



The Cross in our life. Today we should celebrate as Christians. Today of all days we may know that God has not and will not give up on us no matter what we've done or how we've failed. For after taking the worst we could offer on the Cross God raises Jesus from the dead to call His disciples to speak again the word of love to all people throughout the whole world for all time. And we of all people are the beneficiaries of this message. We have inherited this wonderful word and all of the good gifts which come with it. But what does this actually mean? What does it mean when most of us have endured loss and pain and regret and continued struggle with life and, indeed, death? Are these things a sign of the failure of God's Word? A prayer of a lone confederate soldier says much in this regard... 'I asked God for strength that I might achieve, I was made weak that I might learn to obey. I asked for health that I might do great things. I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power when I was young that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need for God. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all people, most richly blessed.' God calls us to share in Christ's life but to do so we must also realise that this means sharing in His Cross as well. This too is the Easter story. The resurrected life **comes through** a share in Christ's Cross.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Helen Harray
Preacher	Helen Harray
Worship Team	Rod Galloway
Prayers for Others	To be arranged
Bible Reading	Bruce Geddes
Setup Team	Wayne Harray
Door & Offering	Bates family
Prayer Ministry	Mal and Helen C
Welcome Team	Bruce and Pauline G
Data Projector	Rachel Elder
Sound	Ged Forbes
Duty Elder	James Lovelock
Morning Tea	Fairlie & Nilanthi S
	Another volunteer?

Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"



Sunday 5 April 2015

Service Leader: Helen Harray

Preacher: Richard Dawson

Worship Leader: Richard Dawson



God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8



Welcome!

It's great to have you with us this morning. If you are new or visiting we hope to meet you over morning tea. There is a combined programme for Junior and Senior Kidztime this morning (2-11yrs)

Today's readings

Romans 5:1-11
Luke 24:1-12

Today's Team

Door/Offering: Fairlie Sim
Children's Talk: Fiona Cooper
Sound: Wayne Harray
Duty Elder: Judith Forbes
Set up team: Craig Campbell
Morning Tea: Hilary and Craig Campbell, Mal and Helen Crossley

Bible Reading: Ged Forbes
Prayers for others: Paul Trebilco
Data Projector: Fiona Cooper
Prayer Ministry: Helen and Wayne
Welcome team: Helen Harray

Find us on facebook or at www.leithvalley.org.nz

Leith Notices



We need you!

Please consider joining a set up team. Only once a month.

These chairs don't put themselves out!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- ❖ The Thursday morning coffee group will be taking a break over the holidays.
- ❖ Wednesday group may meet if enough interest.
Contact Rose on 021 708399.
- ❖ No youth group on 7th April but Luke will be in touch about the 14th

Sunday 26 April

Hospital Chapel Duty:

We need a team of ten people to help move patients in the hospital to the Chapel Service.

We meet at 9.45am
Let Rachel know if you can help.



Required either a room, flat or studio unit in a Christian home/flat
David Leung at 0276140404

STORY TELLING WORKSHOP, GODLY PLAY STYLE.

April 14th 7:15pm - 9pm at Leith Valley Church

Godly Play is a specific way of telling God's stories that encourages children to wonder about our mysterious God. If you love telling God's stories and encouraging open space for children to have their own experience of God through stories, then please come along. The workshop will be lead by Cheryl Harray from Kids Friendly. For more information please contact Rose Adams, 466 7874.

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.

Faith Thinking Course

Going Deeper into the Gospel of Luke

Deborah Bower (Synod leadership advisor)

- Friday April 17, 7.00 - 9.00 pm
- Saturday April 18 9am-12.30pm
- Burns 5, Albany Street, University of Otago
- \$20 per course
- **Register:**
continuing.education@otago.ac.nz
or phone 479 9181.

Food bank needs

- tinned fruit
- tinned tomatoes
- 2 minute noodles
- tinned fish
- toilet paper
- tea bags



Resilience in Ministry

South Island Ministry Conference

19-21 May, 2015

East Taieri Church

Mosgiel, Dunedin

More information at www.etchurch.co.nz

Email: office@etchurch.co.nz

Patti Velotta

"Immanuel" Seminar

23-25 April

Thurs/Fri Evenings
& all day Sat

\$50

See flyer on notices table

Patti will be speaking at Leith Valley on Sunday 19 April



It's
mid-semester
break

No Studentsoul
service tonight.



Family Life Marriage Weekend:

Hanmer Springs

July 24-26

Contact Rachel at the office
for more information