

Advent - On Sunday mornings for this Season of Advent we are focussing Wonderful Counsellor / Mighty God / Everlasting Father / Prince of Peace /. Other events are Sunday 4 December Children's Christmas Party; Sunday 11 December 7.00pm Evening Carol service with Richmond School Choir and Youth Band; Sunday 18 December 4.00pm Messy Christmas; Saturday 24 December 11.30pm (Christmas Eve) Communion and Carols; Sunday 25 December 8.00am and 9:30am (Christmas Day) Christmas Day Services.

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

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

Carol Singing around the Parish - Tuesday 13th December. Meet at church at 6.30pm. Please contact Jan South or Anne Askin if you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit from us, or put their names on the list on the back table. They do not have to be parishioners. Anyone is welcome to join us as singers or instrument players and we also like to take some home-made biscuits or flowers to the people we visit. Please indicate on the list at the back if you can help in any of these ways. Jan South Ph. 544 8105, Anne Askin Ph 542 3284

Baking - Tis the season to be jolly – fa la la la ...Do you like to bake? There are several occasions I can think of over this next month for which we would love to have some baking.

/ Saturday 10 December - Working bee afternoon tea at church / Tuesday 13 December - Christmas carolling (small packets to give away) / Sunday 18 December - Messy Christmas / Wednesday 14 December and Saturday 24 December - Christmas cake to give away after the services /. Please let our office staff know if you are able to help provide something for any of these events



Messy Christmas

Sunday 18 December 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Church on the Hill 27 Dorset St, Richmond
Informal family fun, craft, story and prayer activities followed by a delicious free meal.

Family Fun, Food & Friendship



Sunday 4 December
7.00pm Taizé
Advent Reflective - All Welcome

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 06-0705-0012140-02 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

