

**Preserves** - At the back of the church are a variety of preserves that we are selling to reduce our deficit! They are made with a mix of organic fruit and spray free fruit and vegetables. Please consider trying some and buying here rather than at the supermarket. Donations of screw top jars, would be most welcome, please leave these in the box at the back of the church. If you want to add to the range, please do. Any queries or comments to Shiona 544 4155.

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

**Intercessions** -So many people have said they appreciate the intercessions in the newsletter. They form the basis for those used in our services and provide prompts for our prayer at home. I want to thank the people who take turns writing them. It is wonderful to have the different 'voices' and flavours that you bring. Our team could use broadening. Is this something you would like to do? Usually people take a month at a time and it is anonymous unless the writer chooses to tell anyone ;) There is a list of churches and Diocesan prayers that we cover over the year. we try to email them to get specific prayer requests and I provide contact details to enable that to happen. If you'd like to know more, please contact Susan. susan.churchonthehill@extra.co.nz 544 8827 / 021 0231 5241

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** - (Operation Christmas Child) Just over 3 weeks until our Box Filling Evening on Thursday 22 September. The Hall will be open from 6.00pm, everyone is very welcome. The plastic box is at the back of our Church for contributions, also leaflets telling what to include. The amount needed to send each box is still \$9 each, so your cash is also very welcome. Last year we sent 51 boxes. Thank you all so much. Brenda. Ph. 544 5872

**Office Volunteers** - We still need more volunteers for mornings in the office. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact Evelin in the office Ph. 544 8844.

**Christianity & Islam** - A series of four talks by Graeme Howarth (MTh) with particular focus on the dialogue between Islam and Christianity. 8 September 7.00pm - Understanding Jihad and the Islamic State. All Welcome. Church on the Hill.

**Single Parent Pamper Day** - 10.00am to 2.00pm Saturday 10 September Richmond School Hall  
A day to be pampered for free! Free Crèche. // Health // Skin Care and Colours // Manicure //  
// Massage // Counselling // Car Care // Family Photographs // Physiotherapy // Pharmacist // Cosmetics //  
Counselling // Coffee & Muffins // Sponsored by Richmond Waimea Combined Churches. Love in Action -  
Sharing God's love in the community. For Information Ph. 544 8844

**Is This Church? Anglican Care Conference** - Elim Christian Centre, Stoke. 14 -15 October 2016. An opportunity to be encouraged, challenged, informed and resourced in your present and future ministry. This will be of special interest to Pastoral Care Team. Registration cost,\$25 if before 16 September. Contact Yvonne Ph. 544 8844 if interested.

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

**Garage Sale** - If you have an interest in being part of a group to co-ordinate a garage sale in the autumn please let me know. This has met a need in the community and has been very successful in the past. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in the past. We had wondered if it was still viable with all the recycling shops being opened by charities in the last few years, but the feedback is that their prices are too high for some (presumably to meet the costs of renting premises), so it would be great if we can continue to do this. I will not be able to co-ordinate this, so what is needed is people willing to organise it. We have a team of willing and experienced helpers. Shiona Frengley 544 4155/frengles@vodafone.co.nz

**Clowning Around** – Kids Holiday Camps. Senior Camp (Years 5-8) Monday 26 September – Friday 30 September. Junior Camp (Years 2-4) Wednesday 5 October – Friday 7 October. Teapot Valley Christian Camp. Enquiries Ph. 03 542 3368 [www.teapotvalley.co.nz](http://www.teapotvalley.co.nz)

**Love in Action** - Sharing God's love in the community. Love in Action Day is simply a day where Christians from churches in our region work together on practical needs projects in our community. Love in Action is an initiative of the Richmond-Waimea Minister's Association. If you would like to help with gardening or cooking on Saturday 17 September or assist with child minding for the single parent pamper day on Saturday 10 September, there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church or talk to Susan.

**Missions** - The latest Sussex family newsletter is on the Missions noticeboard.

# Reflection Questions

- What does Psalm 136 reveal about God's involvement in history and commitment to his people?
- What does gratitude and thanksgiving do for us?
- How does an attitude of gratitude overflow to those around us?

