

Preserves - At the back of the church are a variety of preserves that we are selling to reduce our deficit! They are made with a mix of organic fruit and spray free fruit and vegetables. Please consider trying some and buying here rather than at the supermarket. Donations of screw top jars, would be most welcome, please leave these in the box at the back of the church. If you want to add to the range, please do. Any queries or comments to Shiona 544 4155.

Building Fundraiser - Honey 500gms \$7.00 // 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin or Ph. 542 3284

Church on the Hill Overseas Missions Group - Dates for your diary:

- Nelson NZCMS AGM 7.30pm July 26 Victory Community Church, Vanguard St. Nelson, This will include a talk by Allan and Christine, two of our mission partners working in ESOL Education in East Asia.
- Holy Trinity Church 10.00am Friday 29 July, your opportunity to meet Allan and Christine.
- Wednesday 10 August Rev Paul Mursalin, the acting International Director for Barnabas Fund, an aid agency dedicated to serving the persecuted church in a global context, will be speaking in the morning at Hope Church, Ranzau Road, 10.00am - 12.00 noon and in the evening at Grace Church, Headingly Lane from 7.00 - 9.00pm.

The Blind Side Movie - On Wednesday 27 July, St Stephens have invited us to their movie screening of The Blind Side, a great movie based on an inspirational true story of how showing the love of God by loving others can change a life. There is an early lunch at 10.45am, the movie starts at 11:30 and will be finished by 1:30pm. Contact Yvonne Smyth for info and to register attendance. Ph. 544 8844

Corporate Worship Survey - Thanks again for your intended contribution towards the shape of our corporate worship. We will distribute the surveys via email and hard copy by Sunday 24 July. We'd like them back by Sunday 7 August please. We'll analyse them and report back on Sunday 28 August. Then will follow the implementation of straightforward actions asap after appropriate discussion of governance issues.

Feedback - BTW there has been some feedback that we didn't implement feedback given way back when I became Vicar (I've just celebrated the 5 year mark in the role). The process for that was poor – sorry about that! My fault. However many of the ideas were written into the Strategic Plan – we just didn't communicate that very effectively. I am sure we've learned from that process and are much more effective now. **Susan**

New Building - I've been really encouraged by the positive way so many of you have recognised the reality of having to say 'goodbye' to our planned Lantern and 'hello' to a simplified new plan. I've appreciated the Wardens and Vestry's support for me personally in this process. And I'm really looking forward to how the Lord is going to guide our new streamlined team in their work. Vestry met this week and endorsed a new team made up of Kai Kruse (Chair), Sandy Milligan, Dave Pritchard, Joe Sardella and Chris Ward. Their brief is to work quickly bearing in mind our site, needs and budget. They have been charged to bring a report to Vestry at our September meeting. If you have ideas regarding the new building please contact any of the members. Most importantly, please pray for them. They need the Lord's guidance, wisdom and creativity. **Susan**

Christianity & Islam - 7.00pm Church on the Hill Richmond. A series of four talks by Graeme Howarth (MTh) with particular focus on the dialogue between Islam and Christianity.

18 August - Discussion of Islam's ideologies, key people and history // 25 August - The basic differences between Islam and Christianity // 1 September - Examining Islamic Sharia law // 8 September - Understanding Jihad and the Islamic State

Reflection Questions

- Modern day seafarers face enormous odds, including piracy, ship wreck and unscrupulous sip owners. What can we, as a church do, to support this invisible community?
- Seafarers face storms at sea, but also face emotional storms as well. We also face our own storms. What are some of the storms that I am facing right now?
- In the Gospel Reading Jesus rebuked the storms, saying "Peace, Be Still". In what ways can we hear these words spoken to us?
- The Mission to Seafarers is looking for support, what ways might I be able to help?

