



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 12th March 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 friends

Welcome to our visitors and most especially to Archdeacon Robin Kingston.



Robin has been with us this weekend, presenting a seminar on something that is so real for us all – our memories and how we deal with the hurtful ones.

Today at all 3 of our services, he will speak on this topic.

Robin's life and ministry experience have equipped him well to write a book on this topic as well as to speak on it. As Assistant Priest at Greymouth Parish, he was at the forefront of caring for people and media contact when the Pike River mine exploded. He was a former vicar at Greymouth for over 20 years. Now he's married to the current Vicar - Marge Tefft. Robin is particularly gifted in teaching and

the healing of memories ministry.

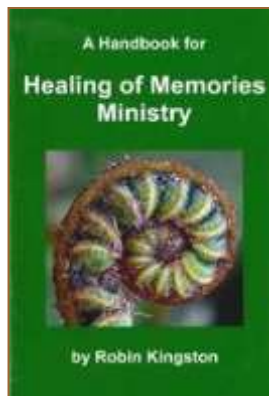
As always, at the end of each service there will be opportunity for you to ask for prayer ministry. Trained prayer ministers will be available to pray with you about anything that's on your heart or mind – be it about memories or anything else.

The need for healing of memories is not new. In the ancient book of Genesis (41:9) a man who'd been freed from prison, but forgot to whom his release was due, suddenly remembered. As he began to make amends, he said to the ruler "I remember my faults today."

God knows about memories too. He remembers his people in pain and slavery. He calls us to remember – at the upmost to remember what he did for us in the person of Jesus. Then for us to intentionally do something about it. He has. We encourage you to take this opportunity to respond – don't hold back. God is waiting to set you free.

God bless

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

Nativity Church Office will be closed Tuesday 14th March for staff training. The answerphone will be switched on and you can leave a message or you can ring after 9am Wednesday. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Blenheim Anglican Parish AGM 7.30pm tomorrow evening. All welcome.

Wairau Plains parishes have a combined picnic 19 March from 12.30pm at Pollard Park. If it is raining on the day we will decide that morning whether to cancel or not, as we did in November.

5.30pm share meal tonight with Reverend Robin Kingston in the lounge, prior to the 7pm service. Testimonies and teaching. All welcome.

If you need more offertory envelopes for the next six months please contact the office 5783909 or jan@nativity.org.nz., by Monday 27th March.

Harvest Festival Service 19th March, 10am. You are invited to bring along tinned or spare produce which will be shared between the Community food bank and Bread of Life. This is a time to give thanks to God for the abundance with which we are blessed.

Twilight Autumn Ramble Wednesday 22nd March, \$15 per person, cost includes three garden visits + coffee & dessert. Join us for coffee/tea & dessert, garden art and music. Last day for tickets 20th March.

Lenten Retreat: Friday 24th March 10am - 3pm. "My Cup Overfloweth" at Wairau Hospital Chapel: Director Rev. Kevin Gwynne. Registrations not necessary. Enquiries Ph. 021 2697954 Cost: \$10 BYO Lunch - or from Cafe. Please bring: Bible, pen, notebook.

How to give more for less: The financial year ends 31st March and donations for mission received before that date are eligible for 2017 income tax rebate. If you would like to donate regularly to Anglican Missions please ask at the office or me, for monthly envelopes. May to October envelope sets will be out next month. Margaret Jarman.

Please remember to sign the petition in the church foyer asking the House of Representatives "That an expert panel be appointed to investigate the public health effects and societal harms of pornography to both children and adults, and to make policy recommendations to Parliament." Last day to sign is 18th March.

Expressions of interest are invited from anyone interested in representing Nativity on the Wairau Hospital Chaplaincy Committee (officially called local support Group). Details available from the Nativity office. The main role of the LSG is to support the Chaplain and team.

Taylor River Walk: Thursdays at 8.30 am for about 45 minutes, meeting at the carpark by the Henry Street footbridge off Nelson Street. All welcome. Contact Pam Neal 5777442 or Fay Johnstone 5783763.

Coming Up: 12th & 13th May, Firebird New Zeal Conference: "Healing the wounded soul." Here at Nativity. This is for men and women. Experience God's healing power in your life. More information to come.

Jan's Joy: But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in it's wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Malachi 4:2



Welcome to our services today! 12th March 2017



Theme 8am & 10am: Spiritual Disciplines: Healing past hurts

Readings 8am & 10am: Isaiah 61:1-4 & Matthew 5:43-44, 6:14-15

Sentence: The Lord has chosen me to heal the broken-hearted, and to announce freedom to prisoners and captives. *Isaiah 61:1*

Collect: Merciful God, you long to see people healed of past hurts. Thank you that you forgive us for any sins we commit. Enable us, by your Spirit, to forgive those who have sinned against us. Wash us clean, set us free and use us for the growth of your

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Encounter with God Bible Reading Notes mentions the five senses as different ways we receive ideas and impressions. Those are our focus this week.

Mon. Through our ears – the words we HEAR. Pray today for the preaching and teaching of God's Word in Nativity.

Tues. Through our EYES – the things we see, screen projected visuals, Christian films and books. Pray for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Wed. Through our MOUTH. The tastes we enjoy – the impact of Communion. Pray for the sick struggling to enjoy food.

Thurs. Through our NOSE. Thank God for the aroma of food, the joy of gardens, fresh clean air. Pray for those living in unclean and unhealthy environment.

Fri. Through our SKIN. – heat and cold, changing seasons, touch, movement, the warmth of a hug. Pray for children who live in fear of abuse.

Sat. "We write to you about the Word of Life, which has existed from the very beginning. We have heard it, and we have seen it, and our hands have touched it." 1 John 1:1 Thank God for Jesus – the Living Word.

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, Jane Sheat (5789004) Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Bob Barnes (5783909) Jane Sheat (5789004) & 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:	9am	Staff Retreat Day—office closed
	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Wed:	7pm	Vestry meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	7.30pm	Seminar in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	4pm	CMS Meeting in the lounge
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Nativity@7

March 12: Robin Kingston - Healing Memories

5.30pm **Share meal in the Lounge**

March 19: Tom Campbell—Coca cola evangelism versus the real McCoy.

Worship the King

There is a working bee proposed for Sat. 1 April around Nativity. Details later.

Street Intensive: Street clean up Sat. 8 April in Lucas St., 9am to midday. This a way we and other churches are able to bless our local community, with the District Council and Police.

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
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