

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Office Volunteers Wanted - We are looking for some office volunteers to fill positions while some of our existing volunteers are unable to help. If you would like to help from 10.00am to 1.00pm during the week, please talk to Evelin Epoi or contact the office.

Musical - *Rosie Can Do It* musical at the Theatre Royal at 7.00pm on Friday 23 June. The musical is set in the 1940's and is the story of the war at home during WW2. The tickets are \$16.50 if paid for by 29 May. If you are interested please see Yvonne.

Evening AAW - Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 25 May. The meeting will be in the church hall lounge. Our speaker will be Barb Lash, she has much to tell us and is now our O&O rep, having taken Gillian Etherington's place. Come and hear about her life and faith. We will have a sales table. For enquiries contact Anne. Ph. 544 7992.

Afternoon AAW Group - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 24 May at 1.30pm in the Lounge. Elsa Laing is our guest speaker and her talk is entitled "to Iran with Jocelyn" Afternoon tea to follow. There will be a Sales Table and a collection box for the Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Missions Update - There is a newsletter from Christine on the missions noticeboard

Parish Breakfast - We will be having a parish breakfast before our combined service on Trinity Sunday, 11 June. If you could help with this in any way please get in touch with me, or put your name on the list at the back of the church. Many thanks, and looking forward to seeing you all there. Shiona Ph. 544 4155.

Preserves - Many thanks to everyone who donates most generously for the preserves. We made over \$100 in the last month. The preserves are made with donated fruit so if you have surplus fruit (citrus, feijoas, apples and the like) please would you consider donating it. Shiona – Ph. 544 4155.

The Way - The new community Centre in Richmond has been up and running for a month now so it is time to invite you along for the official opening and to have a look around. 10.30am – 12.30am Saturday 27 May. 11 Florence St, Richmond. Mayor Richard Kempthorne will be cutting the ribbon at 11:00am. Free child supervision, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzle, Pomeroy's Coffee. All Welcome.

Day Aside - *To Be Still and Know That I Am God @* Gardens of the World Chapel Clover Road, Brightwater. 9.30am – 2.30pm Friday 26 May. Suggested Koha: \$6. BYO Lunch, Bible, Journal. Tea & Coffee & Morning Tea Provided. RSVP to Ilene: 547-8279 or athlene@clear.net.nz by 24 May. Come and hear God speak to you in the silence through Matthew 13: 44-46. All Welcome.

Church Roof - Great News! there is no asbestos in our church roof tiles. An assessor has analysed a sample and provided a report to confirm that our tiles contain no asbestos at all. This means we don't have to urgently replace anything. We are aware of leaks etc and will get to the roof after our new building. Thank you Kai Kruse for arranging the assessment. Our minds can now rest about this matter - Susan

Quiz Night - Richmond School is holding a Quiz Night on Friday 9 June. Would anyone like to join me in being part of a team from our church? - Susan

Church Drum Kit - We are replacing the Church Drum kit. The new Drum kit is a Tama Silverstar 5piece Rock Drum Kit finished in Vintage Burgundy Sparkle. The cost is \$1270 for the drums and the funds for purchase are in this years budget. In addition to the drum kit we want to purchase cymbals (hi-hat, crash and ride cymbals) costing \$437. This is to replace present cymbals that are on loan to the church.

If you would like to make a donation towards the drums and cymbals mark your envelope or deposit with the amount and reference *Drums*.

