

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

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

Corporate Worship Survey - Thanks again for your intended contribution towards the shape of our corporate worship. We would like your completed surveys 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.

Men - It is time to give some direction to the Nelson City Council about the Southern Link. Should they get on with it or stop talking about it? That is the question... Your answers will be expected Monday evening 25 July 2016 7.00pm - 9.00pm. 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. Looking forward to your Answers. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

Where do I fit? - We will be running a short and sharp course covering several aspects of how God has gifted us. Alex Johnston will facilitate the sessions and look at spiritual gifts, people/task preferences, passion etc. The aim is for you to know where you are now and what God is calling you to be involved in. The course will run over two Sunday mornings on 7th and 14th August. It will be held in the hall during one service so you can still go to the other service. Please contact the office asap with your name and preference for the course to be held at 9.00am or 10:30am. church.onhill@xtra.co.nz or phone: 544 8844

Parish Finance Update - June

| | Actual June | Budget | Variance | Actual Year to Date | Budget Year to Date | Variance |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Income | \$19,496 | \$24,233 | (\$4,737) | \$181,402 * | \$145,000 | \$36,402 |
| Expenditure | \$15,080 | \$17,125 | \$2045 | \$111,880 | \$107,244 | \$4,636 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$4,416 | \$7,109 | (\$2,693) | \$69,552 | (\$4,536) | \$2,402 |

* Excludes \$100,000 Lotteries Grant

Reflection Questions

- The Psalmist writes “You don’t let me sleep. I am too distressed even to pray!” Can you recall a time when you felt like that?
- What have you learned from that time or times like it?
- What passages of Scripture offered you help in times of loneliness?
- Who might be lonely that you can think of? What support could you offer them?

