

Motion 29 - Remember we need to hear from everyone either for or against Motion 29 which aims to hold our national church together while respecting differing view points. There are hard copy surveys available at church or you can use survey monkey. It's really simple! Here is the link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8ZZ89K6>

Convergence Camp - On Sunday 18 February the Tahunanui Parish will be taking a bus over to Kaiteriteri to join in the Convergence Camp Service. The Bus will leave St Stephens between at 9.00am Cost is \$5 per person to cover bus hire. If you want to go on the bus Phone St Stephens 546 4051 or email: office@ststephenstahunanui.nz by this Wednesday 14 February.

Free Pastoral Care Training - The new Director of Studies at St John's College is offering a distance learning paper on pastoral listening. This is accessible fully on line, and would be free. The course is available to Anglicans with the support of the Bishopdale College. Content will include: Considering a call to listen / Developing empathy, engagement, empowering questions, clarification and summarising / Listening to the unspoken / Listening as a pastoral activity / Listening as encounter / The application of listening to ministry with individuals and communities / Listening for stories inside stories./ See the noticeboard for course information or contact Graham O'Brien if interested. Ph: 548 8785 / Cell: 021 0601774 / Email: graham@bishopdale.ac.nz.

Preserves - While the church is being used for all our meetings the preserves will be in the office, please don't let this put you off! There is lemon marmalade, ginger and rhubarb jam and a great mint sauce there at present. No more jars for now please. I have plenty! All donations of fruit welcome! It will either be made into preserves or used for Lunch on the Hill. Any questions or comments please get in touch, Shiona Ph.544 4155.

Volunteers Wanted

We need volunteer drivers and support workers for our Wicked Tooth Fairy project supporting young people, 13 to 17 years, who have difficulties accessing dental care. This is an opportunity to connect with young people and have positive inter-generational experiences and we would love for you to be part of this. What does it involve? Up to six young people plus van driver and support worker per trip / Drivers and support workers will be rostered so you can commit weekly, fortnightly or monthly – what suits you / The service starts in Term 1, running two days a week, between 9.00am - .00pm. Orientation and training package will be held - includes police vetting. Skills: Driving a van safely and confidently, non-judgmental attitude, quick to laugh. If interested visit www.whanakeyouth.org.nz and email: hello@whanakeyouth.org.nz. We would love to hear from you and happy to answer any questions. Ngā mihi (Kind regards) Lee-ann O'Brien and Debbie Hollebbon *Co-Directors Whanake Youth*

Supporters Needed - Support the tremendous opportunity Christian Broadcasting has to reach over 300,000 listeners with the real meaning of Easter. Broadcasting on New Zealand's top two commercial talk-radio networks for a total of 22 hours of nationwide airtime over Easter. Talented Christian broadcasters like Petra Bagust, Rev Frank Ritchie, Sam Bloore and Peter Wolfkamp will creatively engage our audiences in conversations about the message of Jesus this Easter. Your donation will make a difference. To find out more visit the CBA website: <https://cba.org.nz/easter-broadcasts>

Fundraising Event - On the Sunday 25 February, I will be cutting, shaving and donating my hair... I know it sounds rather mad that this is happening! But it is something I have wanted to do since my first year of college. So, nearly 7 years later - the time has finally come! The hair that I donate will go to 'Freedom wigs', a kiwi wig making company in Dunedin. They create and donate human hair wigs to incredible people suffering from hair loss due to cancer or alopecia. The money that I fundraise will go towards LBC, the Leukaemia and Blood cancer society. LBC is dedicated to supporting patients and their families living with a blood cancer or related blood condition, and receives no government funding. I would love you to support me in this, by coming to Sundial Square in Richmond for a BYO picnic on the Sunday 25 February from 12.00pm onwards. I will be doing the shave after the picnic, around 1.00pm. To donate, you can either search my name on the Shave for a Cure website and follow the instructions, or you can give cash to me to pass on. LBC will email receipts directly to you for either. Please sponsor me and help me support this great cause. Thank you so much for your support! - Kay Thomson



Wensley House Ministry - Every Thursday we take a service of some kind at Wensley House. We could do with another person to be available to take a Bible Study, please talk to Yvonne if that sounds like you. Yvonne Smyth - Elder Care Team Leader

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer each Monday from 9.00am - 2.00pm
All welcome.

Lunch on the Hill - Recommences 11.30am Tuesday 20 February 2018 at The Salvation Army Hall, 57 Oxford Street, Richmond. (Temporary Venue while the New Hall is under construction)

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.00/ 1kg \$13.00 / 2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Movie Night - 6.30pm Monday 9 April at the Suter Cinema to see *Paul: Apostle of Christ* Tickets \$12 each with any profit going to missionaries (we need 84 to break even - there are 150 seats available). The story covers Paul, portrayed by James Faulkner, going from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Jesus Christ's most influential apostle. Please let Yvonne know if you would like to go. Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyOqQZUDdO4>

Our Diocesan Day of Prayer and Fasting

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and merciful God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent; create in us new and contrite hearts, so that when we turn to you and confess our sins we may receive your full and perfect forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Prayers for the Church

1. Thank you Father that through Christ we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and your own special possession - stones being built up into a glorious dwelling-place - a Temple fit for our God – so that we may proclaim your praises with our lips and in our lives. You have brought us out of darkness into your wonderful light and we praise and bless you for your grace and mercy towards us and all people. We thank you for making us one in the Body of Christ. Stir in our hearts a desire to be in unity with one another under the lordship of Christ. Sanctify us with your truth and keep us ever looking to Jesus, our Way our Truth our Life.
2. Build up Your people O God, into a sanctified body... a fellowship of believers – a people set apart from the world to serve you in newness of life and living in gracious union one with the other. May we learn to pursue after all that leads to godliness and shed abroad in our hearts the nature and character of love that only comes from You - so that we may become channels through whom the love of Christ flows to others in need.



Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on 14 February. We will have two services – 10.00am as usual and 7.00pm at the Catholic Church.

Last year the Catholics supported us in droves and we had a large number at the evening service. This year I will be preaching at their church. Please will you support this joint initiative? It's a huge thing for us to be working and worshipping together and I really want to encourage them and their leaders with a good turnout.

Our Bishop has asked that we use this day for prayer and fasting for the one-day Synod on Saturday 10 March too. If you feel able to do that; even for a portion of the day, please do so. There are events on in Nelson Cathedral from 9.00am.