

# Reflection Questions

- The Pharisees told the healed man “You were born a total sinner!” They thought they knew all the answers and threw him out of the synagogue. John 9:34 What can ‘sinners’ have to teach people who have been part of the church for a long time?
- Jesus came to “give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.” John 9:39 What blind spots do we have? What things do we need to see with fresh eyes?
- What does it mean for us to “live as people of light”? Ephesians 5:8
- What opportunities can we make for the Light to shine on us more fully?



**Work Wanted** - Lawnmowing / Garden work. Reasonable rates. Jonathan (544 3972)

**Positive Aging Expo** - Friday 31 March, 10.00am – 3.00pm, Headingly Centre, Richmond. Admission is free, complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. Lunch available for purchase. There will be more than 70 stall holders, showcasing recreational, health and social services available in the region for those of or nearing retirement age. More info from Yvonne or on the church noticeboard, the seminars sound very good.

**Men** - As I indicated last month, this month's topic is superannuation. The NZ Government has in the meantime pre-empted our topic by announcing that they intend to increase the age of eligibility from 65 to 67. But statistically women live 6 years longer than men. Should they receive super 6 years later than men? Māori have a shorter lifespan than Pakeha. Should they receive super earlier? Should there be a difference in eligibility between manual workers and say accountants or school teachers? The questions are endless, I hope you might come up with some answers. I look forward to seeing you at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond, on Monday 27 March 2017 at 7.00pm.

**Spare Furniture?** - Victory Parish is relocating their offices into their church at 238 Vanguard Street, and the house at number 240, where the offices used to be, is being turned back into a residential building and rented. The parish is in the process of furnishing it, and ask if anyone has a king size bed with mattress and bedding they are willing to donate. They also need a washing machine, if anyone has one to spare. Please contact Elizabeth Parkes if you can help. Her phone number is 03 548 9243.

**Evening AAW** - A reminder to members that there is no meeting this month because of the Lenten studies. Our Area Day is to be held on Wednesday 12 April at our church, starting at 10.00am with morning tea. More details to come. Registration forms for the Diocesan AGM in Motueka on the 28/29 April are now available from Anne (544 7992) or Val (544 5007)

**Missions BBQ** - You are all invited to attend this welcome home event for the Sussex family and to hear them speak of their time in Cambodia. It's for all ages, so families welcome. Please bring both meat and food to share for the BBQ. Friday 31 March 6.00pm All Saints Foyer, 30 Vanguard St. All welcome. A Mission event by NZCMS.

**Do you feel like an adult?** If the answer is yes, then you can help us. We need 4-5 adults to sit (yes sit - no interaction required) with the intermediate aged children 11-12 and be the token adult. This is to cover us legally and to give our young leaders (Hamish and Jonathon) some moral support. Your commitment would be for 4-5 times a year for one hour each time. There is no planning or meetings or even help required other than being there. It has taken a long time for us to get something for the older children on a Sunday. We can provide for the younger children but they do grow up! We want to provide for this important age group and give our young adults leadership opportunities as well. This helps them grow in the Lord and have a deeper understanding of their own faith. Help us build on the foundations of our community as we rebuild our new facility and hopefully Holy Trinity will grow to be the salt and light in the centre of Richmond! Call Catherine (022 647 9810) or (541 0854).

**Day Aside** - Friday 31 March. *Heart Listening* "Create in me, O God, a loving and listening heart." Silvan Gardens 205 Champion Road Richmond 9.30am -2.30pm Karen (544 0551) [karen@moynagh.co.nz](mailto:karen@moynagh.co.nz)



**Richmond Parish**  
**2016 Annual General Meeting**  
**6.00pm Sunday 2 April 2017**