

What's on this week

Mon:	5:15pm	Prayer for the Parish in the Chapel
Tues:	6.30pm	Alpha in the centre
Wed:	10am	Eucharist in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Teen Care Cell in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Margaret's care cell in the counselling room
	5pm	Music practice in the church
	7pm	Choir in the church
	7.30pm	Preaching Class in the seminar room
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the centre
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Communion Service
	6pm	Shared tea meal in the lounge
	7pm	Contemporary Worship Service

Our Staff Team

Vicar	Peter Minson	On leave
Assistant Priest	Michael Treston	5783909
Assistant Priest	Derek Harding	On leave
Children and Family Ministries	Susan Howarth	5783909
Youth Ministries:	Glenn & Grace van Asperen	5783909
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Care Cell Coordinator:	Derek Harding	5783909
International Coordinator	Bronwyn Tucker	5779493
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People's Warden:	Pauline Tisch	5787351
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The Nativity Anglican Family

Welcomes You

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST 2010

CONFIRMATION – What is it?

In mid-October, the Bishop will visit, and as part of his role, he will confirm some parishioners. For people who have joined Nativity from other denominations, this action by the Bishop raises some questions. Many died-in-the-wool Anglicans now wonder about the ceremony, too.

So what is confirmation? If you were an infant or quite young when you were baptised, others promised on your behalf that they'd do their best to help you to follow Jesus as you grew up. Confirmation is the opportunity for you to voice ['confirm'] those promises yourself. Confirmation candidates sometimes give public testimony about what the Lord has done in their lives.

A Confirmation is also an opportunity for the Bishop [and all of us] to pray publically for the Holy Spirit to empower you for Christian service and fire up your gifts that he's given you to be an active Christian in the world. The confirmation candidate says, "Here I am, Lord. I want to be your disciple." The Lord says, "OK, then you're going to need more of me. Here I am."

That's why the Bishop gets involved: because Confirmation is a recognition that any grown-up Christian will minister in a wider world than just this parish. So the Bishop lays commissioning hands on the candidate, and prays for a renewal of the Holy Spirit's gifts for that wider ministry. The Bishop may also anoint the candidates with oil as a symbol of the power of the Spirit filling them.

Confirmation is not some medieval tradition. The Early Church was already writing about confirmations by the end of the first Christian century.

If you wish to be confirmed on October 17, please get in touch with Michael Treston who will be preparing the candidates. Contact the Parish Office 5783909.



Our Mission is ...

To grow people in their commitment to Christ
To reach out beyond ourselves with the love of Christ
To draw people to faith in Christ

Items of Interest

Special Parish Meeting today 11.45am, in the Nativity Centre to consider the proposed Nativity Early Learning Centre. This is your opportunity to hear about the project and to ask any questions. No other parish business will be considered..

The 7pm Service today will be lead by the Excel School Of Performing Arts.

Don't miss the Prayer Breakfast on 4th September at 8.30am in the lounge. The theme will be "Calling on the Lord". Something helpful and challenging for us all. You are warmly invited - and yes, we would love to see you there. Please advise Jan or Sue at the Office. Once again there will be a koha to cover breakfast costs.

Please Note Care Cell leaders meeting in the lounge Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm.

Back to Church Sunday: As we are expecting quite a few people to come to the service on the 12th September, could the regular attendees at the 10am service please be prepared to move up into the sanctuary area to make room for those visiting or returning. Thank you.

First Steps need someone/s to help on Sundays with their little ones. Please see or contact Rosalind (Roz) Mundy (578 5922)

Glenn & Grace van Asperen our youth workers will be leaving at the end of September. It would be great if we could give them a gift to send them on their way back to Greymouth and to help them purchase something for their baby who arrives in December. If you could leave any monetary gifts with Jan or Jude at the church office, we will present them with a gift Sunday 19th December at the 10am service.

Can you help - EXAM SUPERVISOR?

A supervisor is required three times/year to supervise four students sitting extra mural exams from Moore Theological College, Australia. Examination time is 2.5 hours. This is a voluntary position. In the first instance please phone Warwick, 577 8902.

Fresh Perspectives Mentoring for adults are having 2 training days -18th and 25th September. If you would like to be part of this church outreach to support families to identify and make the most of available skills and resources so their families are strengthened to be able to manage the demands of every day life, we would welcome you to our training day and to be part of our team. Please contact Moira or Stan Paul 5789727.

More than 500 preschoolers come to a midweek event at Anglican Churches throughout the Nelson Diocese each week!

Interested in learning more about how to make the most of this amazing mission opportunity?

Side by Side mentoring aims to give volunteers skills and knowledge to confidently build intentional relationships with families, being able to provide one-to-one support in times of need, connecting our faith community with families in the community.

Come along and see how you could be involved at a **Side by Side information evening, All Saints Church, Vanguard St, Nelson on Monday 6th September from 7:30 – 9:00pm.**

For further information contact: Susie Schruer, 548 3124(w), 544 5732(h).

Latimer Women's Conference 2010:

17-18 September at St Christopher's Anglican Church, Christchurch. Registration forms are at the office.

Welcome to our services today! 29th August 2010

Theme 8am & 10am: Synod Address

7pm: Excel— Life to the End

Readings: Isaiah 40:27-31
Ephesians 1:15-23

Sentence: Let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that confess his name.
Hebrews 13:15

Prayer: Lord, help us to see: to see what is eternally good and true, and having seen, to go on searching until we come to the joys of heaven; for the glory of your holy name. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

This is our last week reflecting on the 23rd Psalm.

Mon. 'My cup overflows'. Pray today that you will live your life in a spirit of contentment.

Tues. 'Surely goodness and mercy will follow me'. King David who wrote this psalm knew periods of despondency, depression and emotional turmoil - but he was absolutely sure of God's love, grace and mercy.

Wed. 'all the days of my life'. Pray that we will see the glass of life half full, and not half empty. Only God knows how many days of life we have – determine to use those days wisely.

Thurs. 'And I will dwell in the house of the Lord'. We live here on earth as God's guests - our ultimate home is heaven. Give praise and thanks today that eternity is His promise to us.

Fri. 'Forever'... We don't have to be afraid anymore.

Sat. Psalm 23 explores the way we should look at life. It helps us to grow closer to God. It mixes comfort and courage and gives us hope. May we all be encouraged and enlightened by this psalm.

Join us for a special time of prayer, every Monday
in the Chapel 5.15-5.45 pm

Prayer Ministry: We have people willing to meet with you outside of church service times. If you are in need of more in-depth prayer ministry, speak to any of the clergy or Grace Petrie (5787860) Prayer Facilitator, and we can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Anne Dillon is the Prayer Chain Coordinator, phone 5782363. Please phone her with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

If you would like to know about the many vibrant Care-cells
that make up Nativity please
contact Derek Harding or the office 5783909