



Have you ever just stood and declared God's truth over a situation in your life or the life of a loved one? If you have, then you know the power of declarative prayer. Declarative prayer is announcing, out loud, something that is true according to the teachings of Scripture and the character of God. It's about proclaiming truth and destroying lies. This changes the spiritual atmosphere. When we declare God's truths over ourselves, they stick. They change the atmosphere. They change us. Declarative prayers get me out of my self-pity, anxiety, confusion and self-doubt.

They change my mindset and reorient my thinking.

Examples of declarative prayer:

- **Declaring our own identity in Christ**, for example; "I am a son or daughter of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."
- **Declaring God's sovereignty and love over the people around us**, for example; "The God of the universe loves my friend. He has sent His Son, Christ Jesus to seek him."
- **Declaring God's sovereignty and power over the nations**, for example; "The God who is greater than the leader of this nation desires justice, compassion and mercy."
- **Declaration of God's truth** is powerful prayer but it's not a 'name it, claim it' form of prayer. It comes out of waiting and listening for how to pray and knowing the Word of God which we wield like a sword in the Spirit. There is power in the Word: "*the words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life*" (John 6:63).

**Our words release life and death** - "*The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit*" (Proverbs 18:21). Practicing such prayer purifies our own hearts and the world around us. In praying God's truth, we find our own faith strengthened and our confidence ever more firmly grounded in him.

*Helen*

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## NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

<b>Service Leader</b>	Richard Dawson
<b>Preacher</b>	Ivan Martinez
<b>Worship Team</b>	Studentsoul
<b>Children's Talk</b>	Catherine McKinlay
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Colin Fitzpatrick
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Chris Fitzpatrick
<b>Setup Team</b>	Bill Lee
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Chrissy C, Debbie G
<b>Data Projector</b>	Rachel Elder
<b>Sound</b>	Wayne Harray
<b>Duty Elder</b>	James Lovelock
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Helen Crossley
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Helen & Wayne H
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Peter & Jessica C Susan Jack Deborah Hendry

# Leith Valley Church

*"Growing great community"*



## Sunday 22 February 2015

**Service Leader:** Richard Dawson

**Preacher:** Helen Harray

**Worship Leader:** Pauline Lovelock



*Even in darkness  
light dawns for  
the upright*

*Psalm 112:4*

**Welcome to our service!** It's great to have you with us today.

A special welcome to students who are back from holidays or here for the first time, also to all visitors and newcomers. Please make yourself known to us and if you plan to be around for awhile, fill out a **contact form** so we can keep in touch with you.

Youth Group: Today is McDonalds day so head out after the Children's talk with Luke.

**Prayer Boats** this afternoon, meet at Malvern St Playground at 3pm.

Collect your origami boat at the back.

**Missions Prayer Evening** at 5.30pm.

Bring your tea.

**Today's Readings**

**Psalm 112, Matt 7: 7-11, Romans 10: 6-11**



## Today's Team

**Door/Offering:** Potts Family  
**Children's Talk:** Hamish Temple-Doig  
**Data Projector:** Wayne Harray  
**Prayer Ministry:** Hele & Mal Crossley  
**Welcome team:** Helen Crossley  
**Morning Tea:** Russell & Rachel Elder, Jane & Andrew Dawson

**Prayers for others:** James Lovelock  
**Sound:** Daniel Sim  
**Duty Elder:** Judith Forbes  
**Set up team:** (Scaddens)

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## THIS Week at Leith

(267 Malvern St, Leith Valley)

### Tuesday

7-9pm TNT youth

### Wednesday

6.30am Men's Breakfast group

7.30am Midweek prayer

10am Women's coffee group  
(Rose Adams 4667874)

### Thursday

10.30am Women's coffee group  
(Gill Trebilco 4739628)

### Sunday 1 March

6.30pm Contemplative Service

# Notices

Orphans Aid International, Street Appeal!

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10am-5pm

Contact Hilary if you can help 027 224 6927



## Contemplative Service

Next Sunday evening at LV Church.

A time of quiet reflection and prayer, using the "stations" that were set up for the Ash Wednesday service.

Come at 6.30pm for a light meal, service will start at 7pm.



**RDCK SDLI** is a faith-based youth agency that works with young people in South Dunedin. We need Leaders to join our team on Wednesday nights for the Intermediate group. If you are a Christian, want to meet new people and want to make a difference in the lives of Dunedin Youth we would love to hear from you! **INFORMATION NIGHT THIS WEEK** Wednesday 7pm, Carisbrook School Hall, 217 South Road, Caversham. Transport available, Contact Tamsyn on **027 325 3794**

## STUDENTSOUL NOTICES

- ◆ First service next week 7pm at George St School.
  - ◆ BBQ tonight 6pm
  - ◆ We still need a fridge!
  - ◆ **Personal assistant/administrator** needed
- This is a casual fixed-term position 5-10 hours weekly.  
Please contact Ivan  
[ivan@student soul.org.nz](mailto:ivan@student soul.org.nz)  
022 1909499

☺ **More Community snapshot** copies available today. Pick one up if you don't have one and find out who's who at Leith.

☺ Thanks to all those who took part in our pastoral survey online, results are currently being collated.

## SMALL GROUP LEADERS!

Orientation Night

Thursday 7.30pm, 21 Royston St, NEV

If you're thinking you could lead a group please come even if you haven't led before.

George Bates is selling cheese rolls. 3 dozen for \$15. Call him on 4795575 (out of school hours) if you would like to place an order. Delivery 15 March (great tea after you get home from church camp!)



**Money Matters:** Thank you all for your ongoing support in this area. If you would like to set up an Automatic Payment or donate online, the account number is 03 0883 0620501 00. A donation number can be issued for tax purposes, contact Rachel at the office.

## CAMP

Church camp is coming up in three weeks!

**Tirohanga  
13-15 March**

The theme of the camp will be **prayer** and there will be lots of fun time together too

Movie and popcorn on Saturday night  
*Pick up a flyer next week for details*

## Servants Health Centre Needs You!

Servants Health Centre provides free GP healthcare to low income people in our city. It is staffed by volunteers who give of their time on a regular basis. The Centre also runs a Friday group where patients are able to explore Christianity in a safe way.

We currently have vacancies for reception cover, administration, doctors, nurses and other health workers. Without a good team of volunteers, especially doctors and nurses, we will have to limit the number of patients we can see. If you think that this could be for you, or you would like to explore how you could serve in some way then please contact Leanne Stewart  
email [leanne.stewart@shc.org.nz](mailto:leanne.stewart@shc.org.nz) /ph 477-7040.

## PRESBYTERIAN RESEARCH NETWORK

### FIRST LECTURE FOR 2015

Thursday February 26

Knox Church Gathering Centre (behind Church)

5pm tea/coffee

**Lecture - 5.30pm to 7pm**

### Richard and Helen Away

Both our ministers will be away in the first week of March (2nd to 6th)

Richard will be going on a wilderness retreat and Helen is attending a Kairos course on mission.

## Accommodation Needs

- **David Leung** is looking for a room in a Christian flat. Contact him on 027 6140404
- Christian female flatmate needed to join two others in Roslyn furnished flat  
See [www.canz.co.nz/flats/view/13635](http://www.canz.co.nz/flats/view/13635)

Meal roster for the Scadden family: <http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com>  
Last Name: Scadden Password: Scadden

**Christian Early Childhood Education Association of Aotearoa,**

## MINI-CONFERENCE

**Fri 27 Feb 6-8pm**

**Sat 28 Feb 9am-3.30pm**

**Rainbows Preschool**

Phone Rainbow Preschool on 4556281 for more information