



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 10th March 2019

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



Change your life, not just your clothes.

Come back to God, your God.

And here's why: God is kind and merciful.

Joel 2: 13 The Message Bible

**Yours in love and service,
*John***

Welcome to our services today! 10th March 2019

Theme: Growing through Lent (Harvest Festival)

Readings: Psalm 96 & Luke 4:1-13

Sentence: Worship the Lord your God and, serve only him. *Luke 4:8*

Collect: Holy God, tested by the evil one, your Son did not yield: defend us from the deceits of wealth and power; shield us from despair; and hold us fast to you, our rock and our truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Events/things to remember

Blenheim Anglican Parish A.G.M. will be held 7.30pm, Monday 18th March in the Church. Nomination forms for Vestry and Peoples Warden available from the office or the table in the church foyer.



There will be a farewell shared lunch for Jonathan and Lucy on Sunday 31st March. Details to follow. If you would like to give a monetary gift, please put in a named envelope and put in the offertory bag marked "Jonathans gift" or bring it to the office.

Police checks are required for all people working with Children and Youth at Nativity. If you have not yet filled out the forms please call at the office for one.

Volunteers are still needed to serve the morning tea after the 10am Sunday services. If you can help please contact Margaret Jarman. Ph. 5788805

Prayer Chain: Raewyn Parkes (5783909) is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. Please phone her with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

New:



Expressions of interest are invited to fill the post of Parish Administrator after Jude Dell's resignation takes effect at Easter.

Details are available either from Jude or from John.

Wanted: Car seat and bicycle helmet for toddler (3yrs) to borrow from 4th April to 27th April. Contact Marion 5793319

Missions Without Borders Coverup: Friday 29th March at 10am. Coffee morning at Ruth Buckleys. Saturday 25th May is a display at St. Christopher's Church Hall, Redwoodtown From 10am-3.30pm. *Jean Drake*

Combined Churches Service at Elim Centre tonight 7pm. Guest speaker Andrew Stone.

Throwing it out? Give us a shout. Unwanted furniture and household items in good condition can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353

Jan's Joy: *You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. Psalm 4:7*





'To The Cross And Beyond' Lenten studies Thursday evenings 7 – 9pm, starting 14th March, or Saturday mornings 9 – 11am, starting 16th March in Barnies. RSVP to Jan at Nativity office by Tuesday 12/03/19 Phone 5783909 or email: jan@nativity.org.nz All are welcome

Week One: A Question of Identity.

'Who do people say that I am?'....'Who do you say that I am?'

Scripture to reflect on. *Matthew 16:13-20*

SafeHere Training – Team Leaders, Coordinators, Clergy Blenheim: Saturday 23 March, Nativity Lounge 9.30am-12.30pm. A light lunch will be provided.

The training is for team leaders, SafeHere Coordinators, clergy and all who are involved in ministry with vulnerable people, i.e. children and elderly. If you have yet to complete your Team Leader SafeHere training or are in need of a refresher, then this training is for you. **Please register with Claire at safehere@nelsonanglican.nz**

Memories of Greymouth and Kumara Anglican Parish 1990s to 2018

Robin Kingston has written a 100-page booklet containing at least 40 topics and 200 coloured photographs of some of the highlights in the life of the parish and about many of the identities there. The cost of the book is \$20 and \$5.50 extra if posted. Please pay to Holy Trinity Church Westpac 030846: 0012777: 00 and reference as BOOK. Robin's contact is ph.027 0228 7926 and robin@greymouthanglican.co.nz.

Ministry and Mental Health training event - Saturday 16th March

Due to popular demand there will be a training event on mental health. This workshop will be shaped for those serving in ministry and will address topics such as how to identify and journey well with those affected, awareness of triggers, and caring for ourselves. The training will run **10-11:30am Saturday 16th March at All Saints Church, Nelson**. It will be led by Lisa Spriggins, Head of Counselling at Laidlaw College

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.

What's on this week:

Tues:	7pm	Boy's Group in Barnies
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Lenten Study in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	9am	Lenten Study in Barnies
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	4pm	CMS Meeting in the lounge
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM)
Praying for Nativity and our community.

Prayer Focus

This week we will continue using the alphabet as our Prayer Prompt M – R

- Mon. *Music.*** Did you know that music is mentioned over 800 times in the Bible? Music is a precious gift from God. It was created primarily for the worship of God. Read Psalm 28:6-9
- Tues. *Praying for our Needs.*** Another word for this type of prayer is petition. Sometimes we mis-use prayers, we get too occupied with our needs or wants. Let God decide whether we are to receive what we ask for or not. God's resources are unlimited. He gives in abundance.
- Wed. *Praying with Others.*** There are five basic steps in group prayer that are a good guideline when we are learning to pray with others. 1. Jesus is here. 2. Thankyou Jesus 3. Help me Lord. 4. Help others Lord. 5. Use me Lord. Read Isaiah 65:1
- Thurs. *Praise.*** Praise is the way into God's presence. Psalm 100:4 says "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise." We thank God for what he does. We praise him for who he is, Read Psalm 8 as praise out loud.
- Fri. *Quick Arrow Prayers.*** When Peter walked on the water and started to sink, he used a quick arrow prayer "Lord, save me." Using quick arrow prayers is a bit like learning to drive a car. At first you consciously think of every move and action – it becomes automatic. Try it today.
- Sat. *Responsibility.*** How often do we truly identify with our prayer? Sometimes we pray for situations/ people – we ask God to act – and having prayed we sit back... But praying implies that we are prepared to stand with the Lord in trying to achieve it. Think and pray this way today.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge
Assistant Priests

John Neal
Jonathan Wasley
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson

Youth/24/7 Worker

Rose Newton

Vicar's P/A

Jude Dell

Parish Nurse

Raewyn Parkes

Receptionist

Jan Burrough

Counselling

Kathy Hammond

Chaplain to the Elderly

Alison Brice

Care Cell Coordinators

Chris & Sue Donaldson

Vicar's Warden

Stephen Sheat

People's Warden

Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

Prayer Facilitator

Jane Sheat

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Friday - 9am -12noon

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Staff Days Off/On

Jonathan on leave to 31March
Fridays off: John, Rose, Jude
and Jan

Nativity Bank account: ANZ 060705 0429077 00