's Team

**Door & Offering:** Liz and Steve Christensen

**Children's Talk:** Dave Jull

**Bible Reading:** Fairlie Sim

**Duty Elder:** Susan Jack

**Welcome team:** Judith Forbes

**Prayer Ministry:** Alastair Yule

**Offering Counter:** Ruth Pearce

**Prayers for Others:** Ruth Pearce

**Data Projector:** Sandi Jull

**Setup Team:** Nick Bates, Geoff Cheyne

**Sound:** Ged Forbes

**Morning Tea:** Colin and Chris Fitzpatrick  
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# LV info & events

# Noticeboard

## This week at Leith:

7pm Tues: Senior Youth  
6.30am Weds: Men's Breakfast  
7.30am Weds: Prayer Meeting  
10am Weds: Engage Women

## CHRISTMAS BOXES

Get these in to Manna books or  
Salvation Army family store by

## THURSDAY



The final Contemplative service for  
2014 will be on Sunday evening 16  
November at 6.30pm.

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 next Sunday.

**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.

## Leith Valley Church Fair:

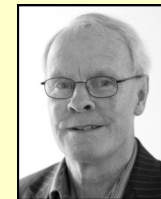
**Saturday, 8th November!!**  
**Not long to go now!!!**

- Over the next two weeks, it would be wonderful if people could contribute **food items** for the hamper baskets. There is a table on the verandah for these donations.
- We also need **ice cream containers and belt bags** for each stall. If you can help in this way, please bring them to church on Sunday or drop off at the church office.
- We will be having a **Working Bee** at 7pm on Thursday, 6th November at the church. Help would be appreciated as we need to clear space for the stalls, etc. Please contact Shane or just turn up.
- Do you have spare **seedling/plant containers**? If so, please be in touch.
- If you have a **clothing rack** you could loan, please call Maree on 552 0232  
**Contact Sasha and Shane re any of the above on:** 4731111  
021 1724709 (Sasha)  
021 1680024 (Shane)

## International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church

Grace Bible Church welcomes you to join them in prayer at  
**2pm on November 9, Grace House, 26 St David St.**

**Next Sunday** we have  
3 baptisms: Liam Hutton, Lydia Christensen and Freya Pettigrew. We also have Rev Rob Yule preaching. Rob, who will be in Dunedin attending (his brother) Alastair's wedding, is a retired Minister who lead congregations in Christchurch, Palmerston North and Auckland during his years in ministry. He was also Moderator of the Presbyterian Church from 2000-2002.



## 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



Head along with your family for this fun night out! Volunteers will be contacted during the week regarding what time to meet.

Richard was interviewed on Dunedin TV during the week about his appointment as moderator designate.

To watch this go to  
[www.dunedintv.co.nz/content/nightly-interview-richard-dawson](http://www.dunedintv.co.nz/content/nightly-interview-richard-dawson)

Community Snapshot deadline extended for another week. Get these in ASAP!

## 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