

Reflection Questions

- How busy are you?
- Does this busyness bring you satisfaction or does it sap your energy?
- Do we get our sense of self-worth from doing good things for others?
- How can we, as a church, balance our busy times with times of refreshment and rest in the Lord?



Love in Action - On Saturday 4 July the Richmond Waimea churches will be showing God's love to the wider community. We believe this is a God-given opportunity to show the community the churches working together and demonstrate God's love in practical ways as we bless them. There are a variety of community based projects all happening on the same day. This allows church members to choose the tasks they are capable of and will enjoy. Please note this day on your calendar and keep it free – there will be more information later. Contact Susan Gill, Ph. 544 8827 or susan.churchonhill@xtra.co.nz

Spiritual Gifts Course - Susan will be leading a Spiritual gifts course in May/June. The course will take 3 or 4 sessions to identify our gifts and passions, then we'll discover how to put those gifts into practice. We'll explore ministry areas you may not have even considered. Being clearer about our gifts enables better time and resource management. It enables us to prioritise what we do, to say "no" to some things outside our giftedness, and to focus much more on the things we love to do. As we work in the areas God has for us, we should be less busy and more energised. See Susan for more details.

Men - I have almost finished reading the book 'Affluenza' by Oliver James. James is a British Psychologist investigating the flu like obsession of affluence in the western world. He maintains that happiness does not improve with wealth. May be so but when I look at the TV news and see people drowning in the Mediterranean in a desperate attempt to leave Liberia where there is war, famine and little future, I wonder if he has his priorities in the right order. People over the centuries tried to improve their lives. If we don't try to improve ourselves we would never have invented penicillin or steel or medicine for my flu injection I got this morning courtesy of the 'Government'. I hope you will have your say on this subject next Monday evening 27 April 2015 from 7.00pm - 9.00 pm at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. - *Jacob Klootwyk*

Overseas Holiday - Do you have bits and bobs of foreign money left over from foreign travel? Until October we will have a large jar and some very third world recycled milk cartons on the table at the back of the church to take any foreign currency you would like to donate to the Anglican Missions Board. Go and search out those left over coins and notes and give them to missions. It's a great cause! - *Shiona Frengley for Vestry*

April Vestry Meeting - Here are some of the points that were discussed:

- We decided to put a brief financial summary in the pews News once a month to keep everyone up to date with how we are tracking, you will already have seen the first one last week!
- We spent some time discussing improving the facilities for Friends 'n Fun in two stages, building more deck space and then making a level playing area out of the front of the building.

If you would like to know more, full copies of the minutes are placed in a folder at the back of the church after they are confirmed.

Book Fair - Our Book Fair will be on Saturday 11 July this year, so please start collecting books, jigsaws, children's games and the like –all things paper. All those wonderful people who make this possible, could you please note in your diary that we will be working in the hall to sort out the books on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the Fair and note the date of the Fair in your diary. This is a great outreach and we do have a lot of laughs. Hope to see you there.

- *Shiona Frengley*