



10 December 2015

Dear friends

Recently in our diocese a number of our clergy have been diagnosed with serious illnesses. As we respond in various ways to uphold them and their families these instances raises the important issue of how we support one another in prayer.

To this end I am calling for Saturday December 19th to be a day of prayer and fasting across the diocese. I am also asking parishes to take responsibility for one hour of prayer between 6am and 6pm that day.

As you pray for our clergy and all who minister in our diocese I would specifically ask for prayers for:

Dean Nick, Kim and the family
Ian and Karen in Golden Bay.
Uphold the Christmas services.

I am asking for each parish to decide how they will pray and we have put together a proposed roster to ensure that every hour is covered in prayer.

6 am	Nativity
7 am	Kaikoura and Buller
8 am	Greymouth and Cobden Rununga
9 am	Tahunanui and Hills Community Church
10 am	Picton, Havelock and Wairau Valley
11 am	Wakefield & Districts and Reefton
12 noon	Cathedral and Awatere
1 pm	All Saints and Victory
2 pm	Richmond and Brightwater
3 pm	Blenheim South and Spring Creek
4 pm	Atawhai and Motueka
5 pm	Golden Bay and Stoke

I do appreciate you taking the time to pray together. May God bless us and those we are especially upholding at this time.

With every blessing

+Richard

Remembrance Service - Christmas should be a time of joy and family reunions. For most people this is so. But for many it is a time when there is an empty chair at the table. This can bring a sense of loss and unhappiness to the home. It has been a privilege to stand alongside you during this time. We would like to help you remember those you have lost during the last year. It matters not whether they were living here in New Zealand or elsewhere. We will be holding a special service at 10:00am on Sunday 20 December in the Cathedral at which the names of loved ones will be read out. Please bring some flowers to lay at the altar. These flowers will be used for our Christmas floral decorations. If you wish to have your loved one's name included in the Service, please contact Debbie at the Cathedral Office Ph.548 1008 by the morning of Friday 18 December.

A Special Christingle Service - Christmas Eve 10.00am 24 December Nelson Cathedral Come and join us for our traditional Christingle family service. Christmas Carols and Christingle Oranges for the children. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you and your family as we celebrate Christmas together. Contact the Cathedral office Ph. 548 1008 for further information

Cadence 53 - Allan & Christine's newsletter on Noticeboard.



Messy Christmas

Sunday 20 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
Info: Tom or Lorna Ph. 541 0498

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