

**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

**Intercessions** -So many people have said they appreciate the intercessions in the newsletter. They form the basis for those used in our services and provide prompts for our prayer at home. I want to thank the people who take turns writing them. It is wonderful to have the different 'voices' and flavours that you bring. Our team could use broadening. Is this something you would like to do? Usually people take a month at a time and it is anonymous unless the writer chooses to tell anyone. There is a list of churches and Diocesan prayers that we cover over the year. we try to email them to get specific prayer requests and I provide contact details to enable that to happen. If you'd like to know more, please contact Susan.  
susan.churchonthehill@extra.co.nz 544 8827 / 021 0231 5241

**Is This Church? Anglican Care Conference** - Elim Christian Centre, Stoke. 14 -15 October 2016. An opportunity to be encouraged, challenged, informed and resourced in your present and future ministry. This will be of special interest to Pastoral Care Team. Registration cost, \$25 if before 16 September. Contact Yvonne Ph. 544 8844 if interested.

**Work Wanted** - Lawnmowing / Garden work. Reasonable rates. Phone Jonathan 544 3972

**'Lost in Transition' - Children and Youth Ministries Seminar** - An invitation to join a seminar with Pastor David Goodwin for Children and Youth Leaders as well as for Pastors and parents. Hosted by Richmond Community Church at 'The Centre' 243 Queen St (Warring Car Park behind The Swiss Bakery) on Saturday 8 October from 9.30am – 12.30pm. David heads up 'Kidsreach', which is based in Sydney and he is an authority on all aspects of Children and Youth Ministries. He will share some of his insights and observations from the extensive research he has done on the topic 'Lost in Transition' and other topics related to Children, Youth and Church! (Approximately 50% of children drop out of church before high school and this message will bless you and your church). His experience is second to none and whatever he shares is helpful for Children and Youth Ministry Leaders as well as Pastors and parents and will have a profound effect on how and why we do children's ministry. The cost is \$30 per person which includes a manual worth \$25 and also morning tea! Please register by Monday 3 October by either email: ryferg@clear.net.nz or text 021 02435059.

**Free Face To Face Counselling At Life Linc Nelson** - Feeling sad, stressed, stuck or having relationship issues? Identify and explore new ways to move forward with a Life Linc Nelson Counsellor. Call 03548 2400. Up to 10 Free Face to Face individual or couples counselling sessions.

**Rob Harley** - The recent Rob Harley Communication and Storytelling workshops in July are now on the Vimeo website and can be found via [www.bishopdale.ac.nz/media/](http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/media/).

**Kids' Church Christmas Party** - 4 December. Kids - Please let me know favourite carols you would like to sing for kids' Church singing outreach - carols for fun and for Christmas. We need some people to help - can you play piano or guitar? Ta! Catherine Barak Ph 541 0854

**Worship Survey** - The full survey results are on the Website filed under the Newsletters tab.

**House/Pet Sitter available** - from Saturday 8 October onwards. No charges. Will care for pets in your home, water pot plants, tend gardens & care for your home for your peace of mind while you are on holiday. Long & short term welcomed. No pets? Maybe you would just like to have your home lived in while you're away - I can do that too! Contact: Lyn Ashby, Mob 027-448-7488, email: lynashby@hotmail.com

**Spring Fair now the Spring Plant Sale** - Many thanks to all who have started to prepare and have offered to help. The outcome of last Sunday is that we will be having a plant sale on 15 October from 11.00am to 1.00pm and providing a light lunch for sale as well. We would like to accept all the offers of help, and the hall will be open for us to set up from 9.00am. If you have any queries about plants, or labelling them please talk with Alice Burroughs or Alison Heslop. Please give the fliers in this Pews News to your neighbours, family and friends, lets make this outreach as successful as we can! If you need extra fliers please call into the office in the mornings. Many thanks for all your input, Shiona and Jan.

# Reflection Questions

- How do you understand God's forgiveness to operate in your life?
- How do you understand that same forgiveness to operate in our communal life?
- Is confession of sin a regular part of your journey in following Jesus? Why or why not?
- How does having a 'clean slate' enable a closer relationship with the Lord and others?

