



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 12th November 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 Nativity family and friends,

... and a big welcome to visitors. Many visitors are here for Garden Marlborough, so it's doubly good to have some of you take time to worship with us, the One who made all this beauty. How often we take it for granted, along with many other blessings.



Celebrating the beauty of the life on this planet, and caring for it, is an obligation for us all. Doing so places a marker for us in life, that reminds us of something significant. Maybe a new idea for your garden!

Milestones and Marker Posts are important in other areas of life too, for similar reasons. They're not only reminders of significance, of how far we've come, but more importantly, they're indicators that we're on the right track, and of where we go next. They are pointers and promoters of our Maturity.

Our faith journey is just the same. We have Milestones and Marker Posts which help us to Maturity in Christ. In the Anglican Communion, as with other parts of the Christian church, Confirmation was an important marker. In the ancient rite of Confirmation people would confirm before the parish and the Bishop that they were ready to own the promises made at their Baptism. It was an adult statement of faith, a sign of their maturity in the faith. Then the Bishop would confirm they were accepted as disciples, and by laying hands on them in prayer, commission them in Christian service. It's still the same.

If you would like to discuss markers for you to confirm or re-confirm your commitment to a walk in the faith of Jesus please have a talk with one of the Parish leaders soon.

Set up road markers for yourself, make yourself signposts; consider well the highway, the road by which you went (Jeremiah 31:21)

God bless

Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

For sale in the office we have packs of 10 small Christmas gift tags at \$2 per pack. Money raised is for the building restoration. These are kindly donated by a member of our Nativity family.

Today 5pm. join the East Coast churches for a time of reflection and celebration at St Peters Church in Ward to remember the challenges and the many good things that have occurred since the Kaikoura Quakes. Bishop Richard along with Fr. Pat McIndoe will lead the service. For more information see the board by the hall.

Great Training Opportunity here at Nativity Anglican Church, Friday 17 Nov. 7-9pm and Saturday 18 Nov. 9-5pm the Diocese of Nelson is hosting the Willowcreek Global Leadership Summit (as well as other places around the Diocese.) This is a great personal development opportunity in any sphere of life. Although you are welcome to turn up on the day, it is helpful for you to register.

To register go to <http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/gls> (cost \$40pp) includes booklet, morning and afternoon tea)

Salvation Army Women's Fellowship invite Nativity women to join their Annual Friends and Neighbours Day to be held Tuesday 14th November at 10am for morning tea in their lounge followed by a service in the Citadel at 10.45am. Guest Speaker is Shar Davis. Lunch at 12.15pm in the lounge. Gold coin donation towards costs would be appreciated. More information on notice board by the hall.

NZ CMS prayer meeting Sunday 19th November in Nativity Lounge 4-5pm. All welcome

Over 30 people attended the working bee last Saturday to clean-up around the Nativity property. It was all over by midday. A massive thankyou and appreciation to all the workers for your time and talents. Everyone worked hard, and the 10am cuppa was very welcome, along with the chatter of fellowship. Special thanks to David James and his team who trimmed trees on Friday and Garth Musher who contacted Crafar & Crouch – Picton for their donation of the rubbish skip. It is such a pleasure to see the Church grounds looking so tidy. God Bless. Nativity Fun, Fund Raising & Fellowship Team.

Mission Aviation Fellowship: Jerry Can Christmas appeal cards are available from the back of the church. Every Jerrycan funded is 20 litres of critical fuel to MAF, meaning help, hope and healing can reach the most isolated and needy parts of the world. They make a great gift and each purchase \$35 comes with a card to say thank you for saving lives.

We have a paid position available for a gardener at Nativity Courts. This position would be suitable for someone who pays attention to detail and takes pride in a beautiful garden. The job consists of mowing lawns, edges, trim shrubs and hedges, spraying weeds and general gardening etc. Hours approx. four per week. Please contact Keith 5783909 or Roger 027-578-1163

Jan's Joy: I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. Isaiah 46:4



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

Welcome to our services today! 12th November 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Adult Faith

Readings 8am & 10am: Genesis 31:44-49 & Philippians 3:12-16

Sentence: Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my saving right hand.
Isaiah 41:10



Collects: Creator God, you have made us not in one mould, but in many: so deepen our unity in Christ that we may rejoice in our diversity. Amen

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

I lay my “whys” before Your Cross, in worship kneeling. My mind too numb for thought, My heart beyond all feeling. And worshipping, realise, that I, in knowing you, don’t need a “why”. (Ruth Graham.)

Here are a few “whys” to have a laugh about...

Mon. Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?
Why is “abbreviated” such a long word?

Tues. Why do doctors call what they do “practice.”
Why do you have to click on “start” to stop a Windows programme?

Wed. Why isn’t there a mouse –flavoured cat food>
Why didn’t Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Thurs. Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

Fri. Why do they call the airport “the terminal” if flying is so safe.?
Why does it say on Sleep Aids “Warning.. may cause drowsiness”

Sat. Why does it say on a child’s superman costume “Wearing this garment does not enable you to fly.”

God is our Heavenly Father. He loves us. He doesn’t mind our questions. As we face the “whys” in our lives – we will find peace. Bury or deny the “whys” and we will live disillusioned and bitter lives.

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.

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.
	7pm	Alastair's Care Cell in the lounge
Wed:	7pm	Vestry Meeting in the lounge
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
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



JOURNEY OF Faith

Nativity@7pm in the hall

Speaker: Bruce Vallance

All welcome

Come worship with us!

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Assistant Priests

Bob Barnes
Susan Howarth
Jonathan Wasley
John Neal

Youth/24/7 Worker

Vicar's P/A

Parish Nurse

Parish Manager

Receptionist

Counselling

Care Cell Coordinators

Miriam Taylor
Kevin Gwynne
Rose Newton

Jude Dell
Raewyn Parkes
Keith Buck

Jan Burrough
Kathy Hammond

Miriam Taylor &
Shirley Ramsay

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

Libby Barnes
Alison Brice
Stephen Sheat
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.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday
mornings only.