



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 12th February 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

Today we're getting back into full swing – not that we've been idle during December and January! Pastoral care, planning, doing fun things together, re-working the detail of how and where people will be working together this year, and lots of other bits and pieces mean we can get into top gear now.

At the 10am service today, our modified children's and youth ministries are being commissioned for 2017 along with their leaders. The roles of paid staff are being described afresh in the next 2 weeks. As our AGM date of 13 March draws near we'll need to be aware of those important ministries where changes are happening. Bishop Richard has a letter which should be with this pew sheet about how we consider the election of Synod reps.



Every area of ministry requires certain mixes of spiritual gifts and native talents – and you have some! Certainly, enough and more, to be and do who you were created to be and do. Among those gifts and talents, before anything else, all ministry in the life of the church has three things in common. 1st is a relationship with the Lord Jesus. 2nd is a desire to serve him and his people. 3rd is an attitude that says “let me be exalted for you Lord, or set aside for you.”

Come to think of it, that's what it means to be a follower of Jesus! Everything else follows those things, whatever our age or the direction God calls us. You are invited! (Have a look at our website – go to the Giving tab, then Serving)

*But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine
(Isaiah 43:1)*

God bless

Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

Children and Youth Ministries start back today, 10am.

Nativity@7pm resumes tonight. Theme is wholehearted. All welcome.

Join in a Fun Fundraiser. Please note the date change: Tuesday 21st March, 5pm till 11pm stocktaking at Bunnings. This is a good fundraiser. We did it two years ago. Names needed at office by 22 February. Ph. 5783909

A Reminder to invite the Nativity Restoration Team to talk about the future of our facilities. Rosimeire Cookson, ph. 5781721, Keith Buck, ph. 5781823, Brian Powell, ph. 5785828, Lyall Daines, ph. 5784331, Margaret Rodley, ph. 5788980.

Blenheim Anglican Parish AGM 7.30pm Mon. 13th March. Reports are due 24th February. Nominations for vestry, synod reps, and people's warden are welcome. Forms will be in the office. Vestry is our governance board.

World Day of Prayer, Friday, 3rd March, 10am, St Andrews Church, 5 Henry Street. The Theme for this year is Philippines. Am I being unfair to you?

Harvest of Grace - A presentation of 150 years of Mission in the Anglican Diocese of Nelson for sale at the office \$5 per copy. Proceeds of sale go to Kaikoura Earthquake Relief. Limited numbers.

Morning tea after 10am services: Two long serving couples have withdrawn from the regular roster so it would be much appreciated if some new, (perhaps younger), people would offer to replace them. Please look at the roster on the notice board to see what is involved and consider if this is something you could do to keep this opportunity for after—service socialising going. Margaret Jarman (convenor)

NZ CMS prayer meeting in Nativity counselling room on Sunday 19 February from 4-5pm. All welcome.

Nativity Library has a copy of 'Chasing the Dragon' by Jackie Pullinger which Susan mentioned in her sermon. Borrow it and look at the other good books displayed. You might be surprised!

"Nativity Twilight Autumn Ramble" is happening on Wed 22nd March. Initial organising is under way. Watch this space, more details to be advised. Mark it in your diary now.



Can you help? If you would like to help with youth in any way please contact Rose ph. 5783909 or 0277275888 or email rose@nativity.org.nz

Kay Dyer is presenting "Women in Focus" Let in the King of Glory. Cost is \$10. Registration forms at the office. Women with Focus is an interdenominational ministry that has been operating in the Top of the South since 2000 mainly in the Nelson region. This is our third event in Marlborough. 3rd –4th March at Picton Anglican Church. See the notice board by the hall for more information.

Jan's Joy: *You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:3-4*



Welcome to our services today! 12th February 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Welcome back

Readings 8am & 10am: Isaiah 43:1-10 & Ephesians 4:1-6

Sentence: One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord: and to seek you in your temple. *Psalms 27:4,5*

Collect: God of life and glory, your Son was revealed in splendour before he suffered death upon the cross; grant that we, beholding his majesty, may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**



WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Jesus didn't see people as losers, but as potential winners. Try to see others this week through God's eyes.

Mon. We may see a woman (or a man) with many failed relationships. Jesus sees them as opportunities for reconciliation. Pray today "Lord, help me to see."

Tues. We may see a blind man. Jesus saw him as someone with restored sight. Pray today "Lord, help me to see."

Wed. We may see a cripple. Jesus pictured a man picking up his mat and walking. Pray today "Lord, help me to see."

Thurs. Others saw Matthew as a reviled tax collector. Jesus saw him as a future disciple. Pray today "Lord, help me to see."

Fri. Others dismissed Zacchaeus as a crook. Jesus saw his searching heart. Pray today "Lord, help me to see."

Sat. Others saw an impulsive fisherman. Jesus saw a leader who could build His church. Pray today "Lord, help me to see."

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: Anne Dillon (5782363) & 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
Wed:	7pm	Vestry Meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	11am	Pastoral Care meeting in the lounge
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 Meeting in the lounge
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Healing of Memories Seminar.

With Reverend Robin Kingston.

Friday 10th March Seminar - 7:30 - 9:30pm
 Saturday 11th March Seminar - 9:30am - 4:30pm.
 Sunday 12th March 8am & 10am services
 Sunday 5.30pm share meal with Robin
 Sunday 7pm Testimonies and teaching

Seminar Cost: \$10. Robin's Book available for \$20.
 BYO Lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Register: Jan at: jan@nativity.org.nz or Ph. 578 3909.

Venue: All at Nativity Church

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
 Assistant Priests

Youth/24/7 Worker
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 Parish Manager
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 Care Cell Coordinators

Women's Ministry
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