

Wayne writes cont..

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Looking back over the ensuing years, my zeal and desire tapered off somewhat, but didn't actually depart. I think the biggest stumbling block to going anywhere exotic was largely psychological - I just couldn't fathom how anyone would willingly put themselves into self imposed exile and leave family and culture, only to return fleetingly for a few months every five years to do the rounds of fund raising. It could be easily argued that in coming to the South Island, we did the same - certainly we left family behind and, to a small degree, moved into a new culture. We just never got to go back and do the money raising bit.

So why are we deciding to up roots now and place ourselves in self imposed exile?? We have a comfortable house, I have a job I enjoy getting up for each morning and we have a network of friends here.

I guess there are two answers to that question. The first is that the call has never gone. When Henry said he was wanting to find some people to help with an irrigation dam project in the Chin State, I knew straight away that I wanted to go. And the second comes back to attitude. I could say that we are placing ourselves in 'self imposed exile', but Helen and I don't see it that way. We see it as an adventure, and one that we should engage in while we have the physical ability to do it. Technologically (with the advent of Skype, e-mail etc) we will be no further apart from friends and family than we are now. Physically, to visit my parents today takes one plane flight and a three hour road trip, to visit them in the future will only take three flights plus the road trip- and we can still do it in under 24 hours.

Our challenge to you is this - Have you heard a call at some stage in your life to do something radical for Jesus? If so, what's holding you back?"

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Kristin Jack
Preacher	Nancy Parker
Worship team	To be confirmed
Duty Elder	Russell Elder
Set up	Phil's team
Welcome	Gill Trebilco
Door & Offering	Ben & Liv & Youth
Sound	Ged Forbes
Data	Mark Lokman
Prayers for Others	Alan Paterson
Bible Reading	George Bates
Morning Tea	Colin & Chris Fitzpatrick Kanako Lokman
Prayer Ministry	To be confirmed
Offering Counter	Prue Paterson
Carpark	Wollstein, Johnston, &
Supervision	Rickerby parents
Lock up	Ged Forbes

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 27 August 2017



Welcome to Leith this morning!
Today we are blessed to have Wayne & Helen talk to us about their calling to Myanmar. Wayne writes



"I remember back in the day when I was young and carefree, hearing about this farmer who decided to go to Africa on a 'mission' calling and how he was going to lease out his farm and use the income to finance himself. In those days, Helen and I had just started developing a kiwifruit orchard in the Bay of Plenty, prospective incomes were looking extra-ordinary and I too decided that I wouldn't mind doing something like that. Well - kiwifruit incomes plummeted, we were forced to sell our orchard and we finished up in Southland. [continued on back page]"

PREACHERS
WAYNE &
HELEN HARRAY

SERVICE LEADER
KRISTIN JACK

WORSHIP
JAMES LOVELOCK

Duty Elder
Bruce Geddes



Today's Team

Set up Team:	Nick's Team	Morning tea:	Jane & Andrew D Keryn Harrex
Door Greeting	Gill & Paul T	Offering Counter:	Esther Dale
Welcome Team:	Judith Forbes	Carpark Supervision	Parents of the Koh, Lesa & Satake families
Sound:	Ged Forbes	Lock up:	Kristin Jack
Data:	Fiona Cooper		
Prayers for Others:	Fairlie Sim		
Bible Readings:	Ben Gamble		

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Opportunities

Scripture Union Camps for the Holidays!

Spring:

- Camp Leaders Training - 1-3 Sept - for Leaders - Wanaka - Cost: free!
- Southland SUPAKidz Camp - 2-5 Oct - Years 4-6 - Edendale - \$110
- Queenstown Spring Caper - 9-14 Oct - Years 7-10 - Queenstown - \$260

Summer:

- E3 Otago - 9-20 Dec - this yrs Years 12-13 - Mt Aspiring - \$500
- Wild Wanaka - 6-11 Jan - this yrs Years 7-10 - Wanaka - \$190
- Te Anau Extend - 14-18 Jan - this yrs Years 11-13 - Te Anau - \$190
- Te Anau Wind/Water - 20-26 Jan - this yrs Years 7-10 - Te Anau - \$220
- Exodus Prime - 15-19 Jan - this yrs Years 10-13 - Wellington - \$250

See the back table for more information



New Wine Festival 2018

Kapiti 18-22 Jan, Warkworth 25-28 Jan

Great time of Fellowship and Worship. Speakers this year include: Jackie Pullinger, Tak Bhana, Jasmine Fidow & Sam Harvey. Cost is discounted for South Islanders so \$335 for a family of 4. All members of the family are catered for: Preschool, Kids Zone, Cutting Edge (Intermediate), Firewire (Youth Group), Meeting Place (Young Adult) and Adult. See the back table for more detail or talk to Bronwyn and Brian who have been 5 times!

Multicultural DTS

A Multicultural Discipleship Training School is being held in Riversdale Southland this November. See the back table for more details

Kids Friendly/Family Works

Art and writing competition display of entries is on at Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin until Tuesday 12 September. Great talent amongst us.



Leith Notices

HELP!!!!

The **Excel** Tour Team will be in Dunedin from Sept 4 to 11 and are taking our morning service on the 10th. We urgently require 5 more billets. We will also be providing the team of 20 with lunch after church on the 10th - if you can help with either of these things, please let Rachel know: office@leithvalley.org.nz

Alpha Marriage Course

Thursday evenings 21 Sept to 2 November, 7.30-9.30pm. Cost \$60 per couple. Venue to be finalised. Registration closes September 1st. Pick up a form today or email Raewyn: raewyn.lesa@gmail.com

Finding Faith Today

Why do previously unchurched people become Christians?

Lynne Taylor will be running a workshop on Saturday 16 September sharing findings from her recently finished PhD. This will be held at Leith Valley church 9.30am –12.30pm. \$5 koha. Flyers on notices table. Please reply to Rachel office@leithvalley.org.nz

George St Normal School Fair

As usual we will be helping the school to clean up after their fair. This is always much appreciated. Keep Saturday afternoon on Sept 16th free!



City Choir Dunedin: Lullabies

Anthony Ritchie's *Lullabies* and Mauice Duruflé's *Requiem* Saturday 2 September, Knox Church. Adults \$35, Students \$10, Children free. Book at Eventfinda.co.nz Pick up a flyer from the notices table.

