

Christmas for Those in Need - Christmas is a very hard time for families who have seriously limited resources to buy presents or provide the extras that go with this season. FreshPerspective mentors from our church are currently involved with two single parent families who are struggling to make Christmas happen. In fact, at this point, there will be no Christmas for one of the families. We are asking you to help make this happen for them. Food items or Christmas tree gifts for the children would be greatly appreciated. The children are a girl aged 10, a girl aged 9 and a boy aged 7. Items can be brought to church or left at the church office by December 20
Thank you very much. Nikki Pritchard Ph. 544 5314.

= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 13 December - We will be joining our wider church community celebrating Christmas at Grace Church, Headingly Lane. Leaving from car park (car pooling).

Next Sunday 20 December - We will be making crackers for Christmas Day in church and some decorations to take home.

Help needed from crafty person - Who can remember how to make those crepe twisty things?

Also at 4.00pm Sunday 20 December - Messy Christmas (bring a plate and have some fun).

Holidays - No official kidzchurch, but there will be activities in the back of the church (look out for portfolio and crafts). Also if you are interested in going to kids programme at the cathedral we can car pool (See Catherine 022 647 9810). Low cost , Christian based holiday programme!

Convergence - The Baraks will be going to convergence (Diocese camp in February - leaflets at back of church). Activities for all ages so everyone gets a chance to refresh spiritually).

Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

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 download from here: <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

Reflection Questions

- What do you see as 'things that need to be put right' in NZ and /or globally?

- What would 'living justly' look like for you personally? What might John the Baptist have suggested that you could do? Try to think of at least one thing that you could do this week.

- What do you think of the suggestion that we should try to live the Christmas-spirit lifestyle all year round? How could we do this as a church community?

