

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2020



# THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

## OUR MISSION IS TO:

- DRAW people to faith in Christ
- GROW people in their commitment to Christ
- REACH OUT beyond ourselves with the love of Christ



## OUR SERVICE TODAY

**THEME:** Going Forward!

**READINGS:** *1 Peter 1:3-9 & John 20:19-31*

**SENTENCE:** "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." *1 Peter 1:3*

**COLLECT:** God of mystery, you affirm our right to question what we find hard to know. Grant us the maturity of faith that knows when to question and when to trust. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

# Thank You!

## THANK YOU TO RICHARD AND KAYE!



**A big thank you to Richard and Kaye for your selfless leadership, wisdom and love for our congregation during your time with us. We wish you both every happiness as you head into retirement but are grateful that we will still maintain ties with you and especially the continued sharing of Kaye's talent and passion in our family services.**

## THANK YOU FOR THE CROSS...



**Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

## OUR COUNTRY UNDER LOCKDOWN..



Let us remember to pray for those who are finding it difficult in this time of lock-down and turn to our Lord and saviour for strength and wisdom. Pray for those who are struggling with relationships inside and outside of their "bubble". Pray for those who have lost jobs, businesses or have financial insecurity at this time. Pray for those who are struggling with mental, emotional, spiritual or physical health and pray that you and we as a church can share Gods' love and peace with those around us.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## CARE DURING LOCKDOWN

Jane and Raewyn, our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, have worked really hard on a phone tree which adds to the care cell network. If you have not had a call from someone, please let the office know so that we can confirm your contact details. Please continue to check in on each other and let Jane, Raewyn or Roz know if you or someone you know has a need that we may be able to help with.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget that we have some amazing resources and Sunday worship on our website [www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz). We also have a Nativity Church, Blenheim NZ Facebook group to enable to you to keep in touch as a parish. Please do use this to share and encourage one another.

As well as our church, there are opportunities to connect with wider diocese with a new Facebook page, YouTube channel and website for Nelson Anglicans <https://nelsonanglicans.com/>. These all have links to information, sermons, and other resources.

## PRAYER CHAIN

Our prayer chain is still active!! If you have any prayer needs please contact Raewyn P:578-2511 M:022-0786902 or Jane P:578-9004 M:027-7135524



## ANGLICAN MISSIONS

The new Anglican Missions Projects Booklet for 2020 will be available online soon and in printed form when the staff are back in the office. In the meantime, details can be found at <https://angmissions.org.nz/projects>.

## CORONAVIRUS HEALTH ADVICE

visit  
[www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)  
call  
**0800 358 5453**

## TIME FOR SOME CUTTINGS?

Do remember that we have a plant sale planned for the spring. Now may be the time to take some cuttings or consider what you may be able to contribute!



## MARLBOROUGH WELFARE SUPPORT

This agency is set up to help in cases where we as friends, family and neighbours may not be able to under this state of emergency. If you know someone that is struggling mentally, physically or financially please contact them for advice.

**welfare@marlboroughcdem.co.nz**

**Phone: 03 520 8405**

Other support is also available at

Getting Through Together:

[www.allright.org.nz/campaigns/getting-through-together](http://www.allright.org.nz/campaigns/getting-through-together)

and Sparklers at Home:

[sparklers.org.nz/parenting](http://sparklers.org.nz/parenting)

You can also phone or text 1737 for free mental health support anytime.

## DAILY REFLECTIONS

There are plenty of resources available on our website to feed you spiritually and help pass the time. This includes a daily blog from Barry Struthers, writings from Rose Francis and much more. Please do share your encouragements.



## THIS WEEK:

### APRIL

Sunday 19th    Service available on-line from  
8am    **"Going Forward"**  
Last Sunday for Rev. Richard Dyer  
as Priest -in-Charge  
[www.nativity.org.nz/online-worship](http://www.nativity.org.nz/online-worship)

Sunday 26th    Service led by Susan Howarth

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### Nativity Bank Account

ANZ 060705 0429077 00

### GIVING

Please do continue giving financially to the church. If you do not already you may like to consider a direct credit. If you do not use internet banking you can just accumulate your giving until we can return to meeting together. Please contact Roz (570 2111) for further information.

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## OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge  
Assistant Priests

Administrator  
Parish Nurse  
Receptionist  
Counselling  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Oversight to Care Cells  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden  
Prayer Facilitators  
Prayer Chain

Richard Dyer  
Kaye Dyer  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Kevin Thompson  
Kathy Taylor  
Raewyn Parkes  
Rosalind Mundy  
Kathy Hammond  
Alison Brice  
Kaye Dyer  
Stephen Sheat  
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows  
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough  
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes

We are not in the  
office but can still be  
contacted - don't  
hesitate to give us a  
call or e-mail anytime!