

**Celebration** - 175th Celebration of German Settlement and the Lutheran Church of New Zealand. 20 & 21 October (Labour Weekend 2018) Registrations now open. For info: (03) 54 32 839 or [tinyurl.com/UMO175](http://tinyurl.com/UMO175) or email: [germansarau175@gmail.com](mailto:germansarau175@gmail.com)

**Grand Spring Variety Show** - A grand Variety Show is planned for Saturday 1 September - the first day of Spring. There will be music, humour and a few surprises! The show will be held in our church, commencing at 7.00pm. A gold coin entry fee. Pass the word around to friends and family, we'd like to see all our seats filled. Look out for the advertising poster. This is an AAW initiative.

**Shoe Box Appeal** - A good start for our 2018 AAW special project for the children in the Pacific. Every box sent is an opportunity to touch a child's heart and share the Love of Jesus Christ. This year our gifts will be sent in the printed red and green boxes, for the ease of packing. In saying this if anyone feels they still want to decorate a real shoe box, remember they mustn't be bigger than an A4 sheet. Christmas paper has got very thin, and gets quite tatty with handling and travel. Better to glue on some pictures. Any gifts can be placed in the container by the organ at the front of the Church. Remember the size of the box when buying your gifts. There is a list of ideas in the brochure. Thankyou. Coordinator: Dawn Martin. Cell 021 177 3312 or email: [dawngarymartin@gmail.com](mailto:dawngarymartin@gmail.com)

**Annual Celebration of Spring** - Tuesday 4 September at St Thomas's Anglican Church Auditorium, High St, Motueka. Morning Tea 9.45 am, Worship Service at 10.30am followed by light luncheon. Please bring a plate for shared lunch. Guest speaker is Rita Bell from Wakefield. She and her late husband David spent many years on the mission field in Zambia. There will be a retiring offering to support schooling for children in Yangon, Myanmar. Enquiries: Joan Ph.544 8813

**Communion Linen** – Some new pieces of linen have been put in the Vestry. Could the person who has left them there please contact Joan Ph:544 8813

**Time Capsule** - At Vestry meeting this week we heard that the time draws nearer to putting the floor down for the new building. How exciting is this! Vestry are very interested in putting down a Time Capsule to record events and people of the here and now. Would you like to spear head this? You would need to: Be interested in history and people / Be creative in finding appropriate resources / Be consultative and have the ability to make decisions about what to include and what to leave out. Please see David in the office or any Vestry member if you are interested in this. (Anne Askin, Laurie D'Egganeh, Kai Kruse, Dave Pritchard, Michaela Ross, Karl Summerfield or Dave Trigg)

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**Men's Forum** - The next forum will be at 7.00pm on Monday 27 August 2018 as usual at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. Question: "Is free speech a myth or does it only apply as long as I agree with you? If you want to bring a guest please do so. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

**Working Bee** - Saturday 1 September 9.30am. Lots of Bushes need to be chopped back around the Vicarage, Some work inside and outside the Church. Please bring Loppers etc. Inside the Church we need long mops for Spider webs. Any offers of Morning tea would be welcomed. If wet we will meet on Saturday 8 September. Anne Askin Ph. 542 3284

**Combined Churches Prayer** - Meet at the Botanic Sports Field, below the Centre of New Zealand on Sunday 23 September at 1.00pm to pray for revival in our community. This is a timely and God Inspired call, to bring the Body of Christ together to ask Him to move powerfully in our community and nation. The gathering will be fairly informal and families are welcome to bring a picnic lunch. Let's pray in unity for revival in Nelson! We will start the walk to the top at 1.00pm for all that are able, or stay at the park at the base of the centre of New Zealand. A Richmond Baptist initiative.

*Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in all the earth.*  
- Psalm 46:10

# Reflection Questions

- What things do you value about this parish?
- What have you learned during your time here?
- What things would you like to see develop more?
- How can you best love and support each other as you reach out to this community in which God has placed you?

