



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 10th June 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

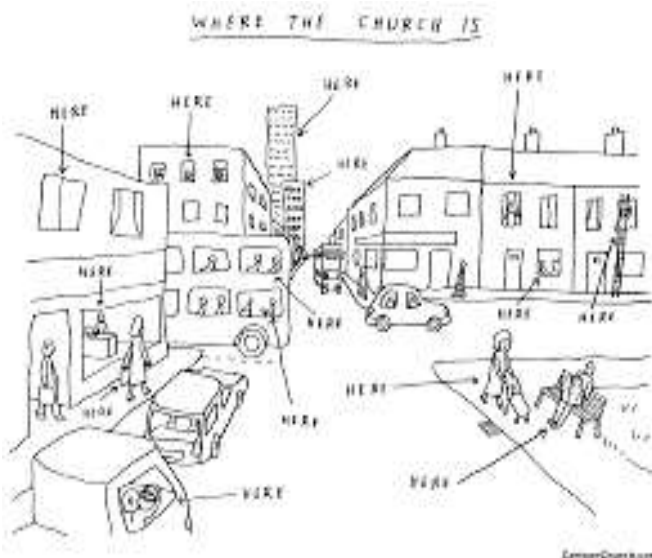
Dear Nativity family and friends,

How good it is to have the freedom to gather with other believers. So whether you're a believer from another church, just looking, or one of the Nativity family, welcome!

In the last few weeks we have started a series of sermons and discussions around what we believe, and what – or who - we really worship. For what we believe, shows up in our behaviour. What we do, shows what we really believe - whatever else we might say. It all comes together to say who we are.

The series started with who we are as individuals before God – we are made in God's image, loved beyond measure. We have **seen** that the God we worship is the greatest example of love personified, and we describe that as the Trinity – one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This week we see who we are collectively – the church, the gathered community being made in God's image. Church is who we are, not where we go.



*"We are the church, we are the hope on earth."
(Song "Build Your Kingdom here" by Rend Collective)*

Let's never forget who we are, and who we worship.

*"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
(Hebrews 10:24, 25)*

Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

Notes from sermon are on the table in the church foyer and in the hall. 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>

Christians Against Poverty; You are invited to attend a workshop on how to assist people needing help in the community, hosted by Nicki Brooks from C.A.P., on Saturday 16th June at 4pm at the Wesley Centre. All welcome.

Liz will be in Blenheim 16th-21st June. If you would like her to visit your carecell or group please contact the office to see her schedule.

Liz, a mission partner in South Asia, who has spoken regularly at Nativity, will be talking about her work on Sunday 17 June - Nativity Lounge at 3pm. All welcome.

Take time to sign the petition in the foyer calling upon the Minister of Justice to review and safeguard the religious freedoms which were developed over the last five centuries, before you leave today.

Still in good condition but you no longer use it? Unwanted furniture and household items can be donated to Donate it to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Jan's Joy: You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. *Proverbs 6:11*



Prayers for the People

Please check out the prayer board in the foyer of the church.

- Safety for the workers and drivers on the roads and the rail, with the highway opened.
- 24-7 youth work at the Girls' College and for its commencement at the Boys' College.
- Work of the agencies who support the persecuted church.
- Indonesian Christian Churches that were bombed that their Government will take action.
- Unsettled political situations in the world.
- Our parishioners in rest homes.
- The Building Project for the church
- Farming Community re mycoplasma bovis eradication.

Missional needs:

- The Corin Family – For wisdom as they help locals establish business.
- The Tucker Family – For wisdom and blessing on their ministry as they support international students.
- Matt Gwynne – his YWAM leadership responsibilities, progress in learning French. Also for the new DTS, Thrive: as they develop training for ministry to women who have been abused or sex trafficked.
- MAF – For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for more support staff.
- Nathan and Rosey – For protection and suitable accommodation when they move to K Town.

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! 10th June 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: A Catechism - The Church

Readings 8am & 10am: Acts 2:42-47 & Philippians 3:1-14

Sentence: Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my saving right hand.
Isaiah 41:10



Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Weekly Prayer Focus:

The promises in Scripture are so encouraging - claim them this week.

- Mon.** You say, "It's impossible." **He says, "With me all things are possible."**
You say, "I'm exhausted." **He says, "Wait on Me, I'll renew your strength."**
- Tues.** You say, "Nobody loves me." **He says, "I love you with an everlasting love."** You say, "I can't go on." **He says, "My grace is sufficient for you."**
- Wed.** You say, "I don't know what to do." **He says, "I'll direct you."**
You say, "I can't do it." **He says, "You can do all things through me."**
- Thurs.** You say, "It's just not worth it." **He says, "It will be – just keep going."**
You say, "I can't forgive myself." **He says, "You can – because I have."**
- Fri.** You say, "I can't make ends meet." **He says, "I'll supply all your needs."**
You say, "I'm afraid." **He says, "I didn't give you a spirit of fear, but of power."**
- Sat.** You say, "I can't handle this." **He says, "Give it to Me, I'll carry it for you."**
You say, "I don't have enough faith." **He says, "I'll give you faith."**
You say, "I'm all alone." **He says, "I will never leave you or forsake you."**
Today start praying what God says. things are not as they appear....

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.

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.

What's on this week: 11th Week in ordinary time

Tues:	7pm	Alastair's Group in the lounge
Wed:	6.30pm	Boys Group in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
Sat:	9am	Winter Retreat in Barnies
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	3pm	CMS meeting with Liz in the lounge
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Fundraising opportunity for Nativity: The Warehouse is looking for people to help with stocktaking on 6th & 7th July 7pm, Friday to 5am Saturday. If you are able to help please contact the office as soon as possible as we need to get numbers to see if it is a viable project. Phone Jan 5783909 or email jan@nativity.org.nz.

Volunteers needed: Can you help by vacuuming the hall after the morning tea on Sunday mornings? We would love to hear from you. Contact Jan at the office

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

Nativity Bank account: ANZ 060705 0429077 00

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.