

Reflection Questions

- The word "Paraclete" has been translated in a lot of different ways: Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Counsellor, Friend, Strengthener. Reflect on the ways the Holy Spirit has been these things for you.
- What does it mean to me to be an advocate for Christ?
- Are there times in my life where I can see the Holy Spirit was enabling me to advocate for Jesus?
- Are there people in my life or who I'm aware of who need an advocate? Is that me? If it isn't, can I help find someone else to advocate for them?



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

Spiritual Gifts Course - Susan will be leading a Spiritual gifts course in May/June. The course will take 3 or 4 sessions to identify our gifts and passions, then we'll discover how to put those gifts into practice. We'll explore ministry areas you may not have even considered. Being clearer about our gifts enables better time and resource management. It enables us to prioritise what we do, to say "no" to some things outside our giftedness, and to focus much more on the things we love to do. As we work in the areas God has for us, we should be less busy and more energised. See Susan for more details.

Overseas Holiday - Do you have bits and bobs of foreign money left over from foreign travel? Until October we will have a large jar and some very third world recycled milk cartons on the table at the back of the church to take any foreign currency you would like to donate to the Anglican Missions Board. Go and search out those left over coins and notes and give them to missions. It's a great cause! - *Shiona Fregley for Vestry*

Book Fair - Our Book Fair will be on Saturday 18 July this year, so please start collecting books, jigsaws, children's games and the like –all things paper. All those wonderful people who make this possible, could you please note in your diary that we will be working in the hall to sort out the books on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the Fair and note the date of the Fair in your diary. This is a great outreach and we do have a lot of laughs. Hope to see you there.
- *Shiona Fregley*

Opera Unleashed - Greatest hits and all time favourites from the world's most popular operas.....includes The Pearl Fishers Duet, the Lakme Flower Song Duet, the Laughing Song from 'Die Fledermaus' and many many more! Today Sunday 24 May 5.00pm . All Saints Church, 30A Vanguard St, Nelson. Tickets = \$20.00 Waged / \$15.00 Unwaged. Door Sales Available – refreshments for sale during interval. From hot romance to rollicking drinking songs, this action-packed concert has something for everyone! Enquiries to: avidopera@gmail.com

Hall Kitchen - The Hall kitchen has been cleaned out and tidied. Cupboards have been labelled. If you have left any items in the kitchen please collect them from the rack in the Lounge. Any items remaining at the end of the month will be donated to the Garage Sale. Please ensure all food is removed from the Kitchen after use to avoid attracting ants and mice. - *Anne Askin*

Afternoon AAW Group - Sheila Budgen will be our guest speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday, 27 May at 2pm in the Lounge. Sheila is a member of the Spirit of Adventure Trust and frequently sails on the Spirit of New Zealand. Afternoon tea to follow and Sales Table. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Morning Tea on Sundays – We need a few more people to set up and clear up after morning tea. This involves bringing milk and something to eat too. (We can help with the cost of this). Please contact our administrator for more information. email church.onhill@xtra.co.nz or call the office Ph. 544 8844.