



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 11th September 2016

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 guests

*"Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where dem boidies is. Some say da boids is on da wing. But dat's absurd - da wings is on da boids!"*

That's meant to be said with a strong Bronx accent. Penned in the late 1940s or early 50s it's a fun Springtime ditty. (At least it is for those of us with a strange sense of humour ... Bob!)

It matches the season of Spring well - a season when nature goes mad. One day it's warm and sunny, but a freezing squall can come through that afternoon. The fruit trees are naked, but their branches have bulges that look set to burst – and burst into leaf or blossom they do. The days are lengthening and the grass is growing a mile a minute. (Where's that lawn mower gone?)

It's also a fairly hard time of year. With the longer days we get tired – especially with Daylight Saving (Sept 25th), bugs and germs multiplying with the new warmth, and bodies still recovering from the winter. So today we celebrate our annual Spring Flower Festival. Many of you will have brought flowers. Others will take them to those who cannot attend public worship. All of us can be uplifted by their beauty.

You are invited today, to join our Creator Lord and God, Jesus; who lifts us above the hurts and rejections we all face during the winter times in life. He says to us

*"...Arise, my love, my fair one and come away; for now, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come..."*

(Song of Solomon 2:10-12)



Bob and Libby

## Items of Interest

**Choral Evensong** 5pm, tonight at Nativity church. All welcome

**Connections:** You are welcome to bring some finger food and share a time of fellowship, food and gospel story in the lounge tonight at 5.30pm

**Nativity @ 7pm:** All welcome to join us for a cuppa and worship. All welcome.

**The Blue Door:** 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.

**Operation Christmas Child** –Shoe Box Appeal is on again during September and October. Boxes are available the foyer.

**It is our Spring Flower Festival** today please feel free to take flowers to those who are in rest homes or are house bound.

**NZ CMS AGM** Sunday 18 September at in Nativity seminar room (upstairs). Afternoon tea at 3pm then Margaret Rodley will speak about her visit to a Kenyan church. A short AGM will follow. All welcome.

**The Church copy** of only seven in the Country of the Declaration of Independence and Treaty of Waitangi dated 1877 has now gone to Te Papa for repair – thank you to our Parishioners who donated towards the cost. Alison Fuller has put together an illustrated record of gifts to the Parish which can be viewed at the Office with a request for anyone to view and if possible expand on the information contained therein.

**Creative Nativity** is our new venture. Would you like to send us poem, story, song, diary page, painting or photo? We each have a spark of our Creator, and can honour Him by using it to bless others. Post your contributions in the box in the foyer, or email [llamafarmer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:llamafarmer@xtra.co.nz).

**Planning ahead:** If you need offering envelopes for the next six months please contact the office. 5783909

**Soapbox Technology Series:** Can technology save us? Starting this evening at St Ninian's. A scientists perspective: biotechnology, will we edit our DNA, changing what it means to be human. Where are we going? Murray Broom, biochemist. All welcome

**Wellington Youth Choir Concert** at Nativity Church 3pm, Sunday 18th September. Door sales, cash only \$14 waged, \$10 unwaged. An eclectic programme of contemporary, classical, folk and popular music. There is something for everyone.

**Nativity Fun, Fund Raising and Fellowship Team** wishes to thank all who supported and attended the Soup & Pizza night. Special thanks to those who supplied food and worked hard in the kitchen. We are sure everyone enjoyed the evening.

**Next event to put in your diary is Nativity Twilight Garden Tour - Second week of November** (date to be confirmed)

Organisation is well under way for this event.

- ◆ Three beautiful gardens to visit (all owned by our parishioners)
- ◆ Meet at Nativity Carpark 5pm
- ◆ \$10 per person
- ◆ Sales table at each venue with jams, marmalades, pickles.

Watch this space for more information

**Jan's Joy!** *Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*  
John 14:27



# Welcome to our services today! 11th September 2016

**Theme 8am & 10am:** Hurt & Rejection

**Readings 8am & 10am:** Isaiah 41:8-10 & Luke 12:4-7 & 32



**Sentence:** There is none like the God of the upright, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33:26,27 (adapted)*

**Collect:** God our friend, you never change, you are always here. When we are lonely or helpless you watch over us. Hear us, be with us, as you were with your Son, alone on his cross. **Amen**

## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Dr. David Jeremiah says “When you’re sick, physical symptoms let you know there’s something wrong”.

“Me Virus” has warning signs too. Here are some “Me Virus” for you to pray about this week.

**Mon.** MIRRORITIS. Obsession with your appearance.

**Tues.** MONEYITIS. Tightfistedness, equating your self-worth with your net worth and overspending on personal wants.

**Wed.** MICROMANAGEITIS. Insisting on doing things your way.

**Thurs.** MAJESTYITIS. An exaggerated opinion of your importance and a sense of entitlement.

**Fri.** MAKEOVERITIS. The drive to “one-up everybody else.”

**Sat.** The Psalmist prayed “Look into my heart.” Psalm.139: 23 and “each of you has received a gift....to serve others.... that in everything God will be praised 1 Peter 4:10 – 11.

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

**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, Kevin or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

**Prayer Chain:** Anne Dillon 5782363 & Fay Johnstone 5783763 are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

**Tuesday Prayer time 4pm-4.45pm  
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.**

## What's on this week

<b>Tues:</b>	2pm	Afternoon care cell in the lounge
	4pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir in the church
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the centre
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



**Jam makers**, we have small clean jars with lids, fruit and sugar at reception if you are able to make marmalade, jam or pickles for our fundraising. **NB.** we have enough marmalade with **grapefruit**, so it would be appreciated if marmalade could be made with oranges, lemons, limes, mandarins or tangelos. If you have surplus citrus fruit (excluding grapefruit) please drop it into the box at reception for those who can do a little extra cooking. We value your support.

## Nativity Needs You! "Some Ministry Opportunities available now"

### Volunteers needed:

Cleaner/s to clean the church and centre on Fridays or Saturdays (2 hours).

Operators for sound desk, data projection.

Communion set up 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. (Urgent)

Communion servers, sidespeople and readers at the 8am services

Sidespeople for the 10am service.

Training will be given for all volunteer jobs. See Jan at the office.



## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
Vicar's P/A  
Parish Manager  
Receptionist  
Families/Youth Pastor  
Assistant Priests

Parish Nurse  
Counselling  
Care Cell Coordinators

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