



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 10th November 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

### Continued from the Bishop's Charge Synod 2019

#### I have 3 Priorities for the New Season

##### **3. Leadership Development-** for lay and ordained

It has been said before that 'Everything rises or falls on leadership' and I tend to agree. Outside of divine intervention and prayer, everything does truly depend on the quality of leaders a ministry or organization has. If we're not intentionally raising leaders, having money, systems, plans and vision would still not be enough to see growth.

##### ***Coffee harvesting***

*I grew up on a coffee farm in Kenya. As subsistence farmers, we needed to work together with our neighbours to find enough workers to help us with the harvest. We had a short window to harvest the coffee, when the bean was perfectly ripe, and to take it to the cooperative. If you did not organise workers to help you with the task of harvesting, some of your crop went to waste.*

Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37) So where are we going to find these labourers, these leaders?

Well first let's take Jesus at His Word "Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest would send out more labourers into the harvest field" (Matthew 9:38)

This should be a daily prayer "Leaders, leaders, leaders. Lord, give us more leaders". Would it be great if we populated our system with something like 20-30 people who could plant or lead a church in the next 5 years? Wouldn't it be great if in 10 years we have an over capacity of trained leaders that we send them out to other churches beyond our diocese and even overseas?

The size of the harvest you gather depends on how many harvesters you have. We are all harvesters, but we need leaders who can lead culture change.

These harvesters are leaders who need raising up. Jesus didn't leap into the field and spend all his energy harvesting – his strategy was to invest his time in 12 disciples. The first thing he did was find his leaders and grow them.

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## Welcome to our services today! 10th November 2019

**Theme:** The Woman at the Well

**Readings:** Job 19:23-27a & John 4:5-26

**Sentence:** And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes — I, and not another. *Job 4:26-27a*

**Collect:** God of new beginnings, you hold life and death in your hands; may our hope in your power and love strengthen us to live creatively, not fearing the future, but knowing that in the end all shall be well; through the Risen Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



### Items of Interest

**Care & Share:** Tomorrow Monday 11th Nov., 9.30am to 11.30am in the lounge. Come and join us, bring a friend.

**Copies of sermon series** of “Living Below with the Saints We Know” and “The Anointing” series in booklet form are available at the back of the church for a donation of \$2 to cover printing cost. Place donation in the little box provided.

**Have you done it yet?** The Parish Directory and Parish Roll copy is in the foyer. Please check we have your details correct and sign if you wish to go on the Parish Roll. To go on the Parish electoral roll you must be baptised, have been at Nativity for at least 4 months and attend church on a regular basis.

**Last Pastoral Care meeting** for the year is Thursday 28th November 11am to noon in the Nativity lounge.

**Have you room in your home** for one more? Open Home Foundation would like to hear from you. Contact Steven Dunne phone 021 408 616 or email [Steven.Dunne@ohf.org.nz](mailto:Steven.Dunne@ohf.org.nz)

**Jan is retiring!** We would like to bless Jan, our Receptionist Extraordinaire, with a gift to thank her for many years of wonderful and selfless service. If you would like to contribute financially to this gift, please place this in the offertory bag in an envelope marked “Kathy”, or else you may give this to our Parish Administrator, Kathy Taylor, directly.

**Family BBQ lunch** Sunday December 1st, in conjunction with Jan’s farewell. We plan to have a fun family outing and farewell Jan, our Receptionist Extraordinaire with a memorable occasion. Arrangement details on the notice board. Diary it now.

**Expressions of interest** are invited to form a joint Anglican-Catholic Gospel sharing social group. For interest and exploration please contact Graham Mansfield on ph. 570 5018 preferably mid-afternoons to evenings.

#### **Jan’s Joy:**

*It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*



## Bishops Charge to Synod continued...

Who will continue your work?' How many young leaders are you investing in? How are we passing on the baton of leadership to the next generation? (Psalm 71:18)

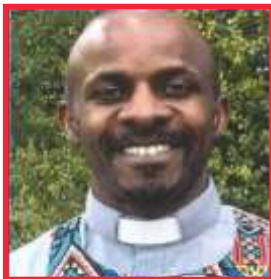
Interesting that Moses found 70 leaders in a day (Numbers 11:10-25) because they were already there.

Sometimes the people God's calling as labourers in the harvest are not who we would choose.

Would you have chosen the 12 disciples? Jesus saw people who were perhaps overlooked, and he intentionally invested in them, he empowered them. Andrew, Peter, James and John were business owners. Matthew was a tax collector, so he knew how to handle criticism.

So ordained ministry, while it is vital, is not the only pathway for serving in the diocese. We are blessed to have many people in self-supporting leadership! This is a real strength and a resource that can help us move forward.

## To be continued...



## What's on this week:

<b>Mon:</b>	9.30am	Care and Share in the lounge
<b>Wed:</b>	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Misfits in the shed
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
	7.30pm	Holy Spirit seminar in Barnies
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	4pm	CMS meeting in the lounge
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



## A Scottish Blessing

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.  
May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,  
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.  
And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,  
like a candle set in the window of a house,  
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.  
And may the blessing of the rain be on you,  
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,  
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,  
and sometimes a star.  
And may the blessing of the earth be on you,  
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,  
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;  
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.  
May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly;  
up and off and on its way to God.  
And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.



- What is the purpose of the prayer?
- What does it teach/affirm about God?
- What response is it seeking from God?
- How might this prayer change the person praying?



## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

**Priest-in-Charge**  
**Assistant Priests**

**Richard Dyer**  
**Kaye Dyer**  
**John Neal**  
**Miriam Taylor**  
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**People's Warden**  
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