

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.

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

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 today 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.

Church Flower Roster – Its nearly time to draw up our 2017 Roster. At the moment we are 8 (mainly quite elderly) ladies who look after our flowers each week. Would you like to join us? It's very worthwhile helping to keep our church looking beautiful. Please talk to Susan or myself if you are interested. We also badly need a Leader, we haven't had one for a couple of years. Please think about it. Thanks. Brenda Page Ph. 544 5872

Pastoral Care Team - Advance Notice of final meeting for year. 10.00am Tuesday 29 November, Church lounge. Please come and share what you have been doing, what you would like to be doing and how I can help you. Hope you can all come! Morning tea provided. Thank you, Yvonne Smyth Elder Care Team Leader

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

Reflection Questions

- How do you see God at work in the early days of Aotearoa New Zealand?
- What challenges do we face as a country now and in the near future?
- What challenges do Christians face?
- How can we be effective in sharing the Good News of Jesus today and into the future?

