

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

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.

Community Christmas Lunch - Volunteers needed to help out in the kitchen on Christmas Day from 10.00am - 1.00pm or 12.00noon - 3.00pm. 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 finger foods lunch at midday, (Please note you do not need to bring a plate) followed by a talk on downsizing, by Real Estate Agent, Dianne Taylor. Yvonne has one place in her car if you need a ride, see Yvonne fast!

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](https://www.facebook.com/theorderofthevine)

Kidschurch - In November our focus is on Christmas Carols. Children's church Christmas outreach! We will be singing some on steps of church between services, then singing at St Alban's on 11 December, then singing by piano next to warehouse during kids' church time. Refreshments at Columbus to follow. All welcome Please let me know your favourite carols kids! Anyone welcome to join us - any age. Reason: to keep carols in public consciousness as part of Christmas. Schools don't always sing them and there are more secular songs being introduced that don't mention the birth of Christ. Catherine 022 647 9810

Concert - Navidad Nuestra - (Our Christmas) presented by Nelson Civic Choir. A concert with a Latin American Flavour with: Manase Latu (Tenor), Matt Landreth (Bass) and a Guest Appearance of Duo Jackson (Guitar and Violin). Old St. John's Sunday 20 November 2.00pm. Tickets \$30 (plus service fees) at Ticket Direct 03 5483840 www.theatreroyalnelson.co.nz

Carol Singing - Join the Nelson Hospital Chaplaincy Team and the Salvation Army Band Monday 12 December at 6.30pm for Carol singing around the wards Children & families welcome. Come dressed for Christmas. Meet in the Foyer on Level 2 at 6.15pm (outside the cafeteria). Light supper to follow.

Overseas Missions Group - Coffee And Dessert 6.30pm Thursday 18 November, Hall Lounge

Dawn Daunauda has just returned from sabbatical, including a mission trip, and will update us on her thoughts on the current opportunities and challenges in overseas mission. Many people will remember Dawn and Sana when they were an integral part of our worshipping community here at Holy Trinity Richmond.



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. 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

Holiday House Swap - Linda Blackmore who moved back to Christchurch 6 months ago, is looking for a house swap after Christmas or January for a week to 10 days with someone wanting a holiday in Christchurch. She writes 'We are really missing Nelson/Richmond which we had made our home after the earthquakes, and our Church on the Hill family who made us so welcome, and we would like to do a house swap We have a lovely town house in Avonhead on the west side of Christchurch, 2 bedrooms, in a lovely street, handy to shops and buses. We are non smokers and Susan can vouch for us as a family. There would be myself and my husband and daughter who is 14.' Phone 03 342 9345 or Cell 027 493 5662

Lunch on the Hill, Christmas Lunch - Final lunch for 2016, Tuesday 6 December. Diary this one now, you don't want to miss out! A superb meal has been planned, even if you don't usually come, try to be there! Starts 11:30, Koha donation, please tell friends and neighbours!

Wanted - does anyone have my copy (or any copy for that matter) of the Nativity series run by the BBC about 3 years ago? It was brilliant but I can't find my copy. Susan

Overseas Missions News from Allan and Christine...

Dear Richmond family, We are well into autumn now with the beautiful yellow leaves falling freely. It's been quite mild up till now but it has cooled down considerably in the last few days. We have been back now for eight weeks so the semester is slipping by very rapidly. As you know it has been a tough one health-wise for me and for Allan in caring for me. We are so appreciative of your care and prayers for us.

I am feeling much better, still the occasional patch of irregular heartbeats, and still rebuilding strength and fitness, but feeling much better overall. Allan is just starting to catch up on other things.

We have a student conference this weekend which has had its challenges in the preparation, but we are trusting it will go well and that Father will have His way. We are talking about those times when we are quiet with Father.

We are truly grateful for your faithfulness in giving to us and extremely blessed by the knee work you do on our behalf. There are so many needs that we need much wisdom in knowing how to handle them and in pacing ourselves.

With love and very grateful hearts, **Allan and Christine**



Missions trip to Murchison

We had a very productive visit to Murchison. The folks there were amazingly grateful for our coming. They were obviously blessed by us being there and we were blessed by their generous hospitality.

Five HTC folk went down on Friday evening and another seven came down on Saturday morning, with four returning early Saturday evening. Saturday morning was spent cleaning the outside of the church and hall, with the good folks of Murchison laying on lunch for us. A group had the afternoon visiting the flames with Steve Riley and the other group continued the cleaning work. Michelle in Murchison also got a group of local men together to dig out some soil and provide hard standing for a car park next to the hall, so by

the end of the day we had certainly made an impression on the church and grounds.

The evening saw us some kms away in the Matiri Valley for a BBQ and fireworks evening. Sunday saw us taking the morning service with a music group of Shirley, Evelyn, Carol and myself; Joe and Lyn read the lessons and Jean preached and led the communion service. There was a shared lunch provided for us after the service.

Blessings, **John**