

**Harvest Festival Service**  
**25th February, 8am & 10am.**

You are invited to bring along tinned or spare produce which will be shared between the Community Food Bank and Nativity Food Bank. This is a time to give thanks to God for the abundance with which we are blessed.

**Harvest Festival Picnic Lunch.**

**25th February morning services to be followed at 12noon**  
**In the church ground. Includes activities/games for families.**

**Please bring finger food suitable for a main meal to share:**

Get your hat decorated, wear it to church and bring your scarecrow, both for the competition.

Bring your own picnic chairs & don't forget the sunhat & sun lotion.

**Whatever service you attend, all parishioners/families are encouraged**  
**To join in this event please note that entry and exit to the event is via the**  
**Centre.**

**We will be saying farewell to Susan Howarth**

on the 25th of February as she leaves to become Vicar of the Havelock Parish. If you would like to make a cash only donation towards a gift from the parish, please do so at Nativity Reception.



**Motion 29**

**Information sessions** for parishioners on Motion 29 will be held in Nativity Lounge: -  
Monday 19th February at 7.30pm  
Saturday 24th February at 9am

These are stand-alone sessions at which the same material will be repeated. Each session will be no longer than 1-hour 30mins.

For some 30 years the church has been discussing Faith and human sexuality. In recent times issues of same sex marriage and ordination of practicing homosexual people have threatened to split the church.

In May this year the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia will consider and probably make some far-reaching decisions about these matters.

This Diocese is having a special one-day Synod on March 10th in Nelson. Our Synod Representatives will attend.

**Synod reps are:**

Keith Buck	keith@nativity.org.nz
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Jocelyn Wilkes	c/- Nativity office

**AAW rep. is:**

Heather Wadsworth wadsworthhr@gmail.com

At the information sessions Bob shows the three video clips by the Bishop, and the 33 minutes one with the two members of the Working Group at St Barnabas Stoke.

Below is the link to our Diocesan website which contains further information, videos and the **Final** Jan 2018 Report of the Motion 29 Working Group <http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz/node/659>