

**Thanks** - to all those who have given to have the brass to be lacquered so that it doesn't have to be polished every week. We have received \$150 towards the cost of \$600. Thanks too for the faithful service of the brass cleaning team.

**Donations Wanted** - Are you able to help us by donating towards some current needs?

- We are also wanting to acquire a 40-50" flat screen LED-LCD TV for use in Kidz church. Maybe you are thinking of upgrading and could donate your used TV.
- We are planning a big community outreach for Messy Church and need money to purchase small gifts (for Santa to give out) and sausages so we can have a give-away BBQ. We have bouncy castle organised and will give a short Christmas message.

Donation envelopes are at the back of the church. Please prayerfully consider if you can help.

**Open Evening** - Bishopdale Theological College. Monday 30 November 5.00pm - 7.00pm  
Thinking of studying in 2016? Have a look round and see what we do? Call in for nibbles and a chat - 30 Vanguard Street, Nelson Enquires: [office@bishopdale.ac.nz](mailto:office@bishopdale.ac.nz) Ph: 03 548 8785

**Graduation** - The Board, staff and faculty of Bishopdale Theological College invite you to join with for the 2015 Graduation Ceremony. Friday 11 December 2015 at 7:00pm followed by supper Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson Queries to Fran Martin: 548 8785 or [office@bishopdale.ac.nz](mailto:office@bishopdale.ac.nz)

**Barnabas Fund Evening** - Christians in the Middle East are facing an existential threat to their survival. They are being killed, enslaved, driven from their homes and persecuted by Islamic State militants. Syrian and Iraqi Christians are desperately fleeing the killing fields of Islamic State (IS) territory. Stephanie Dole, from the Barnabas Fund NZ, has just recently returned from the Middle East where BF is doing work among some of these Christian refugees. She will give a first-hand account of her experience as well as talk about the work BF is doing with the Christian refugees and what we can do to help. Stephanie will be sharing at Hope Community Church on Ranzau Road, Hope, Nelson at 7:30pm **tonight**, Sunday 22 November .

**Christmas Dinner Planning Meeting** - In the church 7:30pm Wednesday 25 November. All interested in helping are welcome to attend. For information contact Kay Ph. 547 6777

**Star Decorations** - Tuesday 1 December is the morning our star decorations will be installed to display in the church. It will be a 9.00am start. If you are unable to be there please make sure that your stars have arrived. Anne Webb Ph. 544 7992



## Summer Camps

**Convergence** - Family Camp. Bethany Park Kaiteriteri 3.00pm Friday 19 February - 2.00pm Sunday 21 February. Theme: *Kingdom and Covenant*. Led by Bishop of Nelson, Richard Ellena and Bible Study by Andrew Burgess, Dean of Bishopdale Bible College. Praise, Worship and Study. Crèche, Children's and Youth programme. Leisure activities. Day and

Weekend Options. Ph. 547 5631 for information. Registration forms at the back of church or <http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz/node/431>

**E4** - Hanmer Springs Forest Camp 13-17 January 2016. Theme: *You Can! - The Believer's Authority* Wednesday 13 January 2016 2.00pm - to Sunday 17 January 2016 12.30pm. The organisers state " Our vision for this E4 is of an event where all believers from oldest to youngest learn who they are and the spiritual authority they have in Jesus, The message that YOU CAN! will be established by In-depth study of Ephesians chapters one and two." Information at: [www.e4summercamp.com](http://www.e4summercamp.com)

## Reflection Questions

- How do you see yourself fitting into God’s mission?
  
- Abraham was called to “leave and go”. Whether or not you are called to physically leave your country and go overseas as a missionary, what elements of your present culture and social context do you need to “leave” if you are to follow the call to “faith and obedience”?
  
- In what ways can you put “blessed to be a blessing” into action in your home, local community and beyond?

