

The Moderator

This is really the oddest of titles isn't it. To be honest it's a little embarrassing in a society which has never valued what are called 'honorifics' that much to have one which is not only long but, to be frank, a little weird! Yes there are some very important values buried deep within this title which I think many of us would feel pretty attracted to. Firstly, the term Moderator contains within it no hint of the kind of power based leadership which is inimical to a Christian ethic. The Reformers who were the forebears of the Presbyterian Church has seen too much abuse of power in the State and in the Church to want to provide another avenue for human pride. Thus the Moderator is not a Bishop or anything like a Bishop. Nor are they imbued with any great power or resource. The Moderator's sole preserve is the meeting called an Assembly and in between Assemblies the Moderator acts as a pastor to the pastor's and a spokesperson for the Church amongst a few other things. Secondly, the Moderator is not given a place, as it were, from which to operate. There is no Cathedral for this position; there is no geographic power base. The Moderator may visit any or every Presbytery and parish but has no jurisdiction over any of them. With Christ the moderator has 'no place to lay his head!' This is important because it means that the Moderator does not have to worry about guarding their 'territory' and, because of this, they can truly find a place of neutrality if and when arguments are raised in the Church. The Moderator can and does exist as a Mediator and is often called upon to do this. Finally the Moderator is given no extra reward for this service. There is, at present, no pay rise, no special golden handshake and no extra 'hazard pay' for the duties they take on. The Moderator is, in the final analysis, simply a servant, of the Church and, hopefully, of Christ.



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Next week's team

Service Leader	Kristin
Preacher	Richard
Worship Team	Pauline L
Children's Talk	TBC
Prayers	Fiona C
Bible Reading	Nick B
Door & Offering	Daley Family
Morning Tea	Phil & Clair S Julie Hall
Sound	Ged
Data Projector	Sandi
Duty Elder	Rachel P
Prayer Ministry	Bruce & Pauline G
Welcome Team	Mal & Helen C
Offering Count	Sandi
Set up Team	Nick B
Playground	Daley Martinez

Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"



Sunday 16th October 2016

PREACHER
RICHARD DAWSON
WORSHIP LEADER



John 17:11

Holy Father, protect them in your name
that you have given me,
so that they may be one, as we are one.

Welcome, it's great to have you with us this morning!

A warm welcome to any visitors today, please feel free to stay for some morning tea after the service!



Due to the postponement of the first camp, I am away (Dansey's Pass) this Saturday and Sunday helping Ben and Olivia lead the Youth Alpha Holy Spirit weekend for our senior youth. This is the culmination of the Alpha series that Ben & Liv have been leading this term. Please pray for everyone on this camp, that we will encounter God in a fresh and powerful way. Blessings, Kristin

Today's Readings: Gen 2:20-24 John 17:6-24

TODAY'S TEAM

Children's Talk:	Alastair M	Data Projector	Wayne H
Prayers for Others:	Bill L	Duty Elder:	Bill L
Bible Reading:	Debbie G	Prayer Ministry:	Mal & Helen C
Door Greet and Offering:	Campbell Family	Welcome Team:	Judith F
Morning Tea:	Fran and Clair S Jan S	Offering Count:	Esther Dale
Sound Desk:	Wayne H	Set up Team:	Craig C
		Playground:	Mutch

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NOTICES

Coming up at Leith Valley

THIS WEEK

Men's Breakfast Wed 6:30am

Prayer meeting Wed 7:30am

Woman's Coffee Wed 10am

Youth Quiz Night

Tuesday 25th October

7pm sharp start running till 9pm

George St Normal School Hall

\$10 per team (4-6 people)

Raffles available and cakes for auction.

All proceeds go to Orphans Aid

Syrian Fundraiser

There will be a Syrian food stall after the church service on the 30th October. This is to raise money for a Syrian former refugee boy, who is hoping to go on a school camp to Stewart Island, early November. He needs to raise \$250. The food stall will be run by the boy and his family, so it would be great if you could support this event.
The food is delicious!

Great news about the calendars!

They have been printed and will be available to pick up at church beginning next Sunday the 23rd. There were 293 calendars ordered, which means \$5719.00 will be sent to Yolanda Ray for her ministry with sex workers in the Philippines, Talitha Cumi. A few more calendars will be sold at the Art Station at the Train Station, and a few extras were printed in case of last-minute orders, so the total should be somewhat higher!



There is no Contemplative service tonight. These will go on hold over summer and begin again sometime in the autumn.

These tulips are the ones we planted at our service in May when we prayed for Ada Copland. They are in the garden at Leith Valley and are a special reminder of



Combined Church Event

Rob Harley

November 4-6

Friday Nov 4, 7-9pm
Saturday Nov 5, 10am til 3:30pm
Sunday Nov 6, 10am and 6pm
Light Refreshments provided. Cost: Donation
Register at: 2177047 or office@windsorchurch.co.nz by Oct 22



Windsor Community Church

Windsor Church in Invercargill are hosting a weekend event with international award winning speaker Rob Harely November 4-6. Meals and accommodation would be your own responsibility. See noticeboard for more details.

Would you like to see your notice in here?

If you would like to place an announcement or event information in the newsletter, please send an email with all the details to admin@leithvalley.org.nz by lunchtime Thursday!

Do you have a musical talent??

We are currently looking for more musicians in the church to join in our worship teams!
If you play an instrument well (especially guitar!)
We would love to hear from you!
Please contact Richard Dawson for more information!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES POSITION

Aims of this role: To oversee and facilitate Christian formation and pastoral care of all children from birth to the end of Year 6. To develop strong relationships with parents and caregivers and support them in their ministry to their children. To work with other church ministries to integrate children into the congregation in a meaningful and lasting way.

After the Kidztime Review was received by Parish Council they accepted the recommendations to restructure the staffing of our children's ministry into one position of 20 hours per week. This is a coordinator role and will involve some teaching but the emphasis is on resourcing and supporting our quality volunteers and continuing to develop this team.

The successful applicant will:

- Have a passion and vision for this ministry,
 - Have experience and success in team building and empowering others to serve.
 - Exhibit excellent communication and organisational skills
- For a full job description please contact the church office.

Applications close

November 1st

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.