



**Being Me** The current generations have been called the 'Me' generations in an allusion to their pre-occupation with themselves. I think this is thoroughly unfair. To my mind the opportunity to be self-absorbed has increased enormously with the increasing growth of time and energy saving technology and what has filled the gap has been a behaviour which is as old as humanity itself—pleasing oneself! But this activity has really only arisen because of the opportunity, not because people are inherently any more selfish today than they were 50 or 100 years ago. Indeed I would add that current generations seem less happy with themselves than ever before and a recently released survey of secondary school pupils showing that 20% of female students and 10% of male students had thought seriously about taking their own lives in the previous year, would seem to support this. Within Christian circles we have often added to the problem by creating a piety which is 'anti-self' and 'anti-identity.' In other words, we have taught that God wants people who are, in themselves, 'blank slates' or 'table rasa' as the latin has it. And God wants people like this so that He can direct them without the interference of a 'person' who might have wants and needs of their own. This, of course, is nonsense. God created us with the ability to have wants and needs and while we are certainly not to ruled by these we are also not persons without them. And if God created us like this God is very able to relate to us with all those things intact. Indeed, in a most glorious way God desires us to **become persons**, to be the 'me' we were made to be!

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>	Helen Harray
<b>Worship Team</b>	Richard Dawson
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Paul Trebilco
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Philip Hill
<b>Setup Team</b>	Phil Scadden
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Phil & Clair Scadden
<b>Data Projector</b>	To be arranged
<b>Sound</b>	To be arranged
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Paul Trebilco
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Wayne Harray
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Helen & Wayne H
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Andrew & Jane Dawson



# Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

## Sunday 23 November 2014

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

*the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost*

*Luke 19:10*

## 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 stay and share some morning tea with us after the service.
- ✦ Children involved in the Christmas Musical are reminded to meet at Ross Home, NEV this afternoon at 1.50pm. Bring a drink bottle, pick up from George St at 4.30pm.



**Today's Readings:**  
Psalm 139:1-14  
Luke 19:1-10



**Mission Prayer Evening**  
5.30pm LV Church  
Bring your tea

## Today's Team

**Door & Offering:** Colin & Chris Ritzpatrick  
**Prayers for Others:** unsure at time of printing!  
**Data Projector:** Sandi Jull  
**Setup Team:** Wayne Harray  
**Welcome team:** Hilary & Craig Campbell  
**Morning Tea:** Richard & Chris N, Catherine M

**Children's Talk:** Judith Forbes  
**Bible Reading:** Phil Scadden  
**Duty Elder:** James Lovelock  
**Sound:** Wayne Harray  
**Prayer Ministry:** Nigel J, Gill  
**Offering Counter:** Sandi Jull

# 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

10.30 Thurs: Coffee Plus (women)

## Food bank needs

Tinned fish~Lunchbox supplies  
Noodles or similar quick snacks  
Tinned tomatoes  
Pasta sauces  
Spreads



## Hospital Chaplaincy Christmas function

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm

### Supper to follow

You are most welcome to come to the Chapel to place a dove on the Remembrance Tree, in memory of your loved ones who have passed away. The tree should be available from the beginning of December.

Please RSVP to Frances by 1<sup>st</sup> December for catering purposes Ph: 474 0999 ext 8130  
E: frances.oconnell@southernhdhb.govt.nz



## Understanding Islam

This Wednesday night

7pm

Dr Adam Dodds

St Matthew's Church

The **Fair Committee** is really keen to get some feedback from the congregation regarding the fair. The committee will be meeting on Tuesday night for a debrief, and is interested to hear what people enjoyed about the event - and the ways in which it can be improved. Please email Sasha

([sasha.turner@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sasha.turner@xtra.co.nz)) by Tuesday

Many thanks

A new **contact list** will be available in 2 weeks. This is different from the Community Snapshot which will be printed early next year. Please try and check off your details on the clipboard so we can produce and accurate publication. Thanks!

## SUMMER CAMPS

See the notices table for flyers for Scripture Union camps and Waiholā (CYC) camps.

## Mission and Membership

Sunday 7 December. We will welcome people into membership during this service and also approve our mission and budget for 2015.

If you are interested in membership, please take an information pamphlet today.

If you're not sure of your "status" see Helen after the service.

**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.

**Fundraising Hangi for Burkina Faso**  
**Friday 28 November**  
**\$10 per meal**  
**or \$30 for family of 4.**  
**Buy a ticket today or take some to sell!**

## 24-7 Prayer Dunedin

24-7 Prayer is an international movement of prayer, mission and justice. There is an online timetable to add your name to, the aim is to have 24-7 prayer over our city! Go to [www.dunedin.24-7prayer.nz](http://www.dunedin.24-7prayer.nz)

## Men's Breakfast

Men of Leith Valley, come and join in a final fellowship for 2014.

**Saturday 6th December**  
8.30am at LV Church.

Breakfast will be followed by an inspiring talk by our very own Alan Paterson.

Alan will be sharing about his recent time away in India.  
*Cost \$5 or whatever you can afford.*

## SAMSTOCK NEXT WEEKEND

Let's pray for good weather and a great time for all involved.

## AMANA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Mosgiel

Full-time teaching position available, commences January 2015.

Applicants need to be fully registered, experienced in primary school teaching and must comply with the School's special character requirements.

Inquiries for information and application forms to Chairman BOT, phone 03 467 2276 or email [amana.school@ihug.co.nz](mailto:amana.school@ihug.co.nz)  
*Applications close 8 December*



Transformers camp is coming up **13-15 February 2015** at Tirohanga. Ages 10-13. Also needed are leaders 16 years and over.

Take an information brochure and contact the office if you are thinking of going. Registration forms available nearer the time.

**Help needed to make costumes** for the Christmas Musical. If you can sew and are available please contact Miranda this week! Phone: **027 518 7360**



## MANAGER REQUIRED

Taieri Christian Schools Assn Inc

Part-time position beginning in 2015 to oversee two private educational entities:

- Amana Christian School
  - Amana Christian Early Learning Centre
- Applicants should have leadership and preferably teaching experience (would suit a retired Principal) and need to comply with the organization's special character.

Applications will be considered on December 15th. Late applications may be considered.

Phone the secretary of TCSAI on 03 467 2276

Or email [amana.elc@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:amana.elc@vodafone.co.nz)