**ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2015**

* Sincere thanks must go to Fin and Noeline Collie for hosting the church picnic recently at their lovely home in Otatara. They even managed to arrange the lovely weather too.
* Peter is entitled to 8 weeks long service leave. The proposed dates are from 1st June to late July. Arrangements are underway to try and get someone to come in for some services and so not to put too much pressure on our lay preachers.
* The Parish Council discussed the situation regarding the relocation of the Affordables shop. At present we expect to leave the present site before the end of March, but as yet have no fixed place to go to. A number of options are being explored and it is hoped that before long we will have a new home. Look out for further news!
* Remember the lovely quiet day which Peter arranged out at Riverton last year? Well there is a recommendation to hold another one on 30th May and organisation is underway. More notices later.
* Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on 15th March 2015. Will you have fruit or vegetables or other things suitable for the display in the church? The Harvest Festival service is always so colourful. A wonderful way to thank God for his bounty.
* “TREATS AND TREASURES” This is a preliminary notice for a lovely afternoon at the church. It will be held on the 9th May. Keep this date free and come and join us. It will be well worth it.
* A call for helpers again. There appears to be gaps especially for serving the morning tea, serving on the door and greeting people, not onerous jobs, and these are two jobs which need happy smiling faces. Of course, all the other positions need happy faces as well, van drivers, lawn mowing, and all the rest. Please talk to Margaret Brass if you can help.
* There has been a suggestion that perhaps we should have a defibrillator in the church in case of an emergency. Nothing has been done as yet as there are a number of things to be looked into. We will see.
* Helpers are required to help with the Friday Club. Margaret Brass and the other helpers would welcome you with open arms. Think about it will you? Please!
* There was a very successful Synod held recently. It was held over a weekend and there were workshops on the Saturday. Betty Snell reported to the Parish Council what a lovely weekend it was. The workshops were great and the venue and weather was lovely. She said it was very rewarding to meet and get to know the other people who were there. She said she would go again, and would encourage others to go as well.