



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 13th November 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 friends

We warmly welcome you to Nativity today. If you are a visitor we do invite you to make yourself known to one of the greeters or the ministry team.



At our 10am service

we're especially honoured to have guests here for the commemoration of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War 1, on 11 November 1918. This includes members of the RSA and our new Mayor John Leggett. The commemoration will take place at the end of the service. We're glad you're with us today.

In war people are tested in many ways. Endurance, strength, faith and morals are to name just a few of those ways. New technology is developed and tested in the harshest conditions for both destructive and protective purposes.

Although very thankfully New Zealand isn't in a state of war with any other nation right now, **we are in fact in the middle of a war**. It's being fought in our streets, schools, workplaces, homes, hearts and minds. **It's a spiritual war**. To win this war we need to establish or recover a faith in the one who has battled the darkest evil, overcome death, who holds the universe he created in his hands, and loves everything he has made.

We need God's guidance. During the past few weeks we've been looking at how God guides. Today we will see that God invites us to test the guidance that comes our way, to see that it truly is of Him.

God bless you and yours with his wisdom.

Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

A big thanks and well done to the small team who collected money for the car parking. There was a grand total of \$454.70 plus 50 cent Euro raised.

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 in the hall.

Rosters are being prepared for January through to March. If you are going to be away any of this time please contact Jan at the office 5783909

For families in need or crisis we try to have a few readymade meals in the foodbank deep freeze. Our supply has almost run out. If you are able to help by cooking an extra portion or family meal and can drop it at the office to freeze it would be much appreciated. We will provide some containers if needed.

We would like to gather a few Christmas goodies ie. Christmas cakes/puddings, chickens, frozen vegies and other such extravagances to have in the food bank at Nativity to put into food parcels given out before and during the festive season.

Susan Howarth's ordination is Wednesday 30th November, 7pm at Nelson Cathedral.

Secret Sister Reveal Day: Not long now ladies! Sunday 20th at 2pm in Nativity Centre. Libby needs you to RSVP please by Thursday 17th. She hasn't heard from many of you. Hope you can make it. Don't forget to bring a plate of food for afternoon tea and a card for your Secret Sister.



Seniors Christmas Luncheon:

Saturday 19th November. Don't forget to book at the office by the 17th for catering purposes. Phone Jan 5783909.

Combined Anglican Churches Picnic:-

November 27th, 12.30pm. Pollard Park play area. Come and meet with the folk from Spring Creek, Renwick, Picton, and St. Christopher's for fun and fellowship. Bring your own picnic lunch and get to know your neighbours in Christ. All welcome.

Marlborough for Fun: Senior Citizens Variety Concert, Tuesday November 22nd, Wesley Centre at 2pm. For more information ph. 577 8935

Diary now: Convergence Family Camp 17-19 February 2017. Registration forms at the office or at the back of the church.

Le Vai Ola Retreat Open Day:

A Christian based retreat providing for— individuals, couples, small groups. Come and find out who we are, where we are, what we offer, our service, how we help, who we can help. Contact Nanai and Christine Naseri, ph 03 5452409, 027 256 9968, email: levaiolarettreat@gmail.com

Ladies, you are invited by the Salvation Army's Women's Fellowship to their Annual Friends and Neighbours Day on Tuesday 15th November, 10am for morning tea followed by a service at 10.45am in the Citadel, and lunch in the lounge. A gold coin donation towards costs would be appreciated. See notice board for more information.

House to rent. Three bedrooms, nonsmokers, no dogs. Contact Kaye Dyer, Ph 573 6466 or 021 175 8563.

Jan's Joy! *Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. Psalm 116:7*



Welcome to our services today! 13th November 2016

Theme 8am & 10am: Does God Guide– Testing Allowed

Readings 8am & 10am: Judges 6:34-40 & 1 John 4:1-6

Sentence: If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.
2 Timothy 2:13



Collect: Jesus our Guide, we journey in faith to resurrection, through failure, through success, through whatever lies ahead; for you are the way, and life. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Be courteous... that you may inherit a blessing.
1 Peter 3:8-9 Here are some “not - so - common courtesies” we should work on and teach our children. (From Word for Today 2009)

- Mon.** 1. Go out of your way to speak to people, ‘Pleasant words are healing.’
Proverbs 16: 24
2. Try to remember their names – it shows you value them.
- Tues.** 3. Smile: it increases your ‘face value.’
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you do, people will return it.
- Wed.** 5. Show genuine interest. You can find something good in almost anybody, if you try.
6. Be generous with your praise and cautious with your criticism.
- Thurs.** 7. Be slow to judge. There are three sides to every story- your side, their side, and the right side.
8. Instead of ‘using’ others, serve them. ‘Through love serve one another.’
Galatians 5:13
- Fri.** 9. Start trusting people – it builds lasting relationships.
10. Be humble. Oswald Chambers said ‘When a saint becomes conscious of being a saint, something has gone wrong”
- Sat.** Jesus said ‘Live so that people will... praise your Father.’ Matthew 5:16
Be courteous... that you may be a blessing

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 4.30-5.15pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
	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
	7pm	Choir in the church
Fri:	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	noon	Seniors Luncheon in the centre
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	1pm	Secret Sisters Reveal in the centre
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Youth Ministry in Marlborough - Two new positions beginning 2017

1. A full time role incorporating Nativity Youth Co-ordinator (25 hours/wk) and 24-7 Youth Team Leader (15 hours/wk) for the local colleges. The successful applicant will be able to show relevant experience in youth work and have the ability to work in both church and school environments.
2. 24-7 Youth Worker (10hrs/wk). The successful applicant will be able to relate well to youth and have a desire to engage with young people and staff in a school environment. Applicant will already be connected to a Marlborough church or be willing to become involved with one.

For information about either of these positions please contact:

24-7youth@nativity.org.nz or Jonathan Wasley at Nativity Anglican Church (03 578-3909)

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Manager	Keith Buck
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
Families/Youth Pastor	Susan Howarth
Assistant Priests	Jonathan Wasley
	John Neal
	Miriam Taylor
	Kevin Gwynne
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Care Cell Coordinators	Miriam Taylor & Shirley Ramsay
Women's Ministry	Libby Barnes
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Pauline Tisch
Prayer Facilitators	Kevin & Sheryll Gwynne

To Contact Us

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