



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 11th June 2017

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

Today is another special feast day in the life of the church. It's the only day that celebrates a doctrine rather than a person or event. That alone indicates its importance.

Its importance is in what it says about God and us. That importance is that we are made for relationship.

The concepts of both relationship and of the Trinity are at once complicated and very simple. They just are. Heavier than air things float and fly. How? They do.

Both Trinity and relationships are a mystery yet as basic a fact as there can be.



Our human relationships are not perfect by a long way. We know we need each other, yet we find ourselves at loggerheads in our friendships, in our business dealings and sadly, in our families.

That's why this Parish insists that Marriage Preparation takes place for any weddings we do. That's why we will run for 8 weeks The Marriage Course at the end of July.

The Trinity (Tri-Unity) demonstrates and celebrates the level of relationship that creation was always designed to display - "in his image". The beautiful 23rd Psalm looks forward to this unity we one day shall have, in its closing verses:

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD, forever." (Psalm 23:6)*

May you and we together ever travel more closely to this our purpose.

God bless

Bob and Libby Barnes

Items of Interest

If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the account number is ANZ: 060705 0429077 00, the code to use is 115.06



The Marriage Course is an eight-week course designed to help you and your spouse strengthen your relationship.

What is the course like?

There is no group work, it is for you as a couple!

You get a share a meal together before watching a DVD of practical talks. This DVD is interspersed with time for private discussion for you as a couple.

When

July 26th – Sept 13th

Wednesday Nights 7-9:30pm during the third school term.

Where

Marlborough Vintners Motel.

How much?

\$150 per couple covers the 8-week course.

How do I register?

Places are limited, so please contact Jonathan as soon as you are able. To ensure your place we ask for an advance payment.

www.nativity.org.nz/the-marriage-course.html

All together equip tour 2017: Tuesday

13th June 5pm at Blenheim Baptist Church. Brought to you by the All Together NZ and Hope Project team. See notice board for more information.

On 05 July Miriam will undertake her ninth mission trip to Aworor Village, on Gaua island in northern Vanuatu.



There she will share the gospel with the women and children at the school and kindergarten. This year her granddaughter, Jessica, will travel with her to share dance.

Donations towards the purchase of stationery, and building renovations at school and church would be greatly appreciated.

Please place in a marked envelope in the collection bag or leave at the office. With grateful thanks. Miriam

Want to keep up with what's on? Look at the website for lots of information about the parish. Ministries and services offered to and by the parish, pew sheets, sermons, giving options and other news.

Donations of small appliances in good working order, including video players, stereos, microwaves, radios, blow dryers, dvd players, game consoles, toasters, jugs, cake mixers etc, will be accepted at The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Jan's Joy: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth. Psalm 108:4



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

Welcome to our services today! 11th June 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Trinity

Readings 8am & 10am : Psalm 139:1-12 & Ephesians 3:14-19

Sentence: You O Lord reign for ever; your throne endures from generation to generation. *Lamentations 5:19*

Collect: Father, you sent your Son to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy; open our hearts to exalt you, open our lives to reveal you, our one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**



WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Over the next two weeks we will think and pray about 12 lessons about the Holy Spirit from John's Gospel.

Mon. John 1:32 - 34 Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and would fill others with his Spirit.

Tues. John 3:1 - 8 We can only enter the Kingdom of God by the new birth of the Spirit.

Wed. John 3:34 The Holy Spirit's ministry was limited in the old Testament but it is without limit through Christ.

Thurs. John 7:37 - 39 The Holy Spirit longs not only to flow into believers but also to flow out through them.

Fri. John 14:16 - 17 The Holy Spirit will remain with believers permanently instead of temporarily.

Sat. John 14:26 The Holy Spirit will teach, reveal, and bring to our remembrance the things of God.

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) Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

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

Tuesday Prayer time 4.30-5.15pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Tues:	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes 4 Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	4pm	CMS Prayer meeting in the lounge
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Nativity@7

June 11th: 7pm in the hall **Speaker:** Susan Howarth

Prayer for the Church Building Project

Dear Lord,

The highest heaven cannot contain you, and your dwelling place is among your people who do need shelter and places to meet.

Grant us wisdom that what we build may be for the blessing of all your people.

Grant us courage to let it be your tool to further your mission in this community through us.

Grant us humility that what we build may be to your glory alone.

These things we pray Holy Father, through Jesus our Lord who lives in us by your Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Assistant Priests

Youth/24/7 Worker

Vicar's P/A
Parish Nurse
Parish Manager
Receptionist

Counselling
Care Cell Coordinators

Women's Ministry
Chaplain to the Elderly
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden

Bob Barnes
Susan Howarth
Jonathan Wasley
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Kevin Gwynne
Rose Newton
Jude Dell
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Kathy Hammond
Miriam Taylor &
Shirley Ramsay
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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.