

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 or Facebook for info.

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

The Living Wage in New Zealand - 6.00pm Friday 25 November, Nelson Cathedral. Guest speaker Charles Waldegrave Psychologist, Social Policy Researcher, Anglican priest and he leads the Family Centre Social Policy Research Unit (FCSPRU). Charles is a joint leader of three national research programmes, the New Zealand Poverty Measurement Project (NZPMP), the New Zealand Longitudinal Study of Ageing (NZLSA) and Successful Families and Whānau. New Zealanders who suffer under poverty wages need our help. He and his colleagues are regularly contracted by most social Ministries of Government to carry out social research projects and have provided the evidence base for housing, income and other social policy changes in NZ. He collaborates extensively with international research partners and publishes regularly in peer reviewed journals and accessible reports. Come along, get more informed and tell everyone you know how the Living Wage improves lives. Find out more...is a living wage is economically viable? Is it more a budgeting problem? Church people should especially be concerned about this issue as it was high on Jesus' agenda. Hope you can make it. Hosted by Nelson Cathedral's Social Justice Committee.

Downsizing Seminar - The four people who attended from Holy Trinity enjoyed the lunch and seminar, the first in tThe Ticking The Boxes seminars. Next February we are hosting one here. The outline for next year is on the church noticeboard. Yvonne will have copies for you all shortly so you can diary the events. Yvonne Smyth, Elder Care Team Leader

Bishopdale Theological College Graduation Ceremony - It is with great pleasure and thanksgiving to our faithful God that the Board, staff and faculty of Bishopdale Theological College invite you to join with us as we conduct our Graduation Ceremony Friday 9 December 2016 at 7:00pm followed by supper Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson. Info: Kate Dugdale: 548 8785 or office@bishopdale.ac.nz

Afternoon AAW Group - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 23 November at 11.45am. This will be our end of year Christmas lunch to be held at Club Waimea, Queen Street, Richmond. Cost is \$25 per person for a choice of 3 Mains and 3 Desserts, plus tea or coffee. You are welcome to invite a relative or friend. We need numbers by 20 November. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Convergence Camp - Friday 17 February - Sunday 19 February. Bishop Justin Duckworth from Wellington is keynote speaker. Registration forms at the back of the church.

Help Wanted - Is anyone willing to walk with another church's float in the Santa parade next Sunday 27 November and distribute leaflets for the Community Christmas lunch? Please contact Michaela Ph. 544 4502 or email macandy@slingshot.co.nz If you'd like some other exercise, I'm also looking for people to do a letterbox drop with the same leaflets. Ideally, I'd like someone to co-ordinate it too. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks, Michaela

EARTHQUAKE



An opportunity to Bless the children of Kaikoura and Seddon Parishes

As we come to closer to the end of the week after the earthquake many people are beginning to ask just how we as Christians can respond. We are all aware that the hardest hit areas encompass two of the parishes in this diocese.

It is hard to know how to respond but one area is always **to bless the churches so that they can bless the people in their community.** Usually the people who suffer the most in such a natural disaster are the children and the elderly. My passion is for children and their families and so I would like to assist in blessing them at this time. ***To do this we will need your help.***

In conjunction with Strandz, the national children and families group, the diocese is going to collect donations in the form of money or goods. We are expecting that most of the donations will be of money but I accept that for some diocesan parishes you may prefer to collect goods.

What will the money be used for? *To purchase gifts, treats and care products for children aged 0-12yrs.*

So if we choose to give goods we should purchase... *small gifts, treats and appropriate care products.*

If we choose to donate money...*please deposit the money in account 06-0705-0012140-00 marked EQ DONATION.*

How will the goods be distributed? *The goods will be packed in boxes which will include small bags for distribution purposes and Bible Society Christmas pamphlets. These boxes will be delivered to the churches for them to distribute as and when they want to bless a child or family.*

What is the timeframe for us to part of this blessing? *Please can we receive all donations by WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER.*

If everyone helps we will be able to bless these communities. Thanks.

Sue Fallow - *Children and Families Enabler, Anglican Diocese of Nelson*

Anglican Care Earthquake response

Following the Christchurch earthquake our Diocese collated names and addresses and some details of what is available, offering accommodation for a short break for people/families who just needed to get away for a few days.

If you are in the position of being able to offer this support (or know of people to whom this could be offered) please contact Gerrie Mead, Diocesan Social Services Enabler

Ph. 021 2771504 or email: socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz

