



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 5th February 2017

Our Mission is ...

To draw people to faith in Christ

To grow people in their commitment to Christ

To reach out beyond ourselves with the love of Christ

Dear friends

Welcome here this Waitangi Weekend, and especially to those visiting us at Nativity. Welcome is one of several key values that this national holiday and the Treaty of Waitangi stand for. These values are notifications for how God calls us to live. They're to us as a nation, but also to us as the church, for the church was instrumental in the creation and adoption of the Treaty.

Therefore welcome, thrice welcome, to the presence of the worship of God by this part of His family today. This is all at the very foundation of our story.

Alongside the theme of "welcome" is "integrity" and "honesty". All are Biblical principles we and all humanity are called to. They are in the Treaty of Waitangi because it's authors had a Biblical base. We the church are right to mark it, as we the nation do, even though it seems that since 1840, the Treaty and the values have been honoured in the breach more than the fact.

177 years ago Henry Williams, (an Anglican Missionary and Priest) brought a copy of the Treaty to Marlborough. Here, on 4 and 5 May, then 17 June, it was signed by many local Ariki (Chiefs). Wesleyan Missionary and Minister at Port Underwood, Samuel Ironside championed it. For the next few years the gospel flourished among local Maori largely because of it.

Our Parish mission statement aligns with those values of welcome, integrity and honesty. We call them "Drawing in, growing up and reaching out". This is our story. It is the gospel story given to us by God in Jesus. We are invited back to this our story today, of Jesus and his love.

God bless

Bob and Libby



## Items of Interest

**Prayer Group** starts again next Tuesday 7th Feb at 178 High St. 4.30 p.m. This is a time of prayer for the needs of Nativity and community. All welcome

**Nativity@7pm** will start back on 12th February. All welcome.

**Children and Youth ministries** start back Sunday 12th February, 10am.

### **Convergence Family Camp 17-19th February 2017.**

Deadline for registration is 8th February. All info about the camp is on the church website under Family Ministry.



**Join in a Fun Fundraiser.** Tuesday 7th March, 5pm till 11pm stocktaking at Bunnings. This is a good fundraiser. We did it two years ago. Names needed at office by 22 February. Ph. 5783909

**A Reminder** to invite the Nativity Restoration Team to talk about the future of our facilities. Rosimeire Cookson, ph. 5781721, Keith Buck, ph. 5781823, Brian Powell, ph. 5785828, Lyall Daines, ph. 5784331, Margaret Rodley, ph. 5788980.

### **Healing of Memories Ministry Seminar.**

Friday 10th March 7:30 - 9:30pm  
Saturday 11th 9:30am - 4:30pm  
Venue: "Barnies Centre" Nativity Church.  
Cost: \$10. Robin's Book available for \$20.  
Register with Jan at: [jan@nativity.org.nz](mailto:jan@nativity.org.nz)  
or Ph. 578 3909.  
BYO Lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

### **Blenheim Anglican Parish AGM 7.30pm**

**Mon. 13th March.** Reports are due 24th February. Nominations for vestry, synod reps, and people's warden are welcome. Forms will be in the office. Vestry is our governance board.

**World Day of Prayer,** Friday, 3rd March, 10am, St Andrews Church, 5 Henry Street. The Theme for this year is Philippines. Am I being unfair to you?

**Kevin Gwynne** is retiring as Wairau Hospital Chaplain at the end of April. Thank you Kevin for all your loving support for those you visited. We bless you and Sheryll as you begin the next adventure on your journey through life.

**Harvest of Grace** - A presentation of 150 years of Mission in the Anglican Diocese of Nelson for sale at the office \$5 per copy. Proceeds of sale go to Kaikoura Earthquake Relief.

### **Cleaning out your children's room?**

Unwanted toys, books, games and sporting equipment in good condition can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

**Depression Support Group** is now being held every Wednesday 10am-11.30am. The first meeting will be Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. If you are interested please contact Barbara Robb, Community Support Worker, Bread of Life, 14B Stephenson St ph. 578 1355 Extn 10. Or 027 737 2403.

### **Morning tea after 10am services:**

Thank you to the Kingston's and the January volunteers who kept the cuppa after 10am services going through the holidays. Two long serving couples have withdrawn from the regular roster so it would be much appreciated if some new, (perhaps younger), people would offer to replace them. Please look at the roster on the notice board to see what is involved and consider if this is something you could do to keep this opportunity for after—service socialising going. Margaret Jarman (convenor)



**Jan's Joy:** The Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands.  
*Deuteronomy 26:18*



## Welcome to our services today! 5th February 2017

**Theme 8am & 10am:** Keeping company with Jesus

**Readings 8am & 10am:** Isaiah 25:6-10 & John 15:1-8

**Sentence:** With awesome deeds, you answer our prayers for deliverance, O God our Saviour; you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the far off seas. *Psalm 65:5,6*

**Collect:** God of all mercy, your Son brought good news to the despairing, freedom to the oppressed and joy to the sad; fill us with your Spirit, that the people of our day may see in us his likeness and glorify your name. **Amen.**



### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Francis of Assisi has given the world a well-known prayer, it is our focus for this week. With the world situation we need to pray this prayer every day.

**Mon.** Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love.

**Tues.** Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.

**Wed.** Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy.

**Thurs.** O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

**Fri.** To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

**Sat.** For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

If you would like to know about the many vibrant Care-cells that make up Nativity please phone 5783909

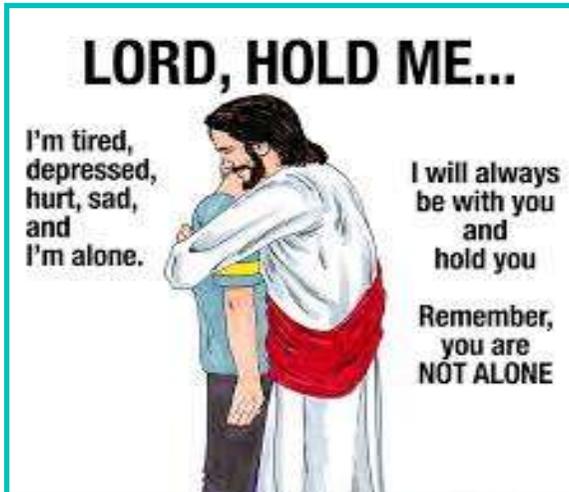
**Prayer Ministry:** We have people willing to meet with you outside of church service times. If you are in need of more in-depth prayer ministry, speak to any of the clergy, Kevin or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

**Prayer Chain:** Anne Dillon 5782363 & Fay Johnstone 5783763 are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer

Tuesday Prayer time 4.30-5.15pm  
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

## What's on this week

<b>Tues:</b>	2pm 4.30pm	Afternoon care cell in the lounge Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
<b>Wed:</b>	7.30pm	Care Cell leaders meeting in the lounge
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am 1pm	Tunes for Tots in the hall LINK in the lounge
<b>Sat:</b>	9.30am	Coffee Connections at Raupo
<b>Sun:</b>	8am 10am 7pm	Traditional Eucharist Service All Age Worship Service Nativity@7 in the hall



## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
Assistant Priests

Youth/24/7 Worker  
Vicar's P/A  
Parish Nurse  
Parish Manager  
Receptionist  
Counselling  
Care Cell Coordinators

Women's Ministry  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden  
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Bob Barnes  
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John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Kevin Gwynne  
Rose Newton  
Jude Dell  
Raewyn Parkes  
Keith Buck  
Jan Burrough  
Kathy Hammond  
Miriam Taylor &  
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Alison Brice  
Stephen Sheat  
Pauline Tisch  
Jane Sheat &  
Sheryll Gwynne

## To Contact Us

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