



Weekly Bulletin
Sunday 24th November 2024

As noted in last week's bulletin, we have scheduled a Church Congregational Meeting/Parish update for the 5th December (Thursday) at 6pm at 34 Champion Road. I'd really like to encourage all of us to attend as we look at our budget and to also get an update about the general life of the parish. I know for some, coming out on a Thursday evening might be unappealing, but can I encourage you to put that to the side and come anyway. If you require transport I am happy to arrange for people to be picked up. So, if you need transport please signal me and I will arrange it.

The reason we're moving our Parish updates/Congregational Meetings/Annual General Meetings away from a Sunday is because you may have noticed that we regularly have new people joining us for Sunday worship and it seems inappropriate to then talk about church life and ask our visitors to go and do their own thing. So, we've made a call as the Governance Council, to move it to an early evening meeting. We envisage the meeting will take between 30-45 minutes. The vision is that we will have three Parish Updates a year as well as our Annual General Meeting. We want to be really transparent with the church community and we think having regular updates for the parish will be helpful in that. We also hope it will encourage each of us to intentionally be praying for our church and its work regularly.

In saying all of that, I really encourage all of us to be there on the 5th of December at 6pm. It's a really important meeting where we will be discussing the future of the parish. It is a congregational meeting and so we may be making some decisions, and it is important that as many of us as possible are present to wrestle and make wise decisions guided by the Holy Spirit.

God Bless
Sage

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NIV)

Youtube Link for this Sunday

<https://youtube.com/live/Tw6OobkxXvM?feature=share>

SUNDAY STALL – help us buy a kitchen roller door

WHAT'S ON

WORSHIP SERVICES COMING UP:		
This Sun 24 Nov	Worship café style	10 am as usual
Sun 1 Dec 24	ADVENT 1 Hope	Holy Communion
Sun 8 Dec 24	ADVENT 2 Peace	
Sun 15 Dec 24	ADVENT 3 Joy	Children break up service
Sun 22 Dec 24	ADVENT 4 Love	
Wed 25 Dec 24	CHRISTMAS DAY	9:30AM CHRISTMAS DAY Service

This Sunday 9.30am: **Prayer** before worship.

Mondays 7.30-9.30pm: **Young Adults Group.** Meet at Sage’s house.

Tuesdays 9am – 9: 50am: **Prayer time.** Church meeting room – everyone is welcome.

Tuesdays 10.30am: **Country Gospel Ukulele.** Orange room as usual.

every Tuesday 9am – midday: **Gardening team.** Everyone and anyone are invited to join Rex and Judy gardening every or any Tuesday to work in our gardens. If Rex and/or Judy are away, there’s always a weed to pull, there’s always a job to be done.

This Wednesday 27th Nov 7.15pm – 8.15pm: **Women’s Growth Group.** Exploring ‘*God on Mute*’ series. Church foyer. Friends welcome. See Nina, Cara or Tania on Sunday if interested.

Friday 29th Nov, 7pm and Sat Nov 30th, 2pm. **Nelson Civic Choir Christmas Concert.** Both held at the Nelson Cathedral. Tickets on sale at NCMA, Nile St. \$35 adults, \$30 senior/students. Website info here: <https://itson.co.nz/2024/31023-nelson-civic-choir-presents-joy-to-the-world-a-kiw> See notice below.

Saturday 30th Nov, 10am-midday. Garden Working Bee morning to shovel bark. Please bring your own wheelbarrow and shovel.

Sunday 1st Dec midday: Monthly lunch at Summerset Richmond Ranges. Just turn up after church and a table will be ready for you, followed by the Play Sense & Sensibility for those who wish to attend. Everyone is welcome to attend either, or both.

Sunday 1st Dec 1.30pm entry: Sense and Sensibility – (Play in Wakefield). Starts 2pm. \$25 each. We have 10 people going so far. Please pay online to Account 06 0996 0973 717 01 or pay cash when you see Alison at church. Confirm with Alison if you haven't already, 021 709 516, 547 3669.

Tuesday 3rd Dec 11.30am: Friendship Group Christmas Lunch. Invitation to all.

Tuesday 3rd Dec 7pm: Annual Christmas Remembrance Service. You are all invited. Shone & Shirley Funeral Directors, 164 Tahunanui Drive. All invited. See notice below.

Wednesday 4th Dec: Book Club last gathering for the year. More details to come.

Thursday 5th Dec 6pm: Congregational Meeting. All church members are invited. We will be discussing the budget that we agreed at the AGM and how things are tracking with our giving.

Friday 6th Dec 1.30-3pm: Whakatu Cards & Board Games. Orange or Green Room. Always a lot of fun in a small group. Everyone welcome.

