



# Welcome to Leith Valley Church

## Sunday 18 January 2015

**Service Leader:** Judith Forbes  
**Preacher:** Brett Knowles  
**Worship Leader:** Helen Harray



*If you remain in me and I in  
you, you will bear  
much fruit*

*John 15:5*

### Welcome to our service!

- It's great to have you with us today. A special welcome to visitors and newcomers. We hope you'll join us for some morning tea after the service.
- Activity packs are available for the children during the service today.
- Next week we are back at George St and Phil Scadden's team is on Set-up. He has only **2 members remaining in the team** this year so if anyone can **come at 9.15am** and lend a hand, this will be most appreciated. Perhaps you would like to think about joining a team this year. One Sunday a month, men, women and teenagers welcome. Contact Rachel at the office if you can help in this way.



### Monthly Missions Prayer

Come along to Leith Valley tonight (change of date this month) A time together praying for Missions associated with our church. 5.30pm-7pm Bring your tea.



*Congratulations to Richard and Fran  
on the arrival of their granddaughter  
Lyla Mae. Born in Maryland, USA  
to Phil and Olivia, 6lb9oz*

### Today's Team

**Door/Offering:** Shane and Sasha Turner  
**Prayers for others:** Miranda Fairmaid  
**Morning Tea:** Camilla and Peter Cathro  
**Prayer Ministry:** Mal and Helen Crossley  
**Duty Elder:** Susan Jack

**Children's talk:** Bill Lee  
**Bible reading:** Jessica Crothall  
**Data Projector:** Rachel Elder  
**Sound:** Wayne Harray  
**Welcome team:** Ged Forbes

### From The Minister's Desk



### Summer!

I often liken the weather to life and I think life is reflected in the weather. Weather is an inescapable feature of our lives even if we spend much of them indoors. Somehow the rigours of winter do require a certain strength to endure. Autumn as a season of preparation for winter brings a sense of stillness and peace with it's vibrant colours and Spring can't help but invoke hope as new life springs from what has been a veritable wasteland over winter. Weather both invokes feelings about life and mirrors it. As the Word says, 'the rain falls on the just and the unjust alike' and in this we have a sense both of how gracious God is and how mysterious that grace is. In this God's fundamental commitment to humankind is revealed for He does not 'treat us as our sins deserve' but He is ever gracious and ever hopeful that we might return to him. But if good weather benefits those who don't deserve it so also does bad weather effect those whose lives appear to be good! How often have I heard the exclamation 'What did I do to deserve this!' The Truth is, you did nothing and everything. You did nothing because the weather isn't 'aimed at you' as some sort of punishment from God. But also, because of sin, we may say we did everything because now we deserve no favours from God—we have all 'fallen short.' So enjoy your summer. It is surely God's wonderful gift of grace.

*Richard*



### Christmas boxes:

Good News and Great Joy came in a shoebox to 320,841 kids this OCC season - the biggest shoebox tally ever from Australia and NZ.  
**YOU made it happen! Thank you for partnering with us.**

**ROSTER:** Rachel has begun working on the next roster which will take us from Feb 15 to 10 May. If you know of any weekends you are away including Easter (3-6 April) please email her this week. Next week there will be sign up sheets for various duties, to enable new people to join our service teams.

### Prayer for Dunedin

First meeting for the year  
Friday 30 January, 7.30pm  
All Saints Hall



### Welcome Leaflets

These are available in the foyer, please help yourself to one if you are new. There is a form inside each leaflet that you can fill out to let us know your contact details and anything you would like us to get in touch about. Put your completed form in the box labelled **Contact forms**

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### Ministers

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### NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

<b>Service Leader</b>	Richard Dawson
<b>Preacher</b>	Brett Knowles
<b>Worship Team</b>	Rod Galloway
<b>Children's Talk</b>	Bronwyn Bennington
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Lynne Baab
<b>Bible Reading</b>	To be arranged
<b>Setup Team</b>	Phil Scadden
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Palmer Family
<b>Data Projector</b>	Steven Foote
<b>Sound</b>	Wayne Harray
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Nick Palmer
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Wayne Harray
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Helen and Wayne
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Ruth Pearce
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Craig, Hilary, Nilanthi