





## Marge Writes

I am very pleased that the rules have been changed to allow the names of the candidates for the office of Bishop of Nelson to be made public. Below is the notification sent out by the Anglican Centre in Nelson on Friday for inclusion in parish newsletters--

### Candidates for Bishop of Nelson

To assist with your prayers for the upcoming Electoral College to nominate a new Bishop of Nelson, the Arrangements Committee for the College wishes to advise the candidates' names as follows:

- Rev. Michael Brantley (currently Wellington Diocese)
- Rev. Steve Maina (currently CMS, Christchurch Diocese)
- Rev. Canon Dr. Graham O'Brien (currently Nelson Diocese)

If anyone knows of any reason or impediment that makes it undesirable for any of these persons to be elected as Bishop, please advise Annie Fraser, Secretary of the Electoral College, straight away at [diosec@nelsonanglican.nz](mailto:diosec@nelsonanglican.nz) Any concern about misconduct must be advised before the Electoral College.

Please pray for all candidates and their families, and that God's will is discerned by the Electoral College.

With love and blessings,  
Marge

### HOW'S IT GOING?

Last weekend Pete White challenged us to be sure we are putting feet on our faith. James makes it abundantly clear in his brief letter to Jewish Christians scattered throughout the world that faith without accompanying good deeds is worthless. Here's what he wrote--

***Anyone who doesn't breathe is dead, and faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead! (James 2:26, CEV)***

We know that it is not good works that save us, it is faith in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ's death and resurrection that heals our relationship with God. BUT, faith in Jesus must lead to good works if it is indeed a genuine faith.

Putting our faith in Jesus and what he did for us is to acknowledge that we are not living the way God wants us to live and to receive the forgiveness only he can give AND to let his transforming work change us so we can be the people we claim to be which includes doing good works just as Jesus did.

Pete is putting feet to his faith by setting himself a challenge to cycle 1,000km in 30 days in March to raise funds for Tear Fund's work against human trafficking. One way we can put feet to our faith is by sponsoring Pete (see slips on table in the foyer) or doing something else to alleviate suffering in the world.

What's important is that we listen to what the Lord is saying to us and then doing something about it.

So, how's it going?

### HALL & LOUNGE FLOORS

Last week the hall and lounge floors were lightly sanded and varnished. This was the final part of our refurbishment project alongside the earthquake strengthening.

### CLEANING ROSTER & MOWING ROSTER

Would all those on the cleaning or mowing rosters please collect your named copy for 2019 from the foyer.

### PRAYER PARTNERS DIARIES

Would all those who usually use this Anglican Mission prayer booklet, please collect your named copy for 2019 from the foyer.

### CHURCH LIBRARY

Following the theft of our old church laptop last year, Lisa Houghton is diligently recreating the database of all our library books. It would assist greatly if you could please

- Remember to record in the borrowing book when you take out a library book
- Return books into the basket provided
- Please do not rearrange the books
- Please do not move any section dividers

Thank you for your help while this mammoth task is underway!

### CONCERT BY OBOE D'AMORE

A unique opportunity to hear baroque music by Bach, Handel, Pachelbel, Vivaldi and others played on period instruments by the international ensemble *Oboe d'amore*. The concert will be on **Friday, 15 Feb, 7:30pm, at St. Patrick's Church**. Adults \$45, Seniors \$35, Student \$20, under 14 free. Cash at the door or book at [www.baroquemusic.co.nz](http://www.baroquemusic.co.nz). See poster on notice board in foyer for more details including some of the specific pieces to be performed

### CONVERGENCE CAMP FEB 15-17 2019

This is essentially a Diocesan Family camp put on by the Nelson deanery. Feedback from the past couple of years is really positive. It is held at Bethany Park in Kaiteriteri. The speaker for 2019 is Spanky Moore from CHCH who is an excellent communicator. Brochures are on the table in the foyer. Please note that all cabins have now been allocated, and there are only camp sites available (Powered and Non-Powered).

### WORD FOR TODAY

The new edition of the Word for Today devotional booklet is available in the foyer. Please help yourself to a copy. A gold coin donation in the offering bag.

### LADIES GUILD

The first meeting of the 2019 year is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm** in the Parish Centre. We will have a fellowship afternoon so bring along any craft work you are doing. Any ideas for the year's program would be appreciated.

### PARISH HEALTH ADVISOR

This month Marjorie will be holding her clinic on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February due to Waitangi Day being on the first Wednesday. She will be available in the Quiet Room on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb from 10-11.30am to offer friendly advice on health related matters and give check-ups. Feel free to drop in then.

### HOME GROUPS

Over the next few weeks most of our home groups will be starting up again for the year. Please keep an eye on the back calendar page of the newsletter for information on your group.

### MISSIONARY FAMILY IN CENTRAL ASIA

They have asked for prayer for them as family as they come to terms with their older children graduating high school and leaving home for far away areas of the world. They don't know when they will all be together again as a whole family.

They also ask for prayer for local pastors they work with who are being persecuted in their villages, and for wisdom in how best to help them. Their newsletter can be viewed in the Parish Office.

### TUESDAY FRIENDS

The first meeting for 2019 for Tuesday friends will be at 10.30am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb in the Parish Centre. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays for friendship and thought provoking study. Nothing too serious but always interesting study. If you would like to join us please contact Pat Cogger on Ph 768 4068 or Margaret Baillie on Ph 768 5993.

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