

**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

**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

**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)

**Holiday Programme at the Cathedral** - John Laing is running a holiday programme in the second week of the school holidays; 3 - 7 October, from 9.00am-12.00midday, for ages 6-12 years. The theme is *Return to Namia*. He is also looking for leaders to help out with registrations, morning teas and general support roles, e.g. monitoring the car park as the children are dropped off. His contact details are: Phone (Cathedral office hours 9.00am - 12.00midday) 548 1008, Cellphone 027 295 9261

**'Lost in Transition' - Children and Youth Ministries Seminar** - An invitation to join a seminar with Pastor David Goodwin for Children and Youth Leaders as well as for Pastors and parents. Hosted by Richmond Community Church at 'The Centre' 243 Queen St (Warring Car Park behind The Swiss Bakery) on Saturday 8 October from 9.30am – 12.30pm. David heads up 'Kidsreach', which is based in Sydney and he is an authority on all aspects of Children and Youth Ministries. He will share some of his insights and observations from the extensive research he has done on the topic 'Lost in Transition' and other topics related to Children, Youth and Church! (Approximately 50% of children drop out of church before high school and this message will bless you and your church). His experience is second to none and whatever he shares is helpful for Children and Youth Ministry Leaders as well as Pastors and parents and will have a profound effect on how and why we do children's ministry. The cost is \$30 per person which includes a manual worth \$25 and also morning tea! Please register by Monday 3 October by either email: [ryferg@clear.net.nz](mailto:ryferg@clear.net.nz) or text 021 02435059.

**Men's Forum** - Last month's topic, the "Southern link" was a bit of a fizzer because everyone agreed that we need the road in and out of Nelson finished. If everyone agrees with the argument then there is little room for adversarial discussion. So, September's topic is "Should assisted suicide for terminally ill people be allowed under New Zealand law"? Have your say on Monday 26 September 2016 at 7 till 9 pm at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. Your views will be listened to even if some may disagree with you. Jacob Klootwyk Ph.544 5269

**Free Face To Face Counselling At Life Linc Nelson** - Feeling sad, stressed, stuck or having relationship issues? Identify and explore new ways to move forward with a Life Linc Nelson Counsellor. Call 03548 2400. Up to 10 Free Face to Face individual or couples counselling sessions.

**Rob Harley** - The recent Rob Harley Communication and Storytelling workshops in July are now on the Vimeo website and can be found via [www.bishopdale.ac.nz/media/](http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/media/).

**Kids' Church Christmas Party** - 4 December. Kids - Please let me know favourite carols you would like to sing for kids' Church singing outreach - carols for fun and for Christmas. We need some people to help - can you play piano or guitar? Ta! Catherine Barak Ph 541 0854

# Reflection Questions

- Think back to a really difficult time in your life. How did you get through it?
- Can you use your experiences to help someone else who is having a rough patch?
- Can you think of a time where God has “lifted you out of the pit” or called you out of your tomb?
- Spend some time praying for anyone you know who needs joy to return to their lives.

