

## Your Notes

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Hope flows from tongues which are tamed by the mercy of Christ for such mercy brings with it the knowledge of God's love. In the light of such an understanding I would beg of us all to make sure our tongues (or what we write) do not betray that mercy by straying into the territory of condemnation and cursing.

We do not have to swear to curse. We can simply imply that the holding of a certain opinion is a cursed thing (stupid, ignorant, dumb or foolish). When we do this we not only curse other people but we show ourselves to be intolerant and angry people and as such, people not to be trusted.

I am finding in this election a plethora of commentary on social media and elsewhere which focuses not on the issues but on the character and mentality of people who hold opposite views to ourselves. This should not be, especially amongst and within the Christian community.

We are better than this! We can conduct ourselves in a manner which takes the humanity of every person seriously whether they agree with us or not.

Jesus never scored points in this way. He took every person's humanity as a sacred creation to be respected at all times. This should be our witness as well.

God Bless,

Richard D.

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### NEXT week's team

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<b>Set up</b>	Nick's team
<b>Welcome</b>	Nick Bates
<b>Door &amp; Offering</b>	Clair & Phil S
<b>Sound</b>	Barry Clearwater
<b>Data</b>	Reuben Campbell
<b>Prayers for Others</b>	Russell Elder
<b>Bible Reading</b>	George Bates
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Debbie Griffiths Keryn Harrex
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Nigel J & Fiona C
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Esther Dale
<b>Carpark Supervision</b>	Dawson, Daley & Bates parents
<b>Lock up</b>	Ged Forbes

# LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday 24 September 2017



Welcome, welcome to Leith this morning. Today we are looking forward to hearing from Richard on the Reformation.

He writes this on 'The Living Word':

How 'life-giving' are our words? The status of the Word in the New Testament is unquestionable. Christ comes as both 'the Word' and as the 'living Word.' In some special way Christ comes alive through the words of the Bible and, indeed, in our words as we recall and give witness to those words. I suspect we forget just how important our words are and how both life-giving and, alternatively, destructive they can be. James makes this point strongly in his epistle when he says...

*<sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. (James 3:9-12).*

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**SERVICE LEADER**  
BEN & LIV GAMBLE



**PREACHERS**  
RICHARD DAWSON

**WORSHIP**  
MARIE'S TEAM

Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matt 16:13-20

**Duty Elder**  
Fairlie Sim



## Today's Team

<b>Set up Team:</b>	Phil's Team	<b>Morning tea:</b>	Jane & Andrew D Bill & Daphne Lee
<b>Door Greeting</b>	Craig & Hilary C	<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Sandi Jull
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Bruce & Pauline G	<b>Carpark Supervision</b>	Campbell, Phipps & Henderson parents
<b>Sound:</b>	Dan Sim	<b>Lock up:</b>	Kristin Jack
<b>Data:</b>	Mark Lokman		
<b>Prayers for Others:</b>	Kristin Jack		
<b>Bible Readings:</b>	Phil Scadden		

Seeking God's Kingdom  
Growing Great Community

# Opportunities

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child - last week we raised over \$350 selling cards, lunch wrap and shopping bags (if you still have to pay, see Miranda!). The Senior Kidztime Children will make up the last of the boxes today. If you have bought a completed shoeboxes or separate items to be 'boxed' please take them to the Learning Centre or place them on the table at the back. Donations can still be made towards shipping (suggested \$10 per box) give these to Rachel or pay online.

## Orphans Aid Bring & Buy Sale,

Sunday 1st of October (next week, following the service) - there will be a fund raiser for Orphan's Aid International. Bring along good pre-loved treasures for sale - and then buy a few new treasures to replace them! There will be a sausage sizzle too.

## Studying Theology

The Department of Theology and Religion is holding an event for those who are interesting in studying Theology and would like to know more about its courses. It will be on Tuesday 3 Oct at 3.45pm in the Humanities Common Room (1W9 in the Arts Building).

The Dept is also offering:

- ♦ Bioethics and Christian Theology [CHTH 217/317] as a Summer School paper, 8 Jan to 16 Feb and
- ♦ Church in Mission: Theology in Changing Cultures [PAST 320 & MINS412] in Semester 1 (with intensive 22-26 Jan)

## Sad Blokes: Men, Depression & Suicide Workshop

With internationally recognised suicide prevention specialist Barry Taylor. In Dunedin : 14 Nov, cost \$184 or early bird \$126.50(registrations, before 20 Oct) . Be part of the Solution. See back table for details.

## Join our Worship Teams

Hannah is keen to hear from musicians and singers who would like to use their talents at Leith and join a worship team - either as a one off or on a regular basis. If you don't manage to catch her in person you can always email her on: [hthompsonholloway@gmail.com](mailto:hthompsonholloway@gmail.com).



# Leith Notices

## Welcome

Some old churches have a plaque near the entrance that asks you to *"be quiet, reverential, and respect the holiness of this place"* (or words to that effect). But here at Leith when you come in we encourage you to say "hi", to ask how the past week has been, to talk to each other, and to go out of your way to welcome others (and to especially welcome new people or folk you don't know so well). When does our service start? It starts as soon as *"two or three have gathered in Jesus' name"* (Matthew 18:20). As soon as we've entered, let's start building community together.

## Lyndon Sizemore

Many of us know Lyndon Sizemore well, as he's been a part of Leith for many years. Last week Lyndon made a big transition by moving into the Yvette Williams Retirement Village in Roslyn (383 Highgate). If you are friend of Lyndon's, we really encourage you to go & visit him there & help him to feel still connected with us all.

## Blokes & Blighters Camp

Due to popular demand the males (five years and up) of the church are invited to head off to the wilds of Tirohanga Camp for an exciting weekend of challenge and fun. The camp starts 7pm on Friday the 24th of November and concludes at 3pm on Sunday the 26th. Registration forms available at church or by contacting John at [speirsclannz@gmail.com](mailto:speirsclannz@gmail.com)

## Lex and Pat Smith

With sadness, we acknowledge the death of Lex Smith this last week.



Lex and Pat Smith were valued members of Leith Valley for many years. They continued to feel connected to us even when their health deteriorated and they could no longer attend services. Pat passed away in August last year and Lex's funeral was held at our Church yesterday. Remember their family in your prayers this coming week.

