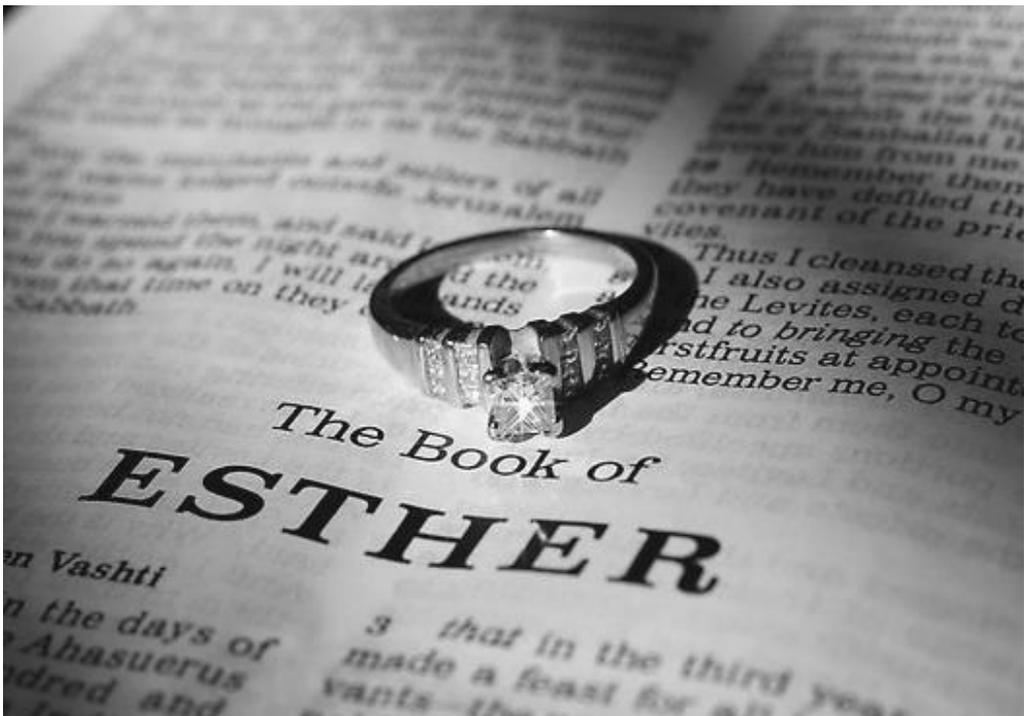


Reflection questions:

- Why are we where we are and for what purpose?
- Where do we find the balance between our initiative and waiting on God?
- When we feel most vulnerable does it allow God to act more? And is this a good thing even though it feels unsettling?
- Why aren't kids more involved in Sunday services - and is it actually important?



Creation Ministries - Public Meeting at Richmond New Life Church at 7.00 pm on Sunday 17 August. Come along to hear a solid defense of the Biblical account of Creation and the fatal flaws in evolutionary thinking by Robert Hunt. Any questions contact Mark Quinney Ph 522 4607

Community Christmas Dinner - Would you like to co-ordinate one of the following aspects of this year's dinner? Santa Parade, advertising, setting up, packing away, food, or sponsorship. Meeting at 1.00pm Thursday 21 August. Please contact Kay to express your interest or for further information. Ph 544 8844

Garden Trail - Church on the Hill Garden Trail, Saturday 15 November. We are planning to have our Church open, beautifully decorated with a Wedding Theme and a display of Wedding Dresses. We would like to show gowns with, where possible, a photo of the wedding & maybe a short anecdote of the day. If you have a wedding gown you would be willing to lend us please let me or a member of our team know a.s.a.p. Thank You. Brenda P. 544 5872

Scam Savvy Seminar - 1:30pm - 3:30pm Monday 21 August at the Pavilion, Trafalgar Park. Open to anyone over 60. Limited places, registration required. Ph Age Concern 544 7624 to book or contact Kay for further details.

General Election - Following the "Nelson Mail" articles recently, about my standing as the Conservative Party candidate for Nelson, a number of Church members asked if I could explain to them our policies for the coming Election. Having discussed this with Susan I have arranged a short meeting, in the Hall, for 1.30pm on Wednesday 27 August (ie 30 minutes prior to the AAW meeting.) I will explain why I am standing and the main issues of national importance on which I am campaigning. All Church members are welcome please bring a friend, if you wish.
John Green.



Morning Tea Feedback

Thank you to the 22 who completed the morning tea feedback survey a few weeks back. There was a real mixture of responses. Some would prefer we revert to the using the church, some prefer it in the hall. Having it in the hall creates some practical problems for those on rosters and but the hall kitchen is much easier to use. Initially people found it

difficult moving tables but that is easier now Vestry have purchased lighter tables. Some love the extra space and/or sitting at the tables and enjoy the extended time of fellowship.

Challenges:

- Many would love to see more 10:30 people join them before their service
- Getting 10:30 people to the service on time is more difficult
- If the 10:30 welcomer is not on duty early enough, the church can look deserted, as if nothing is happening

In spite of these challenges, Vestry believes the benefits outweigh the negatives so that means we will continue on the way we are.

Also we want to offer prayer after the 9.00am service to those who would like it and are working on how that might happen. Comments or questions or offers to be a member of the after service prayer team, see Susan.

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. Please contact Susan if interested.

African Speaker - Joe Kapolyo, brought out by Scripture Union will be speaking at the Cathedral on Sunday 24 August at the 7.00pm service. He is Zambian, and the lead pastor of Edmonton Baptist in North London, www.edmontonbaptist.org.uk and was previously the principal of All Nations Christian College. He worked with Scripture Union in Zambia and also pastored churches there and in Zimbabwe. He is a skilled Bible teacher and a dynamic speaker. He is also experienced in cross-cultural ministry and is author of *The Human Condition Christian Perspectives Through African Eyes*, which is part of the Langham Global Library.

Games Night - Saturday 30 August, 6.30pm to 9.00pm in the hall. We have 8 different games suitable for all ages, and you could try three. Chocolate fish for winners! Free drinks and cake, gold coin donation towards costs. Bring a friend, family member or neighbour – give them the flyer. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered, would anyone like to help with the refreshments, (you should still be able to play two games) and more offers to teach others to play a much loved game would be welcome. Please contact Shiona if you can help, Ph. 544 5862.

Lament



*A Service of Psalms
Bringing the pain
of the world
to God's faithful
attention*

All Saints

30 Vanguard St. Nelson

7.30pm

Sunday 17th August

