

Reflection Questions

- Is Jesus our King? What does that mean in your daily life?
- Ps 118:19 urges us to thank the Lord. What things do you have to thank him for? You might like to make a list.
- Verse 29 reminds us that his faithful love endures for ever. Do you believe this? Do you see evidence of it?
- Can you see any similarities between yourself and the crowd who cheered Jesus on?
- What difficult things might the Lord ask you to follow him in?



2017 Golden Oldies Mission - Fiji September 2017. The team is hosted by families of the St John's Bible College, Suva. You will see and experience the missions the Church is involved in. You will see and experience the missions the Church is involved and ongoing mission projects supported by Golden Oldies. These include the under-resourced hospital, a building project in a remote village and a kindergarten in a church. A development of these Missions, is running the 'Interns' and 'Graduates' Mission together. The 'Interns' are our first-timer Golden Oldies and we will take you to visit a number of mission projects - as outlined in our blog stories. Our 'Graduates' are Golden Oldies who enjoyed their 'internship' mission so much that they are returning to offer their skills and life knowledge for specific mission projects. The last 2 nights are spent at a tourist resort for a bit of 'R and R', and reflection for what we have experienced before returning to NZ. Applications close 28 April. For inquiries contact: Graeme and Jane Mitchell, Ph. 03 385 8324 or email: graeme@goldenoldiesmission.com

Good Friday Service - 2.00pm The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke. Choir, dramatised Readings and Hymns. Church on the Hill. All welcome.

Alpha Update - Planning is well underway for our Alpha Course. We already have three who have registered! The starting date is Tuesday 16 May and it will run after every Lunch on the Hill until the end of the course on Tuesday 21 November. Susan and Yvonne will lead the course, with David Day and Marie Tilley. Yvonne, Marie and David went to a training session yesterday. All house - groups have been asked to pray for the course, each time you meet. Please pray for the courage to invite someone to come, for those who come, that they will hear the Gospel message either for the first time, and come to faith, or be refreshed in their faith by hearing it again. All enquiries and to register for Alpha, to Yvonne.

Easter at Nelson Cathedral - // 7.30pm Wednesday 12 April Service of Shadows *Tenebrae*. Candles are gradually extinguished as we move through the Passion Story. The Tallis lamentations intersperse the readings sung by a specially invited choir. // 12.15pm Thursday 13 April *Maundy Thursday* Clergy reaffirm their ordination vows, and are anointed and prayed for. A free lunch follows. 7.30pm *Institution of the Last Supper*. We hear the biblical account of Jesus washing the disciple's feet. The clergy wash the feet of worshippers while the choir sings special music. At the close of the service the Cathedral is stripped of everything. // 10.00am Friday 14 April Special Good Friday Liturgy. The culmination of this 45 minute service is the carrying of the shrouded body of Christ from the Cathedral to the bottom of the steps in Trafalgar Street. People will be invited to "hammer" on the cross. 12noon – 3.00pm The 3 hour vigil led by the Cathedral clergy and the Bishop. 3.15pm There is a rehearsal for the Crucifixion. All people of the Nelson community are warmly invited to participate. 6.30pm The performance of *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer composed in 1887. This marks the 130th anniversary of this much loved work. Please invite friends and family and tourists to any of these Cathedral Services.

Church open for Prayer - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. Coffee and prayer. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

Maundy Thursday Passover Meal - It was no accident that Jesus was crucified at Passover time – He deliberately chose a Passover meal to institute Holy Communion. John & Jean Palmer are organising a Passover celebration at 6.00pm on Thursday 13 April which will include a shared meal and an adapted Jewish Passover service. If you would like to learn more about the origins of our Communion service and why Jesus chose Passover then we would be delighted for you to join us at 149 Queen Street, Richmond. Please contact us on 544 4275.