

## Small Groups for all ages!

### Groups for Adults

(For other home groups please phone 3243315)

**Intercessory Prayer:** Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm at St. David's, Leeston.

Note: last Tuesday of month at Trinity Church Dunsandel.

For more information, contact Michael & Mandy 3242225

**Southbridge Home Group:** 9.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Ruth's home, in Southbridge. Contact Janice, 324 2567.

**St. David's Fellowship:** 2.00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at various homes. Contact Hilary, 324 3823.

**St. David's Afternoon Fellowship:** 2pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Church. Contact Janice, 324 2567.

**Lifetouch Fellowship:** Ministry for Filipino families and others.

Contact Teena on 324 2240 or 021 081 62926 for more info.

**Bible Study Group:** Fridays, 9.30am at Faye's home in Leeston. Phone 324 4092.

**The Faithful Flockers** - home group held 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 7.30pm Helen & Andrews home, Leeston. For info contact Helen, 324 3032 or Murray 324 4143

**Trinity Women's Fellowship Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2pm at Trinity Church, Dunsandel. Contact Mavis, 325 4142.

**"Lunch Bunch": A Dunsandel Trinity initiative** - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, at various local eateries, contact Mavis, 325 4142.

**Men's Fellowship Group:** 1st Thursday of month, 7pm at Leeston Church hall. Contact Michael 3242225 or Paul 3243315

### Groups for children & youth

**Children's Ministry "H2O"** each Sunday during the school term.

For Leeston - contact Naomi, 3244075 or Monica, 3243607

**Pre-school Music:** At St. David's Church Sunday School room, Wednesdays 9.45 - 10.30am, followed by coffee and chat for parents and caregivers. Contact Naomi 324 4075

**Youth Café Night:** Monthly - 5.00pm - 7pm at St. David's Church, Leeston. For info - contact Linda 3242166 or Kath 3244100

### Life Courses

**Parenting Toolbox:** Inspiring and practical courses for parents of young children. For more information, please contact Sarah at 324 8240

**DivorceCare:** Recovery course for those who have experienced relationship breakdown. For more information contact Paul, 324 3315

**Elijah house Ministry** prayer & teaching on personal healing. Phone 3243315

# Welcome to the Ellesmere Co-operating Churches @ Leeston Dunsandel Brookside

### Contact

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# Jesus

*The Reason for the Season*

**20 December  
2015**

## Today 20 December

Worship Service at  
9.30am St. David's, Leeston

## Community Carols

7.30pm  
Trinity Church,  
Dunsandel

## New to Church?

Are you wondering what  
we are all about?  
Check out our Purpose statement  
below...  
*"To spread the good news of Jesus  
by committing ourselves to work  
and worship together,  
to love and care for one another,  
and to be of value to God  
in our community."*

We believe that the Bible is the  
Holy Spirit-inspired Word of God,  
that Jesus Christ is the Son of God,  
and that he calls his church  
to mission locally and globally.

## Pastoral Care

Please contact one of the team  
Paul & Jo 3243315  
Lois & Paul 3243884  
Janice 3242567  
Robbie 3254535  
Noel 3291877

**School Chaplain:** Linda 3242166

## Next Sunday 27 December

(Sunday after Christmas)

## Combined Parish Service

9.30am St. David's Leeston  
followed by morning tea  
*See enclosed flyer regarding  
Christmas services*

## Leeston Lifetouch Worship Service

Now every Saturday, 7.30pm  
at St. David's Church,  
Leeston.

A fellowship meal follows.

A ministry to our  
Filipino Community  
Tagalog / English  
People of all nationalities  
welcome!

## > Offering Details<

### Direct Credit:

Bank: BNZ  
Branch: Leeston  
Acct. no: 02-0860-  
0000238-00  
Acct. name: "Ellesmere  
Co-operating Parish"

### Offering envelopes:

Please phone Jenny,  
324 3090.

*A Note from Paul ... Welcome everyone, as we celebrate the gift  
of God's Son, Jesus Christ. It was great to see so many refer-  
ences to Jesus in our local newspaper! Did you read the poem of  
Mary's Dream? Our School Chaplain, Linda, helped the children of  
Southbridge School do a play based on similar thoughts about the  
exclusion of Jesus from his birthday party. Well done to everyone  
who helps to bring to the fore the reason for the season.  
On a personal note, Jo & I have bought a home we have admired  
for several years. It is a heritage home, built in 1876, with more  
room for our family & friends to stay. As it is in Staveley, the  
area in which we want to live in the long term, we will commute  
from there to Leeston where I will be based at Leeston Church.  
We move in on 26 February, during my long service leave.*

## Noticeboard

### Christmas Services

*Christmas Eve*  
8.00pm  
St. David's, Leeston

10.00pm  
Trinity, Dunsandel

*Christmas Day*  
8.00am  
St. Luke's Church  
Brookside

**Note:** there is no service  
at Leeston  
on Christmas Day

### Community Carols

Trinity Church, Dunsandel  
Today 7.30pm  
*Children's Christmas Play*  
*Selwyn Singers*  
*Items*  
*Favourite Carols*  
*Great Supper!*

### A BIG Thank You

from Robbie  
for the mountains of wool  
given to Rolleston Prison ...  
Keep it coming!!