

**AAW Evening Group** - Their first gathering on Thursday 25 February. This year we are having a picnic lunch and will meet at noon at Fiona's (Charlotte Lane) in Brightwater. (The same venue as last year). A committee member will contact you with further details. Never shared with us before? Ring Anne 544 7992 and find out more. A warm welcome is extended to all.

**Part time job anyone?** - Person needed to pick up 4 year old twins from Richmond Montessori (Cambridge Street) and deliver to Tolmache street Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - during term time. Pickup between 12:30 and 12:45. Payment \$13 dollars per hour or part of the hour. See Catherine 0226479810 (P.S. they are not my boys but those of a friend!)

**Coach trip 16 March** - Tahunanui Seniors are off bussing again, this time to Murchison! Mark your calendars for Wednesday 16 March. The church at Murchison is very excited about the group coming and has offered to supply lunch. They might not realize how many will be going though so allow a little to help out in case. The budget was a little close to the wind last time. This time the cost is \$25 per head for the return coach. There is a 48 seater booked at present and Tahunanui are keen to fill it. Contact Gavin at St Stephens, Tahunanui: phone 546 4051, cell 0210648511, or email [gavin@ststephenstahunanui.co.nz](mailto:gavin@ststephenstahunanui.co.nz)

**Support The Rainbow Ride** - The Bible Society's fund raising bike ride through the Rainbow Valley to Hanmer will be held on Saturday 20th February. Since its inception in 2006 this event has raised around \$ 37,000 for the Bible Society. Until now all this money has been raised from sponsorship by the riders. This year the organizing committee is inviting members of all local churches, not involved in sponsoring a rider, to make a contribution to this worthwhile cause. This can be done in any of the following way :

- Make a direct credit to the "Richmond Bible Society Action Group" bank – 03 0751 0194512 00 . Include your name and the reference "rainbow".
- Email or text or phone - your name and the amount of your donation to Alex & Lynne Johnston - [alex.lynne@ts.co.nz](mailto:alex.lynne@ts.co.nz) - 0273719635 - 03 5446378 (there is an answer phone).
- Mail your donation ( including name and phone number ) to Alex Johnston – 28 Collins Rd Richmond 7020. or drop it into Alex & Lynne at the above address.
- All donations over \$5 qualify for a tax receipt – please specify.

Please pray for this wonderful event – that the weather will be good – that all those participating will reach Hanmer safely – for the work of the Bible Society.

**Budget Service** - Waimea Anglican Budgeting Advice Service is now available. Ph. 544 8901 or 022 020 5565 to get in touch with an advisor or talk to Anne Askin to find out more.

**Support and prayers needed!** - Ma's Place is a new ministry, a hub bringing our community together to provide support, connection and resources for mothers and young families. A place which upholds the value of life, and offers hope especially for those who are feeling alone, and those facing an unexpected pregnancy. To find out more, visit [www.masplace.org.nz](http://www.masplace.org.nz) Or contact Carol Marshall on 927 6096.

**Afternoon AAW group** - The first meeting of the year will take place in the church at 2.00pm on Wednesday 24 February. Susan Gill will lead the Commissioning Service. Our speaker is Dietician, Annette Nistor, who will cover the topic "Cooking for One". 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 church's Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

## Reflection Questions

- Do we find it easy to worship?
- What helps us to worship God?
- If Lent is an opportunity to get to know God better, what aspect of His character do you want to focus on first?
- How would you approach that?

