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Walk for Life - Walk for Life is a celebration of life from conception to natural death, and a non-judgmental and peaceful statement that life is precious and worth living. It is a family friendly event and all ages are welcome. The 2018 Nelson Walk for Life is on Saturday 21 April at noon, rain or shine. It will start and finish at the top of the Nelson Cathedral steps For more information, register interest or volunteer to help call Marie O'Connor 021 108 5988 / email:walkforlife2018@gmail.com / Facebook: www.facebook.com/Walk-for-Life-Nelson-391420507953780 / or search "Walk For Life Nelson".

Ride The Rainbow - Saturday 10 March 2018. Bible Society's Richmond Action Group is organising this great opportunity to Ride the Rainbow, a spectacular journey of approximately 100kms through challenging alpine country. The event is a fund-raiser for Bible Society New Zealand. In 2016, this event raised over \$16,000, which enabled Bible Society to provide Bibles for deaf people in Nepal. This year the team will be raising funds for Bible projects in Tanzania and Uganda. Entry forms now available from Ross Borlase Ph. 544 7352 / email: rborlase@gmail.com or Alex Johnston Ph 544 6378 / email: alex.lynne@ts.co.nz Join us on this amazing sponsored ride for the Bible Society - as a solo rider - sharing a bike with a friend - or on an e-bike. Any wishing to sponsor riders may make a gift in a marked envelope in Sunday's offering, for which Bible Society thanks you. Assistance is also needed in getting the bikes and bikers to St. Arnaud or home from Hanmer on Sunday 11 March. If you can help, please phone Alex Johnston, 544 6378.

Men's Forum - The first forum for 2018 will be held at 7.00pm Monday 26 February at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond commencing at 7.00pm. For anyone who has not attended before this is a free informal debate of the subject below or associated matters. Drinks and nibbles are provided. The forum closes at 9.00pm. This is a non religious discussion group although a number of regular members belong to various churches. While it is normal for the motion to be debated to be put in the affirmative, I have chosen to introduce the subject as a question to remove any risk of being bias one way or the other. The question is: "Where does the Rainbow community fit in modern society?" If you cannot attend personally, I invite you to email me with your views. Jacob Klootwyk email: asitavi04@gmail.com

Fundraising Event - Today I am cutting, shaving and donating my hair... I know it sounds rather mad that this is happening! But it is something I have wanted to do since my first year of college. So, nearly 7 years later - the time has finally come!

The hair that I donate will go to 'Freedom wigs', a kiwi wig making company in Dunedin. They create and donate human hair wigs to incredible people suffering from hair loss due to cancer or alopecia. The money that I fundraise will go towards LBC, the Leukaemia and Blood cancer society. LBC is dedicated to supporting patients and their families living with a blood cancer or related blood condition, and receives no government funding.

I would love you to support me in this, by coming to Sundial Square in Richmond for a BYO picnic today Sunday 25 February from 12.00pm onwards. I will be doing the shave after the picnic, around 1.00pm. To donate, you can either search my name on the Shave for a Cure website and follow the instructions, or you can give cash to me to pass on. LBC will email receipts directly to you for either. Please sponsor me and help me support this great cause. Thank you so much for your support! - Kay Thomson



Lunch on the Hill - 11.30am Tuesday 6 March 2018 at The Salvation Army Hall, 57 Oxford Street, Richmond. (Temporary Venue while the New Hall is under construction). If you are able to walk easily, feel free to park at our church, so that less mobile folk can park nearer the venue.

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.00/ 1kg \$13.00 / 2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Movie Night - 6.30pm Monday 9 April at the Suter Cinema to see *Paul: Apostle of Christ* Tickets \$12 each with any profit going to missionaries (we need 84 to break even - there are 150 seats available). The story covers Paul, portrayed by James Faulkner, going from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Jesus Christ's most influential apostle. Please let Yvonne know if you would like to go. Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyOqQZUDdO4>

Banquet in the Garden - An evening of fine dining and live music. 7.00pm Saturday 3 March, 158 Pugh Road, Hope. \$40 pp byo alcohol. Non alcoholic drinks provided. Moana road giftware, art and homewares for sale. Tickets from Greta Greenwood 544 0555 / 021 156 3837 or 547 5631 email: gretagreenwood5@gmail.com. Proceeds to Bright Hope World Project: Children's Hostel India/Bhutan border. Event cancelled if wet.

Afternoon AAW Group - First meeting of the year will take place in the church on Wednesday 28 February commencing at 1.30pm. Susan Gill will lead the Commissioning Service. Members of the Evening Group are invited to join us. Ursula Brown will then give a short talk about part of her life entitled "Growing up in Kenya". Afternoon tea will follow in the seating area at the back of the church. There will be a Sales Table and a box for any contributions to the Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Tropical Cyclone Gita Appeal - The Anglican Missions Board is launching an Emergency Appeal in support of the Anglican Church in Tonga and its work in assisting with the response to Tropical Cyclone Gita. See the AMB website for more information <http://www.angmissions.org.nz> and Taonga story: http://anglicantaonga.org.nz/news/tikanga_pasifika/gita

Sabbatical Support - If you would like to contribute to the cost of Susan's sabbatical either put your contribution in a marked envelope in the offering bag or hand it into the Office. Thanks. - Vestry

AMB Lenten Appeal 2018 - The three projects of the 2018 Lenten Appeal are with the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda. This Appeal has a focus on children and will support: *The Savior Evangelical School in Zarka*, northeast Jordan - This school educates over 300 children from many of the poor and marginalized communities of Zarka-Amman. The staff at the Savior Evangelical School dream of growing students who can live-out their faith in an increasingly technological world, where their creative skills and knowledge will help them find employment in a world-wide market by us providing smart whiteboards in classrooms // *The Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation [RSNF]*, Uganda is a local non-government organisation, which is serving children with disabilities in the Fort Portal region of Uganda since 2010. RSNF's mission includes promoting spiritual growth, self-esteem and positive attitudes towards parents and children with special needs at a community Funds will provide RSNF with a reliable Land Cruiser that can safely transport these precious children and their families. // *The Arab Episcopal School, in Irbid*, a city in the north of Jordan specialises in educating blind and visually-impaired children who don't have any local options for education. Plans are to buy 3 smart cameras that magnifies the words in a way that enables the visually-impaired students to learn to read and a PIAF Tactile Graphics machine, which transforms the print of normal textbooks and reading materials into raised-line reproductions that blind students can use. The machine prints onto special swell paper, and Anglican Missions is keen to assist purchase a number of packs of the swell paper. Any donation to these worthy causes will be greatly appreciated and will make a difference and impact the lives of many children and their families. Please help us to enable these ministries to flourish and to continue to help those in need. Info on Missions Noticeboard at the back of the church.