

**Missing Puzzle** - Joan Inwood is looking for her Earnslaw Jigsaw Puzzle that was loaned to someone in the parish earlier this year. Please return it to Joan or drop it in at the office. Thanks.

**Student Accomodation 2017** - A group from Riccarton Community Church (RCC) have recently launched The Peverel Flats - rental accommodation for young Christian first year flatters leaving home to study in Christchurch. Their vision is to provide a supportive environment, a connection to RCC's young adults community, as well as practical help with flat life. They also aim to empower flatters to take ownership of their faith and all the challenges associated with their first year away from home. [www.peverelflats.co.nz](http://www.peverelflats.co.nz) or Facebook for info.

**Open Day** - La Vai Ola Retreat 1.00pm – 3.00pm Saturday 12 November. Meet our Hosts and Trustees and find out Who we are, Where we are, What we offer, Our services, How we help, Who we can help - Yes, You! - La Vai Ola is a Christian based retreat providing for - Individuals, couples, small groups. Our Mission Statement: "Come apart before you come apart". Contact Nanai and Christina Naseri Phone: 03 545 2409 Mobile: 027 256 9968 Email: [levaiolaretreat@gmail.com](mailto:levaiolaretreat@gmail.com); [www.levaiola.simplesite.com](http://www.levaiola.simplesite.com)

**Tearfund** - 2016 Christmas appeal *Stand with Her*. The Christmas connection is God standing with us as we move towards Advent and is based upon Mark 5: 25-34. We have created a "Journey to Advent" – a four-week series of reflection emails (sent twice weekly) for you and your congregation leading up to Christmas, if you would like to receive these please email your details [advocacy@tearfund.org.nz](mailto:advocacy@tearfund.org.nz). We live in a world where millions of innocent people are lured away from their families with the promise of money and a better life. Once in the hands of traffickers, they're deceived, coerced and black mailed into lives of commercial sexual slavery and exploitation. For more information on *Stand with Her* see [www.tearfund.org.nz](http://www.tearfund.org.nz)

**Village Fayre** - 10.30am - 4.30pm Today 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 caste 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](http://www.thenelsonark.co.nz)

**International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** - Join with Christians around the world on 6th November this year as Open Doors, Barnabas Fund, and Voice of the Martyrs unite us for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). IDOP brings together churches from many nations with an opportunity for us to put action to our sympathy. Here in New Zealand, Christians may not suffer as much as our fellow believers in other nations. What is our response to the cries of persecuted Christians? We can stand in the freedom we have to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who suffer for their faith in Christ. See [idop.nz](http://idop.nz) or [facebook.com/IDOPNZ](http://facebook.com/IDOPNZ) for free resources and prayer materials to aid you in making this day a significant time of prayer. If you are unable to participate in IDOP Sunday, set aside another time to pray!

**Fauré Requiem** - 6.00pm Remembrance Sunday 13 November at Nelson Cathedral. Excerpts of the Fauré Requiem will be sung on the evening of Remembrance with the Cathedral Choir. We extend an invitation to members of the congregation and community to join with the choir for this event. The rehearsal times would be Saturday 5 November from 3.00pm-5.00pm and also the Thursday 10 November from 6.30pm-7.15pm. If you are interested please contact James either in person or email: [james@nelsoncathedral.org](mailto:james@nelsoncathedral.org).

**Handel's Messiah** - "Come and Sing" and be part of the performance of Handel's Messiah at Nelson Cathedral on Sunday 4 December 2016. \$5.00 participants, \$10.00 audience. Run through at 2.00pm. 7.00pm Performance to mark the 165th Anniversary of the Cathedral. Conducted by James L. Thomas. Bring a score if you have one. Email: [james@nelsoncathedral.org](mailto:james@nelsoncathedral.org) if you are interested in singing solo arias.

# Source of Life

Source of life, our great Creator  
You have given us so much  
Time and talents, love and laughter,  
Sight and sound and scent and touch.  
Help us not to waste your bounty  
In our petty wordly ways:  
Teach us how to use it wisely,  
To your glory and your praise.

Show us how to take our talents,  
Whether they be great or small:  
And to use them for your purpose,  
Or to use them not at all.  
May we treasure what you give us,  
Build on it to make us strong:  
Never squander your wise birthright  
On the things we know are wrong.

Help us not to miss the moments  
When we could be kind and true:  
For our time on earth is finite  
And to serve is loving you.  
May we live each day more fully,  
Seeking you in word and prayer:  
And in life or death, we ask, Lord,  
May we find your loving care.

*Jan Chamberlain*

*Tune: "Converse" (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)*

