

Reflection questions:

- How do you share Gods part in your story?
- Can you see God's hand present in the story of your life?
- How can God's Word direct you in situations in your life?
- When sharing the Gospel do you share the reason for the Good News?
- How can you include God in the conversations that you have this week?



Church open for prayer 9.00am - 1.00pm Monday - Join us in prayer each Monday in the Church. Contact John Palmer 544 4275.

Garden Trail - In aid of our Building Fund. Please reserve Saturday 15 November 2014 in your diary. Plans are well advanced, inspired again by Caroline Pitman & her team. We have at least 10 beautiful & varied gardens around Richmond for you to enjoy and a new concept, featuring our lovely Church and the Church Hall we are striving to replace, as added attractions. We will be calling on you all to support us with your talents as you have for previous Trails. Initially, if you have any pre-loved functional Christmas Decorations please save them for us. Our team are Carole Frater, Merle Gibson, Joan Inwood, Lorraine Leonard, Shireen Lyon & Brenda Page. Watch this space. Thank you all. Brenda Page.

A Service to Remember and Celebrate - The loss of a baby is a deeply traumatic experience for the mother, father and those close to them, whether it is still birth or miscarriage. The service will give you the opportunity to stand with other people 'who know' the pain of losing a child. The service is for women and men who have suffered loss, their children and their extended family and friends, whether the loss is recent or historic. The service will be held at St Paul's Church Hall 68 Waimea West Rd Brightwater on Sunday 27 July at 3.00pm. Come and rejoice in your baby's life, grieve and remember.

Parents and grandparents - Please have a look at the new DVDs in the library and borrow them for your children/grandchildren. Use the book to record your name and item borrowed. On Monday 8 children enjoyed Brad's fresh scones and learnt how to embroider with Margaret Reynolds expert help. A mum texted me to say her daughter was very pleased she could do blanket stitch. Some of the kids are keen to learn a few more stitches. Can someone help? Is there someone who would like to teach the boys how to make a kite or something else you think they might enjoy making? The next Friday Fun event will be on 15 August at 3.00pm-5.00pm.

Games Evening - Do you think we could organise an all ages games evening? The kind of thing I'm thinking of is old fashioned games, table skittles, dominoes, card games and the like. If you have a game that you would be happy to bring and teach others to play others please get in touch. If there are 8 to 12 games suitable for a range of ages, then I will be happy to co ordinate a good old fashioned games evening at the end of August. We could call it something like "off the grid" or "unplugged"?! All suggestions and ideas welcome. Shiona Ph 544 5862.

Book Fair - I just want to say a huge thank you to the over 50 people who gave their time and skills to make the book fair a success this year. A special mention goes to Grant Chaney who made the great sign for our entrance, and the lovely people from St. David's who gave us books and jigsaws from their garage sale, and one of whom helped us set up our fair. So many of you helped in so many different ways and every one made an important contribution. It was a privilege to work with you all. Hopefully I haven't worn any of you out(?) and perhaps you may consider helping again next year! Shiona.

Messy Church - For some time we've been planning a second Messy Church can run every month. This is essential with the aim of reaching out to non-church families they need regularity. We have about 3 people so far to be part of Team 2 and we need more. Tasks include hall set up, kitchen oversight, clean up, craft activities, music, administration etc. Please contact Susan if you feel God is calling you to this ministry. Full training will be given including an evening meeting with the international Messy Church founder on Tuesday evening 5 August and an optional all day training on Wednesday 6 August.