From The Minister's Desk

Why I believe 4 Whether people admit it or not most of us live out of a story which tries to make sense of the world. Some call this narrative a 'world-view' though I suspect it isn't nearly as neat and tidy as that title tends to make it sound. We live 'through' such a story because there is a deep instinct within us towards understanding –towards making sense of things. Something in us rejects the notion that the universe and everything within it is an accident and so is fundamentally irrational. From toddlers whose every second question is 'Why?' to adults who rail at the senseless death of a loved one we are all deeply challenged by the need to make sense of the universe… but how? The Christian narrative, once understood in it's wholeness has satisfied my deep need to do this. From its beginning with a loving God who creates in love a universe designed to reflect the nature of God to the injection of a dark poisonous draft of irrationality we call sin which has infected every part of that creation and especially us, to the redeeming work of the Son of God whose life, death and resurrection has swallowed up that darkness and made it light again by virtue of the same love which created the universe in the first place—the Christian story makes sense of everything. Which is not the same as saying everything that happens is sensible or right. Quite the opposite. The universe must still be recreated in the image of Christ; the story is not complete, darkness still reigns in certain areas and must still be resisted. But, as they say, Sunday is coming! And on that day we rejoice in a new creation that makes perfect sense!

Richard

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NEXT WEEK

Service Leader	Richard Dawson
Preacher	Richard Dawson
Worship Leader	Pauline/Jess
Children's talk	Richard
Bible Reading	Liz Christensen
Prayers for others	Phil Hill
Setup Team	Nick/Jonno/Tim
Door & Offering	Phil & Clair Scadden
Welcome Team	Bruce & Pauline Geddes
Prayer Ministry	Bruce & Pauline Geddes
Data Projector	Bronwyn Bennington
Sound	Ged Forbes
Duty Elder	Catherine McKinlay
Morning Tea	Hilary & Craig Campbell
	Chrissy Cameron

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Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Sunday 26 July 2015

Service Leader: Kristin Jack
Preacher: Dion Fasi (Rock Solid)
Worship Leader: Richard Dawson

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven
Matt 16:19

Welcome to our service

Today we will share communion together.

- If you are new or visiting please make yourself known to us, and if you think you'll be around for awhile we'd love you to fill out a contact form on the welcome table.
- Today Kidztime start their new programme: *Radio Active Godtalk ZB* and the Juniors will be learning about Noah's Ark. Children will go out after communion.

POTLUCK LUNCH
Today After church!
Leith Valley Church
267 Malvern St
All Welcome

Today's Team

Door/Offering: Bronwyn Bennington, Chrissy Cameron
Prayers for others: Rachel Elder
Bible Reading: Rock Solid person
Data Projector: Rachel Elder
Sound: Daniel Sim
Welcome team: Gill Trebilco
Set up team: Craig Campbell
Prayer Ministry: Catherine McKinlay, Nigel Jamieson
Morning Tea: Phil & Clair Scadden, Kanako Lokman
Offering Counter: Camilla Cathro
Duty Elder: Phil Hill

Notices

TONIGHT

Missions prayer evening
5.30pm, Leith Valley Church
Bring your tea.

Studentsoul
7pm George St

THIS WEEK

Youth Group (Yr 11-13)
Tuesday 7-9pm
Men's Breakfast
6.30am Wednesday
Prayer Meeting
7.30 am Wednesday
The Weekly Grind (women)
Weds 10am: Contact Rose 466-7874
DVD: *The Emotionally Healthy Woman*, will start at 10.30 sharp!!!
Coffee Plus (women) Thurs 10.30am: Contact Gill 473-9628
(check venue)

Calendar For July-Sept

26 July	Potluck lunch at Leith
13 August	Midweek Prayer & Praise Evening
23 August	All Age service Neighbourhood Lunches
1-2 September	Sy Rogers Seminar Nations Church
1-7 September	EXCEL in Dunedin (billets needed)

Directed Seaside Retreat, Moeraki
Sept 11th- 14th 2015
Pick up a brochure on the notices table or contact Colin on 467-9118

Prayer and Praise Evening 13 August
This will be an evening of praise and intercession to both pray for people who need prayer for anything and to pray for various issues within our faith community. We'll start at 7.30pm and finish by 9pm.

INTERNSHIP

Pingtung Presbyterian Church, Taiwan

Pingtung has a population of 200 000 and is located in southern Taiwan.
Applicants aged 18-30 from the NZ Presbyterian church are invited to apply for this position.
The intern will take part in church-run English courses, children and youth work and promoting the church's extensive Bible museum.
It is envisaged that the internship will last 6-12 months.
Accommodation and Insurance are provided plus a living allowance.
Please contact the LV church office for more information.

Latafale Auva'a will be returning to Dunedin in September and is looking for board from then until mid November. Contact Ivan if you can help on **022 190 9499**

Women's Event

You are invited to a dessert evening with mulled wine and fire side chats!
Saturday 8th August, 7:30 p.m.
35 Henry St, Maori Hill
Bring: A small dessert
For more info
contact the church office

Faith Thinking Courses

Presented by
Department of Theology and Religion
Te Tari Matauranga Whakapono
University of Otago

The Protestant Reformation and the Breaking of the Western Church
Associate Professor Tim Cooper, Department of Theology and Religion.
Friday July 31st, 7-9pm and
Saturday August 1st, 9-12.30
Burns 5 (Albany Street), University of Otago

A Closer Look at Christian Leadership
Pastor Peter Tate, Senior Pastor at Nations Christian Church
7.00-9.00pm on three Mondays:
August 17, 24 and 31 NOTE CHANGED DATES.
Nations Christian Church, 334 King Edward Street, South Dunedin

Each Course costs $20.
For further information go to:
http://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/otago055227.html

Or call Paul Trebilco 473-9628
PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation

ALSO!! Professor Steve Walton
Public Lecture:
Leadership, Lifestyle and the Book of Acts
Archway 2 Lecture Theatre
5:15 pm
Thursday 6th August 2015

SEMINAR
Luke as Theologian, Luke as Storyteller: How Luke "does Theology"
Seminar Room 4.C.11
4th floor, Arts Building
3:00 pm
Friday 7th August 2015

Money Matters: For all direct payments please use account number
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If you would like a donation number for tax purposes please contact the office.