

Reflection questions:

- As you think about your own life, where have you experienced injustice? You might like to write a short poem or psalm of lament for that experience.
- Do you tend towards optimism or pessimism? What do you need God's perspective on?
- How have you heard the Lord speak to you in the past? Perhaps you might like to take a few minutes to ask him what he would like to say to you right now.
- Who, or what, are you praying will be restored to God's original intentions for them?



Finance Update

The Finance Team want to thank parishioners for their support for the work of Holy Trinity Church. We appreciate the prayers, time and money all of which make us the vibrant, spiritually growing group of Christians that we are. *Thank you all very much.*

The church's objective is to employ two full time ministers and we are doing that. Susan, our Vicar, fills one of those positions. The other full time position is made up of five part time positions; Micah (Youth Pastor), Ingrid (Children and Families), Kay (Seniors), Carol (Friends n Fun) and Antonio (24/7 youth work and music intern). Today the capacity for voluntary work is less than it was. This effects churches in that less volunteers are available so we have more paid positions. This all takes money.

Our budget is in a deficit situation. Vestry planned for this. We took a step of faith needed so as not to compromise the good work that is taking place in our parish.

How can you help us manage this deficit position?

When attending an event where a donation is asked for, rather than giving a \$2 coin, consider putting in two \$2 coins. If you put \$5 in an envelope each week, maybe up that to \$10. If you put in \$10 now, consider \$20! If you haven't reviewed your current giving for two or three years perhaps you should do that and maybe increase it somewhat.

Again, your ongoing generous and sometimes sacrificial giving to our church is greatly appreciated. Contact one of us with your questions.

Dave Pritchard and the Finance Team (Anne Askin, John Green, Susan Gill)



AAW Evening Group - Meeting 26 September, 7.30pm Church lounge. Bring a decorated shoe box if possible, and some items for the Christmas Shoeboxappeal. All welcome to join us. Alison Heslop.

The Pirates are coming! - Children's holiday program at Nelson Cathedral. Monday 30 Sep – Friday 4 October 10.00am-12 noon. For 7-12 year olds. Daily Cost: Gold coin per child or \$5 for 3+ children. Contact John at the Cathedral 548 1008 to register.

Bishop Sutton Books - In the transept of the Cathedral is a collection of religious books that belonged to Bishop Peter Sutton. Come and have a look and if there are any books that they would like they are welcome to take them for a small donation.

Sunday 6 October – Time for joint worship and fellowship. We will have a combined communion service at 10am followed by a shared lunch in the hall. Please take this opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere. Susan.

Moving on in following Jesus—In our Christian walk there are decision points the Lord calls us to. Baptism one of those decision points as is Confirmation. Both are public declarations of the desire to move on in our relationship with Jesus Christ. At our family camp we will have a confirmation service. If you feel God might be calling you to make any kind of deeper commitment, please phone me and we can discuss what this might look like for you. Susan 544 8827 or susan.churchonhill@xtra.co.nz