



Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Christmas Week 2014

Jesus
EMMANUEL
god with us

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Dunedin Community Christmas Dinner

Town Hall 11.30am, Christmas Day
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Worship Leader: Matt Dent
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Prayers for Others: Rachel Elder
Morning Tea: Fairlie & Nilanthi Sim
Debbie Grififiths
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Sound: Wayne Harray
Duty Elder: James Lovelock
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Welcome/Offering: Nigel Jamieson
Children's talk: Dave Jull
Bible Readings: unconfirmed
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Morning Tea: Jessica & Peter Crothall
Data Projector: Ruth Pearce
Sound: Ged Forbes
Duty Elder: Judith Forbes
Prayer Ministry: Nigel Jamieson



Notices



The Church office will be closed
25 December to 13 January.
Richard and Helen will be away for the first
two weeks in January.
Contact Ivan Martinez on 022 1909 499
with any urgent matters.
www.leithvalley.org.nz

NEW YEAR'S EVE - 11.00pm -

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE - FIRST CHURCH

A half hour service to acknowledge God's presence in the
year that is past and to commit the new year to God's keeping.
(We finish in time to be in the Octagon for the fireworks!)

Housesitter Available

26 January - 1 April, 2015, Any length
of time within that period. contact:

catherine.mckinlay@yahoo.ac.nz

021 127 1153

Money Matters: Our account
number for online giving is
03 0883 0620501 00

Ring the church office if you would
like a donation no. for tax rebates.

This Christmas, **CBA** will be on air for 18-hours
nationwide on Newstalk ZB and Radio Sport. We'll
be reaching more than 250,000+ listeners with
entertaining programming which will present the
extraordinary, life-changing story of Jesus' birth.
Ian Grant, Petra Bagust, Rob Harley and 9 other
experienced Christian communicators will host the
programme.

5pm Christmas Day: Newstalk BC-An update of last year's
award winning show with cameo performances by John
Clarke, John Key, John Hawkesby and Leighton Smith.
See <http://www.cba.org.nz/christmas> for timetable



From The Minister's Desk



A Child

I wonder what you think when you read these words?

Most of us imagine a little person, full of hope, full of potential, full of
innocence. Someone to be protected. Someone to be treasured and
nurtured. But it wasn't always that way. Certainly in the generation I
grew up in, something of an earlier view of childhood still persisted
where children were perhaps something of a necessity more than a
treasure; where their position was described by that rather laconic
saying dating from the 15th Century, *children should be seen and not heard*. And the attitude
behind this is also somewhat reflective of the approach to children at the time of Jesus'
birth. Not that they weren't valued but that they didn't really count till they reached adult
age. Till they became useful they were really little more than nuisance value in most
contexts. Note, however, how the Christmas story turns this on its head for it is full of the
importance, the incredible value of... **a child**. Yes a particular child, but my bet is that the
valuing highly of *this* child began a sea-change in how children have been thought of
throughout the Christian world. From schools for children, to orphanages, to specialist
health care for pregnant mothers and children, we now highly value that which once had
no standing and little value in the world. Something about a child reflects the heart of the
kingdom of God for God is with children and is concerned that His people are too. That is
why we must value and resource our child and youth ministries and we must work to see
these grow and develop, for in them... the Christ child is come... and He will change the
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