



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 11th November 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



This Sunday we commemorate 100 years since the signing of an armistice agreement between Germany and the Allied Powers, signalling the end of World War One. Though this war was not the first, nor the likely to be the last, it has a personal connection to us in New Zealand. Many families from this country sent people to serve who never return home the same... if they returned at all.

Today we celebrate peace. Armistice means an agreement to cease fighting; a truce. In Christ Jesus God offers the ultimate loving sacrifice. Because of Jesus loving actions, we are no longer be at war with God, nor he with us.

Rather:

'...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.' Hebrews 12:1b-3

Today we remember those who have come before us and those who gave up their lives for us. As you consider this, consider also what other forms of sacrificial giving there are. What form might sacrificial giving take for you this week?

Items of Interest

Service Feedback Sheets for 10am

service: Please take time to fill in the sheet from the back of the church and hand to sides - people as you leave the service today.

Seniors Luncheon: Saturday 24th November at 12noon in the Nativity Centre. Please let Jan at the office know if you are coming and if you need transport by 22nd November.



Welcome if you are visiting today.

Please take time to fill in the Welcome to Nativity forms at the end of the pews. Give to sides - people or clergy as you leave.

You are invited to an afternoon tea to farewell the Anderson family at 3pm in St Christopher's hall on Sunday 11th November; Sam's last service will be at 9am on Sunday 11th November.

Rental accommodation wanted, three bedroom plus sleepout for retired clergy. Phone Jan 5783909

On Sunday 25th

November everyone is invited to a share lunch to celebrate Revd. Canon John Neal's 50 years of ordained ministry. RSVP to Jan at the office by 22nd November. If your surname begins A-M please bring savoury food. If N-Z bring something sweet.

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 and for the week following.

The Blue Door is 20 Years Old!

Celebrating with a morning tea at the shop 10.30am-12pm Saturday 24th November. Cake and cuppa.



Operation Christmas

Child: Congratulations Blenheim. 415 boxes were sent this year as opposed to last years 290. Awesome givers.



Check out the prayer board in the foyer so you can pray for your church. Updated regularly.



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

Marlborough Singers and The Marlborough District Brass Band are presenting 'The Armed Man' - a Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins at the ASB Theatre today at 4pm. Tickets are \$35.

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 November 2018

Theme: Prince of Peace

Readings 8am: Malachi 3:16-18 & Luke 22:14-20

10am: Hebrews 11:32-12:3

Sentence: God is **our** refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46:1*



Collect: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts we pray through him who is the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

Weekly Prayer Focus

“Let us never give up meeting together.” Hebrews 10:25

- Mon.** Migratory birds fly in a V formation – they know they have to fly united. Pray for unity in our church and families.
- Tues.** Scientists tells us that flying in formation increases the birds flight range by 71%. Pray unity.
- Wed.** A solo bird could never complete the trip but in formation in youngest, oldest, weakest get there. Pray for our youngest, oldest and weakest.
- Thurs.** Birds do collectively what they could never do alone. Pray for all the leaders of groups in Nativity.
- Fri.** “Let us not give up meeting together.” God is staying “Stay in formation – you weren’t designed to fly solo.” Pray for Sunday services.
- Sat.** You are part of the body of Christ, created to function in unity with other parts. Stay in formation and enjoy the uplift!

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.

What's on this week: 32nd Week in ordinary time

Mon:	7pm	2nd Diocesan meeting in the hall
Wed:	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	4pm	CMS meeting in the counselling room
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Election of New Bishop: Second meeting held at Nativity.
Meeting 2: Monday 12th November, 7pm in the hall is an opportunity to prayerfully discuss who God might be calling to be the next Bishop in light of the information collated from meeting 1. It will be a process of prayerful discernment.

10am Services for November/December

- 11th November:** Family service (short) WW1 commemoration at Seymour Sq.
18th November: Regular service with Nat. Kids and First Steps
25th November : Parallel service
2nd December: Regular service with Nat. Kids and First Steps
9th December: Regular service with Nat. Kids and final First Steps
16th December: Family Service

Jan's Joy: For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Romans 14:17



A prayer service in the Taizé style today in St. Barnabas Chapel at 4pm. Based on The Fruit of the Spirit. All welcome.



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
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Women's Ministry	
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
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