

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.

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.

NZCMS Invitation – Hear Liz from South Asia, Today Sunday 19 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.

Breakfree Prayer Ministry Camp - 9.00am Friday August to 5.00pm Sunday 16 August at Hoddy's Orchard and Hope School. A time meet God and receive healing and empowerment in your life, enjoy great worship, fellowship and food. The cost is \$130 for accommodation and all meals. Day visitor \$100 for the weekend. For more information Phone Alan Wright 027 650 5879 or Karen Hoddy 027 444 2759 or 544 8557. Registration forms are available from the parish office.



On Thursday 13 August, 10.00am - 2:30pm Susan will lead a time of worship, meditation and prayer. We all need to get away from the noise and distractions of daily life at times in order to hear what the Lord would like to say to us. We will do this in the chapel and surrounds at Gardens of the World. Bring \$5, your Bible, notebook, pens and lunch to the chapel. Tea and coffee will be provided. Register with our administrator 544 8844 or church.onhill@xtra.co.nz
Numbers are limited to 20. Contact Susan if you'd like more information.

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 fulfill 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 pow'r 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, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.