

Reflection Questions

- Are there any areas in my life that I am too proud to let God be apart of? (am I doing things in my own strength?)

- How do I seek God's will whole heartedly for my life?

- Am I eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus Christ?



Bicentenary Christmas Service DVD - Now available is the DVD of the Christmas Day 2014 Bicentenary Service at Oihi Bay. 'A Very Special Christmas – a bicentenary ecumenical service of thanksgiving' as broadcast live on TVNZ on Christmas Day 2014. Cost - \$10 each (post included). The first 200 copies receive a copy of the service booklet, and the ecumenical 'statement for the gospel bicentenary'. Orders to Anglican General Synod Office, 09-5214439 or gensec@anglicanchurch.org.nz PO Box 87188 Meadowbank. Auckland. Cheques payable to 'Anglican Church General Synod'.

Love in Action - On Saturday 4 July the Richmond Waimea churches will be showing God's love to the wider community. We believe this is a God-given opportunity to show the community the churches working together and demonstrate God's love in practical ways as we bless them. There are a variety of community based projects all happening on the same day. This allows church members to choose the tasks they are capable of and will enjoy. Please note this day on your calendar and keep it free – there will be more information later. Contact Susan Gill, Ph. 544 8827 or susan.churchonhill@xtra.co.nz

Urgent Call to Prayer - Please pray for the continued and strengthened ministry of CEC (The Churches Education Commission) that provides Bible in Schools and Chaplaincy across NZ. An organisation called S.E.N has now approached the ministry of Education and the Human Rights Commission with the purpose of having Bible in Schools stopped in our country. On Thursday 23 April there will be the first call-over of a High Court hearing being held in the Auckland High Court that affects the work of CEC (The Churches Education Commission) The Red Beach School BOT are being sued because they decided to keep Religious Instruction at their school. The Attorney-General is also being sued, because there is the belief that Section 78 of The Education Act 1964 is inconsistent with the Bill of Rights. So in this case the Crown will be the defendant. This then could all lead to a parliamentary process and there is a chance that the law may be changed which will seriously impact on our ability to teach Bible in schools. Schools are already stopping Bible in Schools being taught because they are worried this could happen to them. Please pray that God's purpose would prevail and that He would use this situation to speak into the lives of all those involved.



Parish Finance Update: February Results

February income was \$12,981, \$4,183 less than expected against our budget

February expenditure was \$14,385, \$4,044 less than we budgeted to spend.

The operating result for the month was a loss of \$1,404, \$139 more than the anticipated loss in the budget.

Year to Date

For the year to date we are ahead of our budget with a nett result for the first 2 months of \$1,170,

Comment

By maintaining tight controls on expenditure The Vestry and Finance Team are reducing the impact of an income shortfall of approximately \$2,000 a month.