



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 11th March 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



“Surely he was the Son of God!”

Items of Interest

Canvas tonight 5.30pm in the hall.

Tuesday Prayer time 4.pm-5.pm

Please note this is postponed until further notice.

Nativity AGM is on 19th March, 7.30pm in the church. All are welcome to attend. Nomination forms for Peoples Warden and Vestry Members are at the office.

Wairau Plains Parishes Picnic: Combined picnic for the Anglican Parishes to be held today at Pollard Park from 12.30pm. BYO lunch and enjoy fellowship with one another. Notification will be given this morning if weather is inclement and changes necessary.

She Hopes event on March 17, 10am-3pm at Elim Christian Centre with Juliagrace and Ps Amy de Vetter. If you want to register but are unable to do so due to not having a computer or unsure how to, then please talk with Rosimeire Cookson at the 10am service and she will take your registration and money. Cost is \$25. Registrations by 14 March please as it is a catered event. Registration link: https://bcma.infoodle.com/form_process?g=afceb88d-7e5d-4a02-a700688061f0128b

Can You Help? I have a package of stamps, sorted and trimmed, ready for the Anglican Missions Board. If anyone will be in Wellington in the next few weeks and able to take them to the office at 32 Mulgrave St. Thorndon, will they contact me please? My usual courier - Pam Neal - does not expect to be going again before August. *Margaret Jarman*

Order of St Luke: A healing seminar is to be held in Blenheim as Wesley Centre on Wednesday 21st March from 10am-3pm. This meeting will be conducted by Rev. Frank Rigg. Copies of his recent book "Wholeness Unlimited" will be available at \$10 each. This covers a lifetime being involved in the healing ministry. All are welcome. Blenheim Contact: John Bush 03 577 5664 or johnbush.area5@gmail.com

Combined Good Friday Service: Plans are in place to go ahead with this event. The theatre has been booked and there will be more information as it comes to hand.

NZ CMS prayer meeting Sunday 18 March 2018 at 4pm in the counselling room.

Easter Camp 2018! An epic week of fun, adventure, and encounter! High School students interested must be in touch with Rose before the 15th March! 0277275888

Youth: Has God put our young people on your heart? Please contact Rose to be part of the conversation! 0277275888

Misfits: We are looking for unneeded tools to be donated for amazing projects! Please drop them to the Nativity Church office. Thank you! Jeremy.

My House Shall Be Called A House Of Prayer!

Luke 19:46

Raewyn and Jan invite you to join them Monday to Thursday, 8.45am – 9am in the church for prayer for Nativity and our community. All welcome.

Jan's Joy: *The desire of the righteous ends only in good. Proverbs 11:23*

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 March 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: God on a cross

Readings 8am & 10am: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 & Matthew 27:45-54.

Sentence: We are fools for the sake of Christ, ... When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly.

1 Corinthians 4:10, 13



Collect: O God, giver of life and health, your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail; refresh us with your grace that we may not be weary of well-doing; for the sake of him who meets all our needs, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Disappointment! "When expectations fail to be met" That is a message for all of us.

Mon. Sometimes we are disappointed with those we look up to. Think of Samuel, left in the care of Eli who failed so badly. BUT Samuel grew and the Lord was with him. Pray today for the folk you look up to.

Tues. Sometimes we are disappointed in those we live with. Think of Joseph sold into slavery by his brothers. What an invitation to bitterness – but God used it for good. Pray today for those you live with.

Wed. Disappointed in those we work with. Think of Moses – he left Aaron in charge and when he returned Aaron had messed up in a big way. Pray today for work relationships.

Thurs. Disappointment in those you've poured your life into. Think again of Moses en-route to the promised land and the complaining, accusing, blaming folk with him. Pray today for those feeling discouraged.

Fri. Disappointment in ourselves. Think of Peter "I'll never abandon You Lord." but under pressure three times he denied knowing Jesus. Thank God that His Grace and Forgiveness covers us when we mess up.

Sat. When you are disappointed don't let it drag you down into hopelessness and despair. Praise God for His enabling in all circumstances.

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) or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators 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

Tues:	4pm	Prayer for Easter postponed
	7pm	Alastairs Group in the lounge
Wed:	7pm	Boys Group in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for 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 counselling room
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Combined Churches Men's Breakfast

\$10pp. At The Foundry, 3 Henry Street. 8am. Saturday 24th March

Guest speaker: Peter Goulter an achieving business person setting goals with Godly principles. Life Coach within Promise Keepers NZ..

Register with:
Murray 021704194
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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	Miriam Taylor & Shirley Ramsay
Women's Ministry	Libby Barnes
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose and Jonathan:
Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.