

## = KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Today Sunday 15 May**

No Kidz Church (Messy Church at 4.00pm - Theme: *Good Fruit*)

**Sunday 22 May**

Trinity Sunday - Children will be helping with Breakfast and volunteers need to be at Church early that morning. Details to follow.

**Sunday 29 May**

Children to lead Children's talk in Church

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

**Quiz Night** - Headingley Centre Friday 20 May. 7.00pm Silent Auction, 7.30 Quiz Begins. Supper Provided. \$80 for table of 8 people. Bookings essential, Phone Linda on 544 7071. Fundraiser for Pinnacle House Charitable Trust who provide a high quality day service within the Nelson area to individuals with very high special needs, who have left school and for whom full time employment is not an option.

**OMF Intercultural Church Workshop** - Learn how to be a multicultural church, a church that welcomes many cultures. The nations are gathering in our communities, workplaces and churches. There are several keys to building a church where deep and meaningful relationships are formed. Come and learn about what a multicultural church is and how to welcome many cultures. We will look at what culture is and how different cultures view the world. We will learn several ways to communicate, understand and interact with people of different cultures. This will be a fun, interactive day to learn together. 9.30am - 3.30pm Saturday 21 May. Victory Church, 238 Vanguard Street, Nelson. BYO Lunch. RSVP to Rob McArthur [nz.southisland@omfmail.com](mailto:nz.southisland@omfmail.com)

**Chopsticks and Chips** - An informal time learning how to make friends with internationals and share the gospel and welcome them to our churches. Thursday 19 May 7.30pm St Stephens Community, 61 Tahunanui Drive Nelson

**Storyteller Masterclass** - A course designed to teach you how to write and deliver with creativity and impact with Rob Harley - Award winning TV documentary maker, author, storyteller, top NZ journalist and one of the world's foremost teachers in the art of spoken communication. Come and Learn ... A highly stimulating event where you'll learn to speak persuasively, convince a crowd, overcome your fears of public speaking and gain the co-operation of your peers. 7.00pm - 9.00pm Friday 8 July and 9.00am - 4.00pm Saturday 9 July at All Saints Church, 30 Vanguard St, Nelson. Register: [www.bishopdale.ac.nz](http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz) or contact: [office@bishopdale.ac.nz](mailto:office@bishopdale.ac.nz)  
Cost : \$15 for Anglican attendees \$65 - non-Anglican attendees.

**Richmond Waimea Combined Churches Pentecost Service at Richmond Baptist Tonight** May 15. Meet at 5:30pm for fellowship and food. Please bring a plate (disposable) of food to share. Tea and coffee provided. Signing of Richmond – Waimea Ministers Unity statement at 6.45pm followed by Service at 7.00pm. Praise and worship, testimonies, the preaching of word and prayer. Guest preacher is Murray Cottle assisted by David Costar. Inquiries: Susan Gill.

**Project: Life: Exploring Issues around Euthanasia** - Speakers: Dr John Kleinsman / Dr Lucia Mitchell / Victoria Casey / Matthew Jansen. 21 May 2016 10.00am – 4.00pm. St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 204 Songer Street, Stoke. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. A collection will be taken to assist with costs.

**The Parenting Place Hot Tip Event** - Raising happy, confident and resilient children – Nelson with Jenny Hale. 2 June, 7:30pm - 9.00pm, \$5 The Headingly Centre 'Customised' parenting techniques /Giving your kids 'grit' / Enjoy your kids! Book now at: [theparentingplace.com](http://theparentingplace.com). Enquiries: Denise Adams 021 039 9324 Or email [nelsonmarlborough@theparentingplace.com](mailto:nelsonmarlborough@theparentingplace.com)

**Quiz and Morning Tea** - Join with other Anglican Parishes for a morning of fun and friendship at St Barnabas Stoke at 10.00am Tuesday 24 May. Quiz and morning tea will be provided. We need to know numbers coming, by next Thursday 19 May, so please add your name to sign up sheet at back of church. Yvonne has two spare seats in her car, first in first served! It would be great if we have a good number from Richmond there to support the new initiatives and shared activities we have planned in the Senior Care area

**Pastoral Care Team Meeting** - I have scheduled a meeting for the above team in the Church Lounge, Wednesday 1 June 7:30- 9.00pm. I will be contacting each member personally but please keep this date free. Thank you, Yvonne.

**General Synod Outcome** - "The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia has decided to table its 'A Way Forward' report on blessings of same-sex couples until General Synod 2018, "with a firm expectation that a decision to move forward will be made" at that time. Archbishop Brown Turei, Archbishop Philip Richardson and Archbishop Winston Halapua will appoint a working group to establish a structure that allows both those who can and cannot support the blessing of same-sex relationships to remain within the church with integrity. The three archbishops made this statement: "We are aware of the considerable pain that this decision will cause to those most affected. "But we are confident that our determination to work together across our differences will bring us to a place of dignity and justice for everyone."

#### **Vestry Meeting Key Points:**

- Vestry are going to invite those in key roles in the Parish (ministry leaders) to meet with them over the coming months for 10 minutes at the beginning of Vestry meeting. The aim is for Vestry members to hear their vision for their ministry and what support is needed for this vision. If you would like to put your vision to Vestry please let any member of Vestry know
- A process was defined for capital expenditure
- Vestry members are looking forward to the retreat on 22 May with Bishop Richard



# Good Fruit

**Today 4.00pm - 6.00pm**

Informal family fun, craft, story and prayer activities followed by a delicious free meal

**Family fun,  
Food & Friendship**