



Opportunities for growth in 2017

“The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year.
It’s that we should have a new soul”

- GK Chesterton

Ministry opportunities - How is the Lord calling you to minister in 2017?

Waimea Weekly - Would you like to be part of the Waimea Weekly editorial team? The team is made up of people with ideas for articles that will speak to our wider community. Team members don't have to write articles (some like to but it is not a requirement). The team meets most often via email with a face-to-face meeting every few months. Please speak with Karl or Fiona Summerfield, Shiona Frengley, Lorraine Leonard or Susan if this might interest you.

Prayers - Would you like to write our prayer suggestions for the weekly newsletter? If you are a person of prayer this might suit you to quietly work away in the background. (Our prayers are also often used in Church services at the discretion of the various Worship Leaders.) The prayer suggestions need not be written out in full but could simply be bullet points and some suggestions eg other churches, are made beforehand. Please speak with Susan if you'd like to know more.

Growth Opportunity - What does the Lord want to reveal to you in 2017?

Lenten Study - Lent begins 1 March with Ash Wednesday. We will be holding four practical studies during Lent. The theme is Listening and Responding to God. Rev Chris Donaldson will be leading the sessions. Chris is currently vicar of Havelock and has led and trained YWAM groups for years. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings. Existing house groups will close for the 4 weeks so that everyone can attend. We'll begin at 7.00pm with dessert and coffee. Study time will commence at 7:30pm and we'll be done by 9.00pm at the latest.

Ticking the Boxes: Seminar 3 - 12.00pm Wednesday 15 March at St Barnabas Church, Stoke. *A balanced View On Retirement Living Options*. The speaker is Troy Churchon from the Commission of Financial Capability, Wellington. The Commission delivers impartial, objective information about some critical personal, legal and financial implications of choosing to become a retirement village resident. This is not a marketing event in any way. Registered attendees receive materials including our targeted hard copy booklet about living in retirement villages, and are invited to attend early for tea and light refreshments before we start. The seminar lasts around 90 minutes with dedicated opportunities for Q and A through-out. The seminar is free but people must register. Registration is easily done by ringing our call centre: 0800 268 269 or online: <http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/thinking-of-living-in-retirement-village/nelson>. For further information about retirement villages and our events, see: <http://www.cffc.org.nz/retirement/retirement-villages/>

Cafe Connection - 10:30am Thursday 16 February at the Wooden Spoon café. All Welcome.

Building Fundraiser - Honey 500gms \$7.00 // 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin Ph. 542 3284

Financial Results to end of December 2016

December Results	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Variance
Income	\$16,297	\$17,984	(\$1,686)	\$207,800	\$215,800	(\$8,000)
Expenditure	\$17,328	\$17,125	(\$204)	\$245,368	\$214,488	(\$30,880)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,031)	\$859	(\$1,890)	(\$37,568)	\$1,312	(\$38,880)

Intercession

Lord, we embrace in our prayers today those who live with a sense of running out of what they need;
Those who are running out of time, their dreams still unfulfilled;

Those who are running out of patience, wondering how they can endure;
Those who are running out of health, who feel their powers waning day by day.

Those who are running out of money, fighting costs on fixed incomes;
Those who are running out of excuses, nearing the time when they must assume the blame for their failures;

Those who are running out of faith, having borrowed too much and too long from others;
Those who are running out of love, finding it easier all the time to accuse and criticize and hate;

O Lord, able to keep us from falling if only we put our trust in you;
Where our reserves are low, fill us again, for we would endure all the way to the end, Amen.

Afternoon AAW Group - Our first meeting of the year will take place in the church on Wednesday 22 February commencing at 1.30pm. Please note change of time. Susan Gill will lead the Commissioning Service. Members of the Evening Group are invited to join us. Alice Burrough will give us a brief talk about how the food we donate to the Holy Trinity Food Bank is distributed. 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.

Evening AAW - We will be joining with our afternoon AAW group for a commissioning service in the church on Wednesday 22 February at 1.30pm. A wonderful beginning to the year. Our first monthly meeting will be in the hall lounge on Thursday 23 February at 7.30pm We will be looking at our programme for the months ahead. Your input and suggestions will be welcomed, so bring those bright ideas with you. All ladies are welcome. Contact Anne ph.544 7992 or Val Ph. 544 5007 if you have any queries.

Women with Focus Seminar - Friday 3 March and Saturday 4 March 2017 at Picton Anglican Church Women with Focus is an interdenominational ministry that has been operating in the Top of the South since 2000 mainly in the Nelson region. This is our third event in Marlborough. Our vision is to create unique opportunities for women to take time out with God; to worship, to be challenged and inspired and to experience God's power at work in their lives. Registration Forms at the back of the church. For more info contact Kaye Dyer Phone (03)573 6466 or email: kaye@mightymessage.com

Autumn Fair - We will hold our Fair on Saturday 25 March, and it will run from 11.00am to 1.00pm. We will be selling produce, baking, preserves, plants and have food for sale, morning teas, bbq and pancakes - hopefully. It will be a fundraiser for our new hall. If you have any questions please or are able to help please talk with Shiona Frengley Ph. 544 4155 or Jan South Ph. 544 8413

Preserves - We are going to start selling preserves again next month. Many thanks to those who have been bringing jars to church. If anyone has lemons to spare, or any other produce that we could use, contact Shiona Frengley Ph. 544 4155. They will be most gratefully received. The money made from the preserves goes towards our general funding, which is stretched while we work towards building our new hall.

Divorce Care Course - Do you know someone who is going through or recovering from divorce? The Divorce Care course is being offered again this year starting at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 February at Richmond Church of Christ. This is faith based and non-denominational. For registration and further details please contact divorce-carenn@gmail.com or txt 027 419 3035.

Work Wanted - Lawnmowing / Garden work. Reasonable rates. Phone Jonathan 544 3972

Church Users - All those who use the church outside of service times are requested to be very careful about checking that the church side door is locked if you are the last person leaving. It has been left unlocked a few times lately. Please check all the lights are off including the lamp which shines on the keyboard. Thanks.