



# The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 1st July 2018

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 Nativity family and friends,

When we come together, we do so as family – the family of God. With a family this size, there may be family members present who we don't recognise as yet, but we'll be spending eternity together – so let's get to know each other now!

Wherever you have come to Nativity from, whether as a visitor or to live here, we are family and share a family likeness. As the worldwide family of God the church bears a resemblance to Jesus.

That all begs the question: what is the family likeness? Or, what's the difference between Christians and others? Shouldn't we be able to tell the difference? The answer is a big YES according to the teachings of Jesus. He said:

*"<sup>20</sup> ... you will know them by their fruits. <sup>21</sup> 'Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven.' (Matthew 7)*

There are many good people of all faiths, and none. They are our allies in the battle against evil. It is however the assurance of salvation we have that marks one main difference. A second is that we know it's the grace of God in our lifestyle, that makes us die to sin and rise with Christ to the new life of the Kingdom.

There are 5 parts to the mission of the family of God that Jesus calls us to. Share the good news of salvation. Nurture new believers in the faith. Care for the suffering. Confront injustice. Care for God's Creation. At Nativity we describe it as being *"United in Christ; drawing in, growing up and reaching out."*

We don't have it all sorted. We often don't get it all right, but our Lord and Master has set before us a reason for why we do what we do.

May the grace of God give you courage as we together discover the shape of our Christlike lifestyle.

Bob and Libby



## Items of Interest

**Notes from sermon** are on the table in the church foyer .

Between midday and 12.30pm each Sunday in the lounge, parish clergy and preachers will be available to discuss the sermons and topics which are based on the Catechism. **(NZPB 925)**  
<http://anglicanprayerbook.nz/925.html>

### Canvas tonight

**5.30pm**, in the hall, come and hear the Petrie family share church their way.



**Today**, 4pm, The Marlborough Singers are presenting a concert "Around the World in Twenty Songs. Directed by local Operatic Baritone Robert Tucker, accompanied by Aria Bakker at the Wesley Centre. \$15 door sales only.

## Red Alert

Winter Dinner July  
28th ,6.30pm  
Nativity Hall

Pot luck, BYO drinks

**Red theme:** be sure to wear something

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**AAW meeting** Wednesday 4th July at 7.30pm, Nativity lounge. Part two of Fay and Margaret's Celtic Pilgrimage. Devotions. Sales table. Supper.



**Did you miss the last Winter Retreat?**

**Try this time!**

**Saturday 7th July,  
9am-12noon, in Barnies.**

**Learn to walk attentively with God**

**Newcomers register at the office  
phone 5783909**

**All welcome.**



**The Prayer Request box** in the foyer of the church is to write any prayer requests on the paper provided and pop it into the box. We will collect them and they will be prayed through every Tuesday.



**Join Jan and Raewyn** in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) to pray for Nativity and our community.

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

# Welcome to our services today! 1st July 2018

**Theme 8am & 10am:** A Catechism - Christian Lifestyle & Hope

**Readings 8am & 10am:** Matthew 11:28-30 & Luke 10:25-29

**Sentence:** From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.  
*Malachi 1:11*



**Collect:** Almighty and eternal God, you have made of one blood all the nations of the earth and will that they live together in peace and harmony; so, order the course of this world that all peoples may be brought together under Christ's most gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Weekly Prayer Focus:

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 22:6*

- Mon.** In I Samuel 17 re read of the two strengths displayed by David - fighting and music. Those were the two activities that also dominated his adult years. Think and pray about that!
- Tues.** "Raising a child in the way he should go" means recognising his/her **strengths**. At two years van Culburn played a song on the piano as a result of hearing it played in an adjacent room. He went on to become a pianist of renown.
- Wed. Topics.** What do your children like? Numbers? Colours? Activities? Reading? Sports? Studies? Encourage your children in their gifts. Pray for them individually.
- Thurs. Optimal conditions.** A cactus thrives in different conditions to a rose bush. What "soil" does your child thrive in? Pray that you will recognise growth areas in your children, grandchildren...
- Fri. Relationships.** Some children are followers, others are leaders. Pray about the relationships they have.
- Sat. Satisfaction.** What gives your child satisfaction? Do they love the journey or the destination? What thrills one, bothers another. Encourage all the young people that you have contact with.

**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, Jane Sheat (5789004) Prayer Facilitator, or ring the office and they can arrange this for you.

**Prayer Chain:** Bob Barnes (5783909) and Raewyn Parkes (5783909) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.



**What's on this week:** 13th Week in ordinary time

<b>Tues:</b>	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
<b>Wed:</b>	7pm	Boys Group in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sat:</b>	9am	Winter Retreat in Barnies
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



## Seniors Winter Luncheon

**Saturday July 21st at Noon**  
**You are invited to join the team for our midwinter meal.**

**Please register at the office for catering purposes by Wednesday July 18th.**  
**If you need transport let Jan know ph. 5783909**

### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
Assistant Priests	Jonathan Wasley
	John Neal
	Miriam Taylor
Youth/24/7 Worker	Rose Newton
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Care Cell Coordinators	
Women's Ministry	Libby Barnes
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

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### To Contact Us

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### Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.