

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

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

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.

House/Pet Sitter available - from Monday 31 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

Senior Fashion Show - Sponsored by Waimea Anglican Diocese - Brightwater and Wakefield. St John's Church, Edward Street, Wakefield. 2.00pm Wednesday 26 October. Gold coin donation for entry (includes afternoon tea) Come for a fun afternoon of fashion presented by Fashion Central, Richmond. Spot prizes and entertainment. Further info please contact Nicola, Waimea Anglican Senior Care Co-ordinator 03 541 9225

Community Christmas Lunch - Volunteers needed to help out in the kitchen on Christmas Day from 10.00am -1.00pm or 12-30pm. No actual cooking required! If you're interested, please contact Michaela on 544 4502.

Lunch on the Hill - We are in need of more cooks for this outreach. Even if you can only help occasionally please let Yvonne know. It is great to have people we can call on when some of our regular cooks are unavailable. Thank you.

Ticking the Boxes Seniors Seminars - The first seminar in a series, entitled "Down Sizing" to be held at St Barnabas Stoke, Wednesday 16 November, starting with a shared finger foods lunch at midday, followed by a talk on downsizing, by Real Estate Agent, Dianne Taylor. See Yvonne for more details

Helping Kiwis Interpret Islam - Hear Firooz Zadeh Wednesday 26 October 7.30pm, All Saints Church, 30 Vanguard Street, Nelson. Firooz Zadeh is a retired educator from Colorado living in New Zealand. His award-winning books are informative, entertaining, and interesting: "The Journey – An Immigrant's Story", "Islam versus Terrorism", "The Power and the Peril of Oil". His stimulating lectures inspire in his audience a respect for other cultures and nations for who they are and what they believe in. His first hand knowledge and personal experiences combines with a unique sense of humour for an inspiring and informative evening. Zadeh obtained his B.S. from Tehran University, M.S. from the University of Wyoming and did doctoral studies at the University of Northern Colorado and Denver University. Zadeh was a former National soccer and track champion in Iran and one of the pioneer soccer coaches hired to promote soccer in the US. Firooz became a naturalized American citizen in 1980, and a Kiwi since 2005. He lives in Richmond with his wife Bernadette.

Order of the Vine - Young adults (18-30something) are invited to join us for our next event: "Science vs God?" Its become common for our schools and universities to hear that science has somehow disproven God or made God irrelevant so we're taking this old 'God vs Science' bull by the horns and wrestling it into the dust (metaphorically of course!) Can you be a Christian and a scientist? How did the Jewish people understand the first chapters of Genesis? How should we? Can you believe in God AND evolution? And most importantly, WHY do scientists wear socks and sandals? We'll have a range of speakers tackling these questions & plenty more, plus food, good coffee, and lots of time for discussion and questions. 7.00pm Monday 28 November, St Stephen's Tahunanui.

Reflection Questions

- Is there still a place in the contemporary Church for services of Harvest Thanksgiving? (Think about the biblical background to these).
- Praise is due to you O God in Zion – is how Psalm 65 begins. Scholars tell us that in the Hebrew of the Old Testament praise wasn't noisy but often included silence in which people listened for the voice of God. Can you be silent in praise?
- Can we still praise God even though our hearts are heavy?
- How does God help us when we are experiencing 'trials and temptations?' How do YOU cope?

