



**Being Divided:** Being divided is universally known to be unhelpful. Jesus said 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.' To be 'two-faced' is to basically be one thing on the outside and another within. Even the idea of a two edged sword speaks of something inherently dangerous. The question is, how do we avoid this? There are perhaps many different strategies we need to consider but there is one thing which I think can be incredibly helpful in keeping our hearts and minds from being divided and that is what we allow to come out of our mouths. Again the tongue is universally considered both powerful and dangerous in the Bible. James is perhaps the most strident apologist in this regard saying at one point, 'but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison...' And why is the tongue so derided? Because it can so easily be the wedge that creates a divided heart in us and in those around us. Again James will say, 'From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.' It is clear that if we use our tongues negatively we can so easily influence those around us—we can turn them against another or even against themselves. We can introduce quite evil ideas into the minds of many by the way we speak. What is perhaps even more dangerous is that with our tongues we can divide our own hearts and minds and create a double-mindedness which defeats any sense of purpose and drive in ourselves. I find this so often in myself. I am convinced of the righteousness of a particular course of action and then I say something to myself or even just out aloud—something slightly negative, perhaps magnifying the difficulty of such a path or the pain of a moment and suddenly I am divided about what I am doing. The answer is—be positive—accentuate the good!

*Richard*

# Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"



SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

**Service Leader:** Richard Dawson  
**Preacher:** Mike Summerfield  
**Worship Leader:** Jess Palmer



**Today's Reading**  
**Romans 15:14-25**

## Welcome to our service

- Welcome to Mike Summerfield who is preaching today. Mike and Michelle were part of Leith and now pastor at Roslyn Baptist. It's great to have the family (including Gabby, Keziah and Elise) back with us this morning.
- Kidztime and Junior youth are running as usual today.
- After the service we will have our AGM. This will start after a brief morning teatime. There will be supervision for children during this time.
- If you are new or visiting we'd love to get to know you, please take a welcome flyer and fill in the contact form if you would like to receive our weekly email.



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## NEXT WEEK

**Service Leader** Richard Dawson  
**Preacher** Brett Knowles  
**Worship Team** Richard  
**Setup Team** Craig Campbell  
**Children's Talk** Hamish Temple-Doig  
**Prayers** Fiona Cooper  
**Bible Reading** Shane Turner  
**Door & Offering** Bates Family  
**Welcome Team** Gill Trebilco  
**Prayer Ministry** Gill Trebilco  
**Data Projector** Fiona Cooper  
**Sound** Ged Forbes  
**Duty Elder** Susan Jack  
**Morning Tea** Richard & Chris Newton  
 Deborah Hendry

**Offering count** Keryn Harrex

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## Today's Team

**Door/Offering:** Alan and Jenny Paterson  
**Bible Reading:** Clair Scadden  
**Data Projector:** Sandi Jull  
**Set up team:** Bill Lee  
**Welcome:** Bruce and Pauline Geddes  
**Morning Tea:** Nilanthi and Fairlie Sim

**Prayers for others:** Bill Lee  
**Sound:** Daniel Sim  
**Duty Elder:** Bill Lee  
**Offering Count:** Sandi Jull

# NOTICES

## THIS WEEK @ LEITH

### Tuesday:

Youth Group (Years 11-13) 7-9pm

### Wednesday:

Men's Breakfast 6.30am  
Prayer Meeting 7.30 am  
The Weekly Grind Coffee group (women) 10am  
MLT 10am



## Christmas Shoeboxes

Time to start shopping!  
Boxes will be collected in at various drop-off points next month.  
Remember you can donate small items or money if you're not able to make a whole box- See display at the back.

[www.samaritanspurse.org.au](http://www.samaritanspurse.org.au)

## Next Prayer and Praise Evening:



Leith Valley Church  
Thursday 24 September

## Food bank current needs:

Spreads	Chilli beans	Toilet paper
Sauces	Rice	Canned
Tins of corn	Instant noodles	vegetables

## Thankyou letters

*Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you very much for making efforts to send us this support for the school to move forward. We are about to finish these two classrooms for the 1st October the commencing of the school in BURKINA FASO. We will send you the last picture of these two classrooms when we finish it totally. Pass on my grateful thanks and love to all the members of Leith Valley Church. I wish I could see some of you one day here or all of you over there God willing. Would you like to pass on my message to Helen Harray. Please. God bless and see you soon.*

*William Ouedraogo*

**[See photos of progress towards the classrooms on the powerpoint this morning]**

Dear Richard and all our friends from Leith Valley Church, Last Sunday (2/9/15), I received an envelope from Rachel. When I opened it I was so surprised by the amount written on the cheque. It was much more than we have expected. I called Henry right away and shared the news. He was truly surprised as well. Our hearts are truly touched by your love and generosity toward us. We just would like to let you know that we appreciate you and thank you all for all that you have done for us. Our prayers for you is that the Lord our God will richly bless you ALL as you have blessed us. With much thankfulness and immense gratitude, Anna with Henry, Jesse, Jennifer and Joseph

Hi Rachel,  
Please pass on a big THANK YOU to the team of workers that came and helped at the end of the fair. It was awesome to have this help when we were all exhausted.

*Anne Robertson*

# Quiz & Auction

## Fundraiser for Rock Solid

Friday 18 September, 7.30pm

George St School

\$5 per person

Buy your tickets today! See Miranda, Kristin or Sophia. If you think you can take some to sell, even better!

You can bring donations for the auction to Leith Valley, Tuesday to Thursday this week. (pref b4 3)  
**Large items:** please bring/send us a photo instead of the item itself.

### Items needed:

- ♦ Food/drink for selling on the night
- ♦ Gifts/prizes/ household items for the quiz and auction
- ♦ "Vouchers" to auction off (eg a night in your holiday home, some babysitting, gardening, a meal, a haircut...the possibilities are endless!)



Best wishes and prayers for safe travel go to **Dave and Sandi Jull** as they head to USA this week for six weeks with family and friends. We really appreciate all their contributions to our church life here at Leith.

**Money Matters:** For all direct payments please use account number

**03-0883-0620501-00**

If you would like a donation number for tax purposes please contact the office.

## Faith Thinking Course

With Chris Caradus

The *Wrestling with Romans* course has been delayed and rescheduled to Wednesdays to try and boost registrations. If you've been thinking about going, sign up today!

**Dates 16,23,30 Sept. (7-9pm)**

Burns 5, Albany St, University

Each Course costs \$20.

For further information go to: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/otago055227.html>

## Wakari School Fair

Next Sunday 20th from 11 am  
Loads of fun for everyone!  
150 Helensburgh Road.

### Also:

Do you want to help keep our school pool open and have the chance to win \$500 CASH?!

Buy a ticket (\$10) for a grid square on our school paddock and if the horse poos on your square first, YOU WIN!