

Comment

Serve First



The Gospel, or at least belief in the Gospel, implies some priorities in life and we tend to argue over what these might be. Some point to the importance of conversion, some to the priority of discipleship, some to the majesty of the person of God and some to worship. To be honest all of these are vital but if I were to pick one it wouldn't be any of these. When I first became a Christian, an adult Christian, the first thing God led me to was service.

I found a new desire and call to serve... anyone and everyone. It was as if the love of God was welling up within me to be expressed by serving others. And it made an immediate change in ways I could never have imagined.

In the first place I confounded all my teachers who'd come to expect well... nothing really from me. They began whispering behind my back about what had happened and what they thought was the 'problem!' Secondly my own cohort wondered what had happened and began to view me in a completely different light, so much so that at the beginning of my final year at school I was nominated to be head boy. Clearly, I hadn't convinced my teachers because they took me aside and asked me to step down which I did because I wanted to devote my spare time to teach a youth group. Finally, I found that my understanding of leadership began to grow and develop as I found more people willing to follow someone who was willing to serve not just them but anyone. Suffice to say the Gospel gained much traction in my life and the life of those I served through this new commitment to serve others.

We believe. That is good. But belief must find expression or it remains a dead thought. Will we, can we, dare we serve?

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NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Service Leader	Richard D
Preacher	Paul T
Worship	Hannah T-H
Prayers for Others	Clare L
Bible Reading	George B
Door & Offering	Potter family
Children's Talk	tbc
Morning Tea	Tracey & Nigel J
	Jan S (depends on alert levels)
Sound/Data	Barry C/Ruth P
Vmix/Camera	Dan/Bronwyn B
Duty Elder	Ged F
Prayer Ministry	Robyn & John W
Welcome	Bronwyn M
Offering	Camilla C
Set up	Phil D/ Thurlows
Playground	Satake, Blok, Justice

LEITH VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 30 August 2020



Welcome to worship with us this morning! If you are visiting today please help yourself to a WELCOME PACK from the back table. We'd love you to leave us a contact form so we can get back in touch. Hand this to the Service Leader, or leave on the welcome table.

Today:
Richard D:



Children and Youth at Leith



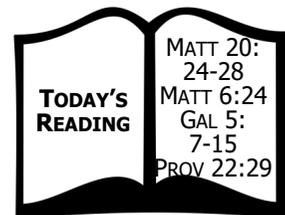
- ♦ Sparklers (ages 0-5) today in the staff room.
- ♦ Kidztime (years 1-6) today in the Learning Centre.
- ♦ Junior Youth (years 7-10) today in Room 18.
- ♦ Senior Youth (years 9-13) Tuesdays 7-9pm @ LV Church.

SERVICE LEADER:

RICHARD D
PREACHER:
 RICHARD D
WORSHIP:
 RACHEL B



DUTY ELDER:
BILL L



Today's Team

Door Greeting:	tbc	Welcome:	Fran D
Prayers for Others:	Alan P	Set up Team:	Craig C
Bible Readings:	Don L	Offering Counter:	tbc
Sound:	Ged F	Morning tea:	n/a
Data Projection:	Mark L		n/a
Vmix:	Janine K	Playground:	Ross, Temple-Doig
Prayer Ministry:	Mal & Helen C	Lock-up:	Craig C
Children's talk:			

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Leith Notices



CALLING ALL CREATIVES!

Join in with our Creative Service exploring the first chapter of Genesis, the creation story. Do you write, draw, paint, craft, play an instrument or like some other form of creative expression? Get in touch with Hannah or Miranda to join in the adventure and explore scripture in a new way. If you want a hand to be creative or just like creating with others, we are running four workshops as well. The sewing and song-writing workshops have already taken place but **Poetry and Prayer** is on Monday the 31 August, contact Clare to find out more and **Art** is on Wednesday the 2 September, 7:30pm, contact Hannah. Looking forward to hearing from you!



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEED HELP

Do you have space in your home this Christmas/New Year for some international students who cannot return home, from 20 December - 5 January? Weekly payment to be negotiated.

Please talk to Nick Bates if interested or call/text him on 021 497603.

Thank you!



ALERT LEVEL 2

Please remember to record your details for contact tracing, either by using the app or filling in the form at the door.

We need to remember to observe physical distancing as well and unfortunately we are not having morning tea after church today.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you have something to celebrate please send a photo to Rachel Bates batesr71@gmail.com by midday Thursday of each week.



Opportunities



COMMUNION

It has been decided to try offering a 'Zoom Communion' one evening during the week. Details to come.



ANNUAL REPORTS AND SPRING ROSTERS

are available for you to pick up from the admin table.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tentative new date: Sat 26 Sept



Oaken Café -
538a Gt. King St
All welcome.



FAREWELL

Today is Esther Dale's last Sunday with us as she is leaving Dunedin to get married to Ed Linscott and then moving to Switzerland! It's been great to have her as part of our fellowship here at Leith and we wish her (and Ed) all the best for the future!

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

This was to have taken place in April but had to be postponed, due to the lockdown. It has been rescheduled for the 7th - 9th October. If you are interested in attending please pick up information from the back table.

BABY FORMULA TINS REQUIRED

If anyone has empty formula tins we can make drums out of for mainly music, please contact Fran 027 456 1188 (We need the plastic lids too.)

Thank you!



Prayer by Zoom:

Wednesdays

6.30am,

Saturdays 8.00am

SOUTHERN MARRIAGE RETREAT

16-18th October, Wanaka.
"A practical and fun weekend with your spouse that will enrich and strengthen your marriage."

Speakers: Matt and Belinda Stott.

<https://www.elimdunedin.com/events-1/southern-marriage-retreat>

Registrations close 2 September.

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