Monday 9th Dec 6.25pm Carols in the hospital. Join the Hospital Chaplaincy Team and the Salvation Army Band to sing carols around the wards. Meet on Level 2 at 6.25pm for a 6.30pm start. Light supper to follow. See poster below.

Wednesday 11th Dec 6.45pm. Carol Singing to our older Parishioners. Meet in church foyer for shared transport. More details to come.

GENERAL NOTICES

Mission Boxes. After our Sept AGM, there were several enquiries about mission boxes – kept at home, into which coinage can be deposited for support of our national church's overseas mission work. Kaye, our admin officer, has made up some boxes and Murray McCaskey has them. If you would like one, or would like some info about our mission work, check with Murray after the service.

Friendship Group Christmas Lunch

You are all invited

Tuesday 3rd Dec

Church foyer, 11.30am for noon.

A small plate of finger food to share would be appreciated.

Our over 80's (that we know of) have received a personal invitation.

Sales table. To assist with catering etc, RSVP on church clipboard (front reception desk) or phone Rachael Higgs 021 026 86970 or 548 9488 (no answer-service). Deadline 2nd Dec.



REMINDERS

Presbyterian Support – preparing for Christmas ... now collecting - Packets of jelly, instant puddings and small chocolate treats.

Office Computer Desk for Sale. A good quality office desk with built-in adjustable keyboard tray. Desk size 150cm x 74cm at widest point. Pale grey. Located in Kaye's office for viewing.

Hammock for sale. String, roomy. Offers. See Kaye. Located in youth hall.



NELSON CIVIC CHOIR
ORCHESTRA & SOLOISTS

JOY to the WORLD
A Kiwi Christmas

NELSON CATHEDRAL 29 - 30 NOVEMBER
MUSIC & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JASON BALLA



Annual Christmas Remembrance Service

We warmly welcome you to join us for our Annual Christmas Remembrance Service. We will have a time of reflection to light a candle in remembrance and place a personal message for your loved one on our Christmas tree. Following the service you are warmly invited to join us for light refreshments.

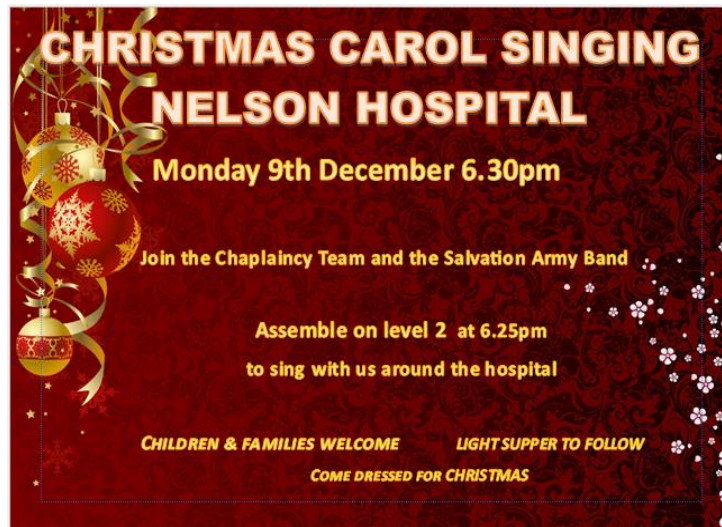
Held at Shone and Shirley Funeral Directors
164 Tahunanui Drive, Tahunanui, Nelson

7.00pm, Tuesday, 3rd December 2024

This service will also be live streamed for families who are unable to attend. Please visit our website www.shoneandshirley.co.nz/tributes and click the link to view the service.

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03 546 5700 or funerals@shoneandshirley.co.nz



**Nelson Spiritual Growth Group invite you to
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER MORNING**

Friday 29th November 2024, 9.30am – 12.30pm
St Barnabas Anglican Church, Stoke - led by Rev Fergus Capie
THEME: SPIRITUAL JEWELS

Pearl of Great Price – Matt.13: 44-48
Morning Tea Provided.
Please bring: Bible, Journal, \$10



P-L-E-A-S-E RSVP to Ilene: athlene16@gmail.com
or 021-102-6778 by 5pm Wednesday 27th November.

Duty Roster – 1st December 2024 – H.C. (ADVENT 1 - Hope)

Lead-Preach:	Neil-Ian Davidson	Prayer:	Beth	Sound:	Keith
Vestry:	Don	Reading:	Eileen	Door:	Anne E, Nola
Morning Tea:	Pam, Anne G	Banking:	Jocelyn, Jeannie		

Our Mission Statement

Loving God, loving others and caring for God's creation