

**Preserves** - A big thank you to everyone who has donated jars, produce and bought the preserves. We are going to have a break from selling these, but will offer some more from March next year. We raised \$530. 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

**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

**Men** - For the last meeting of 2016 I would like you to prepare a 1 minute speech to tell us what you are expecting the next 4 years will bring under the presidency of Donald Trump. Once we have heard all the comments at the beginning of the meeting, we can discuss the predictions and then wait 4 years to see what has transpired... The forum starts on Monday 28th November 2016 at 7 pm at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. As this is the last meeting of the year, should we continue next year or has this forum run its course? Your comments will be appreciated. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

# Reflection Questions

- What unsettling issues do we face as individuals / as Christians / on a national or global scale?
- How can Jesus as Wonderful Counsellor or Wonder-working Planner help us face these issues?
- In our readings (Isaiah 2:1-5; Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27) we have visions of the future. How can they influence the way we live today?
- What would “walking in the light of the Lord (Isa 2:5) look like for you?

