



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 13th October 2019

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

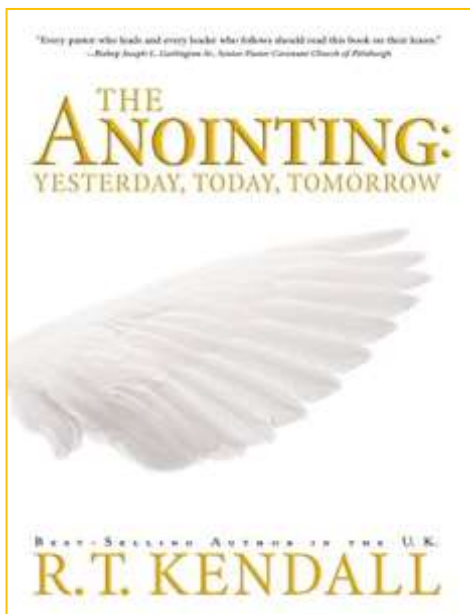
Today I begin a three part sermon series: The man or women of God – the anointing. It is based on the lives of three Old Testament characters – all well known to us. First Saul who we will describe as “yesterday’s man of God” He has the crown but lost the anointing. Samuel who is a picture of “today’s man of God” has to bridge the gap. Lastly David who we call “tomorrow’s man of God” He has the anointing but not the crown. He is the future king. Each of these men teach us about the role we can play in pursuing God’s plan and destiny for his people as followers of Jesus.

In the end it is all about the anointing of God on our lives. A fresh anointing is essential. It is what replenishes the call and gifts of God. If our anointing (Romans 11.29) is not renewed by God, we will be dependent on yesterday’s anointing. It’s okay to change your mind. Stubborn pride is such a foolish thing. St Augustine wrote a whole book on ‘retractions.’ That is the things over which he changed his mind.

If you want to explore this more read RT Kendall’s book “The Anointing” I have not read the book but we heard him speak on the topic.

Go well and blessings,

Richard



## Welcome to our services today! 13th October 2019

**Theme:** The Anointing Part 1

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 & Luke 17:11-19

**Sentence:** The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." *1 Samuel 16:7*

**Collect:** Life-giving God, as we experience your healing, may we proclaim your deeds, and turn to you to offer thanks and praise; through Jesus our Messiah, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



### Items of Interest

**Life in the Spirit Seminar:** Kaye Dyer and Kathy Hammond will facilitate a 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar on Wednesday evenings early in the next school term. Individuals or care cells interested please contact Jan at the office.

**Don't forget to register** for the Nativity Prayer Breakfast Saturday 19th October. 8am in the Nativity Lounge. Guest Speaker Reverend Victoria Askin. \$10 per person at the door. Contact Jan at the office 5783909 for catering purposes.

**Care & Share:** Next meeting Monday 21st October, 9.30am to 11.30am in the lounge. Come and join us, bring a friend.

**Prayer Chain:** Raewyn Parkes (5783909) is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. Please phone her or Jan on 5783909, with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

**Prayer Request box** in the foyer of the church is to write any prayer requests on the paper provided and pop it into the box. We will collect them, and they will be prayed through every Tuesday and for the week following.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Boxes are due back by October 24th or delivered to St Mary's office by 25th October.



**Parish Directory and Parish Roll copy** is in the foyer. Please check we have your details correct and sign if you wish to go on the Parish Roll, Prayer Directory and Parish Electoral Roll. To go on the Parish electoral roll you must be baptised, have been at Nativity for at least 4 months and attend church on a regular basis.



#### **Urgent Help Required:**

Nativity Kids need someone to help with craft supervision for

term 4. If you are able to volunteer - even for one or two Sundays, can you please contact Kathy 021570919 or email Kathy

**Jan's Joy:** *Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ.*  
*Ephesians 2:4,5*



**Enquiries** for part-time, full-time and internship-based study at Bishopdale College in 2020 are now open. Applications for scholarships from the St John's College Trust Board close 30 September for first semester study. If you are interested in finding out more about options and funding available, visit : [www.bishopdale.ac.nz/prospectus](http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/prospectus), or get in touch with the College Director, Kate Tyler by calling 027 544 2208 or emailing: [kate@bishopdale.ac.nz](mailto:kate@bishopdale.ac.nz). Study by video-link is available for those who don't live in Nelson.



**SOUP, SAVOURY & BUN LUNCH**

Sunday 13th October 2019

COST \$5.00 PER PERSON & \$15 FAMILY

Soup will be served in the Nativity Lounge at approx. 11.30am till Midday.

Tea & coffee available as usual.

Vegetarian, Gluten & Dairy free available



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

**WHEN IT IS TIME TO SAY GOODBYE**

**PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL**

Over the years I have run a seminar on planning your funeral. This may seem a strange thing to do but it can be one of the most wonderful gifts you can leave your family when they have to farewell you.

If you are thinking on coming please let either Jan, Robwyn or Richard know via the Nativity Office.

We need numbers for printing material

**TIME TO SAY GOODBYE**

7:30pm  
TUESDAY 22nd  
OCTOBER  
Nativity Lounge

[www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz)  
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Phone 03 678 3909

**What's on this week:**

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| <b>Tues:</b>  | 2pm    | Afternoon care cell in the lounge        |
| <b>Wed:</b>   | 4pm    | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies |
|               | 7pm    | Misfits in Barnies                       |
|               | 7pm    | Choir practice in the church             |
| <b>Thurs:</b> | 10am   | Eucharist in Barnies                     |
|               | 7pm    | Vestry meeting in the lounge             |
| <b>Fri:</b>   | 9.30pm | Tunes for Tots in the hall               |
|               | 1pm    | LINK in the lounge                       |
| <b>Sat:</b>   | 8am    | Prayer Breakfast in the lounge           |
| <b>Sun:</b>   | 8am    | Traditional Eucharist Service            |
|               | 10am   | Family Service                           |
|               | 5.30am | Canvas in the hall                       |



## A Prayer of Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

(Thomas Merton, 1915-1968)

This is another ancient prayer we can still find relevant today. Love it!

- What is the purpose of the prayer?
- What does it teach/affirm about God?
- What response is it seeking from God?
- How might this prayer change the person praying?



## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

**Priest-in-Charge**  
**Assistant Priests**

**Richard Dyer**  
**Kaye Dyer**  
**John Neal**  
**Miriam Taylor**  
**Kevin Thompson**  
**Kathy Taylor**

**Administrator**  
**Youth Worker**  
**Youth Intern**

**Rose Newton**  
**Jody Jansen van Vuuren**  
**Raewyn Parkes**  
**Jan Burrough**  
**Kathy Hammond**

**Parish Nurse**  
**Receptionist**  
**Counselling**  
**Chaplain to the Elderly**  
**Care Cell Supervisor**  
**Vicar's Warden**  
**People's Warden**  
**Prayer Facilitator**

**Alison Brice**  
**Kaye Dyer**  
**Stephen Sheat**  
**Jennifer Bennett-Burrows**  
**Jane Sheat**

## To Contact Us

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**Friday - 9am -12noon**

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