

Bus Trip – Following our successful day trip to St Arnaud, St Stephens and friends will visit Joe Keighley's church in Renwick, near Blenheim on Wednesday 12 August. Once again we will work out costs according to the coach cost, approximately \$20pp return. We will be having lunch at the highly rated Vines Village in Raupara Road – there are things to enjoy there as well e.g. crafts. All welcome to join us for a day out. Phone 021 064 8511 or email: hotcoles@ihug.co.nz for more information or to confirm your seat.

Morning Tea on Sundays – Thanks to those who have volunteered to help with morning teas. If there is anyone else who would like to help with this ministry please contact our administrator for more information. email church.onhill@xtra.co.nz or call the office Ph. 544 8844.

NZCMS Invitation – Hear Liz from South Asia Sunday 18 July 7.00pm, St Stephens Church, Tahunanui Drive. There will be a koha for hot chocolate /coffee. Hear stories from Liz Monday 20, July, 12.30pm, All Saints, Tibble Room, 30 Vanguard St. Cuppa provided.

Nelson Civic Choir: Haydn's Creation - 7.00pm Saturday 22 August, Old St John's, Nelson . Conducted by Chris Lukies and accompanied on the organ by Michael Bell. The soloists are Zoe Bennett and Amanda Crehan (sopranos), Ewen Griffith (tenor) and Graham O'Brien (bass). The Creation is one of the most lyrical pieces in the choral repertoire. It represents the Old Testament account of the days of creation, moving from chaos to light, with the emergence of animals – whale, lions, tigers, cattle, sheep and the sinuous worm! Adam and Eve sing of their gratitude to God and their love for each other, depicting their happy life before their fall from grace. The well-known choruses offer joyous comment on the unfolding story: 'The heavens are telling the glory of God', 'Achieved is the glorious work', 'Sing the Lord, ye voices all'. Earlybird tickets are on sale \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00 from Alison Heslop Ph. 544 5067.

AAW Evening Group - Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 23 July. Our speaker is Heather Thomas from the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Come along and find out just what these hard-working people do, and the variety of their work. We will have a sales table as usual. All welcome, you can contact Anne 5447992 for more information.

Love in Action - Henley Kindergarten (Futures) makeover, Salisbury Girls garden clean up and St Andrew's Family Home clean up earlier. A big thanks to everyone. The results of the "cook-in" were amazing - Pumpkin Soup – 120 litres (60 ice cream containers), 120 Scones, Meat and Vegetable casserole – 38 litres (19 ice cream containers) and Apples and Pears - 84 litres (42 ice cream containers) What a great effort! - Susan.

AAW Afternoon Group - Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22 July at 2.00pm in the Lounge. Our speaker will be Chris Budgen whose topic is "Demystifying Medicines and Prescriptions." Afternoon tea to follow and Sales Table. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.



Shared Lunch Today

Join us for soup and a roll after the 10.30am service.
Lunch donations go towards Building

Missions Evening 6.00pm -7.00pm Wednesday 22 July Hall Lounge

Shared tea with
Murray Cotter
Missionary to Albania



God who sets Us on a journey

God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.