

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

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

Order of the Vine - Aimed at connecting young adults from Churches around the Nelson region, along with a space to meet, discuss, and reflect. 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. Check us out at facebook.com/theorderofthevine

Village Fayre - 10.30am-4.30pm Sunday 6 November 2016 at The Honest Lawyer, Monaco. For hundreds of years in the UK, villagers have come together to enjoy themselves on the village green, often in front of the pub with entertainment, competitions and demonstrations with the proceeds going to the local church or other group. Join in this fun, inexpensive family day out. We have a stage where local performers can dance, sing and display their talent. There will be items for sale, white elephant stalls, games and activities and competitions, music, and lots of food and drink. Children's races, pony rides, bouncy castle and much more. There will be the traditional cakes, baking and preserve competitions. Proceeds support The Nelson ARK who run a unique and proven method of enhancing the mental wellbeing of young New Zealanders through engaging in animal training. For more information: www.thenelsonark.co.nz

 There will be a special remembrance service for beloved members of our families, who have died in the past few years. The ceremony will include naming of the deceased and symbolic candles will be lit. Everyone, especially members of a bereaved family, are invited to attend the 6:00pm service on Wednesday 2 November at Church on the Hill.

Reflection Questions

- What does the phrase "God crucified" mean to you?
- Why do people struggle with "the problem of suffering"?
- Does the idea that God suffers with you bring you comfort? Why/why not?
- How would you explain this idea to someone who is suffering from grief or sickness?

