



Being Me

The Bible encourages us to develop a healthy sense of 'self.' Jesus' teaching prefigured a much later recognition of the importance of the individual when he took seriously the needs of people who were socially 'nobodies.' In other words they were 'non persons' as far as most of the rest of society was concerned. But they weren't 'non-persons' to Jesus or to God the Father. He praised the actions of the prostitute who wet His feet with her tears. He lauded the actions of a Samaritan in helping a man beaten by thieves. He raised up simple fishermen as leaders and He recognised the faith of people as diverse as Roman Centurions, women with long standing disease of the womb and Canaanite women. He recognised people despite their social, political and personal standing and He told stories about people who deliberately squandered their personhood such as the prodigal son. Personhood and individuality were important to Him and so they should be important to us. We do this by making space for people in our circle of relationships—by honouring them first as worthy human beings and then as worthy members of our community. And yes there has to be some reciprocal response and effort but always the initiative lies with us. As members of the majority group it is our responsibility to reach out to those who aren't and invite them in. Acknowledging someone else in this way also requires that we listen and get to know another. So many people find Christian society rather shallow because we do not use the time we're together to really get to know others and yet they need this to feel they are 'somebody.'

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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

Service Leader	Helen Harray
Preacher	Richard Dawson
Worship Team	Pauline L/Jess P
Prayers for Others	Rachel Elder
Bible Reading	Sasha Turner
Setup Team	Bill Lee
Door & Offering	Trebilcos
Data Projector	Bronwyn Bennington
Sound	Ged Forbes
Duty Elder	Liz Christensen
Welcome Team	Gill Trebilco
Prayer Ministry	Pauline & Bruce G
Morning Tea	Nilanthi & Fairlie S Jan Satterthwaite



Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Sunday 30 November

Service Leader : Richard Dawson
Preacher: Helen Harray
Worship Leader: Richard Dawson

God gave us the ministry of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Welcome to our service

- ✦ Today is the first Sunday in Advent.
- ✦ 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.



Today's Readings
Romans 5: 6-11
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Today's Team

Door & Offering: Bill and Daphne Lee
Prayers for Others: Paul Trebilco
Data Projector: Sandi Jull
Setup Team: Phil Scadden
Welcome team: Wayne Harray
Morning Tea: Jane & Andrew Dawson

Children's Talk: Jocelyn Springthorpe
Bible Reading: Philip Hill
Duty Elder: Paul Trebilco
Sound: Ged Forbes
Prayer Ministry: Wayne & Helen

Notices

This week at Leith:

7pm Tues: Senior Youth

6.30am Weds: Men's Breakfast Group

7.30am Weds: Prayer Meeting

10am Weds: Engage Women

12noon Thurs: Coffee Plus Lunch

8.30 Sat: Men's Breakfast Event,
All welcome, \$5.

Richard and Fran are keen to hear from you if you can be involved in a drama for our **Christmas Eve service.**

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 an accurate publication. Thanks!

Mission and Membership

Next week we will welcome people into membership and also approve our mission and budget for 2015.

If you are interested in membership, please take an information pamphlet today. Contact the office if you would like to become a member at next week's service.

If you are on our email list you should have received copies of the budget and our Goals/planning document this week. There are copies of these on the notices table for you to take if you wish.

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.

Drawers needed

The Bentons are settling in well to their Opoho home but still require drawers for their clothes as well as a toaster and some facecloths, and dishcloths. If anyone can help out please let Luke or the office know.

Housesitter Available

26 January - 1 April, 2015

Any length of time within that period

contact: catherine.mckinlay@yahoo.ac.nz

021 127 1153

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

Also Teaching position available

Full-time position 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

Applications close 8 December

Burkina Faso Update

After the hangi we have close to \$5000 of the \$8000 we are aiming for to build two classrooms for the Melchizedek School.

Fiona Cooper invites the women of the church to a **Housewarming afternoon tea**

Saturday 6 December
2pm onwards
304 Taieri Road
Bring a plate.



Tear fund Christmas Appeal

Please take an envelope from the notices table.

Hospital Chaplaincy Christmas function

SUNDAY 7th 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 1st December
for catering purposes Ph: 474 0999 ext 8130
E: frances.oconnell@southernhdb.govt.nz



Important dates

Sunday 7 December

10am Congregational meeting/membership service

12.30pm Dress rehearsal for musical

Friday 12 December

Final practice for musical

Saturday 13 December

4pm Community Performance of Christmas Musical, Carols and BBQ, George St School

Sunday 14 December

10am Performance of Christmas Musical and Kidstime breakup

Sunday 21 December

Communion Service.

Last George St Service for 2014

Wednesday 24 December

7pm Christmas Eve Family Service at Leith Valley

Sunday 28 December

10am Service at Leith Valley

Richard Dawson

Sunday 4 January

10am Service at Leith Valley

Bill Lee/Ivan Martinez

Sunday 11 January

10am Service at Leith Valley

Ged Forbes/Ivan Martinez

Hospital Chapel duty

Sunday 18 January

10am Service at Leith Valley

Judith Forbes./Brett Knowles

Sunday 25 January

First service back at George St