



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 14th April 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



The first Christian legion has reached the gates of Jerusalem,  
and the voices raised in praise never cease crying:  
*Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord!*

These cries reach the ears of the Pharisees...severe and dignified,  
to ascertain the cause of all this seditious uproar.

Some of them, drawing their robes of office more closely round  
them, shout to Jesus, saying: *Master, rebuke thy disciples, don't  
you know that such words may be spoken only to the Lord...*

But passing on, Jesus answered: *I tell you that if these should  
hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out!*

The immovable, voiceless stones out of which God might have  
raised up 'children to Abraham'; the scorching stones of the desert  
that Jesus would not turn into bread...the hostile stones of the  
roadway that were gathered to throw at him...even the deaf stones  
of Jerusalem...

would have been more responsive and more sensitive than the  
hearts of the Pharisees.

- Giovanni Papini 1881 - 1956

Yours in love and service, *John*

# Welcome to our services today! 14th April 2019

**Theme: Palm Sunday**

**Readings: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 & Luke 19:28-40**

**Sentence:** At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven and earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:10-11*

**Collect:** God of saints and sinners, these palms will dry and fade, our shout of 'hosanna' will change to 'crucify': forgive our treachery, grant us faithfulness to follow Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## Items of Interest

**Coming up** 11th May, 8am, in the lounge: Prayer breakfast with guest speaker Revd. Jo Keighley. Put it in your diary now. All welcome

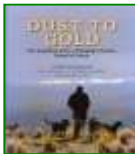
**After 23 years of faithful service** in Nativity Centre, Jude Dell retires this Easter. Discreet contributions to a farewell gift for Jude would help us suitably recognise all she has contributed to our parish life and can be handed to Jan at the front desk or left in the collection plate.

**Jude's friends and associates** are warmly welcomed to a pot-luck lunch to farewell Jude in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 17 April at 12 noon.

**John Neal - Priest in Charge**

**Found in Church cupboard:**

A book "Dust to Gold" by John Perriam. If this book is yours please collect from the office



**Are you on our emailing list?** If not and you would like to be kept in touch about things that are going on e.g. advising you of events etc. Please contact Pauline and Roger on aretisch@xtra.co.nz



**Winter Fellowship:** Join us for morning tea in the Parish Hall Sunday 28th April, also available will be soup, savoury and bun lunch (cost \$5.00 per person. ) Soup will be served approx. 11.30am onwards. Vegetarian, gluten and dairy free will be available. This is a fund-raising function and the plan is to possibly serve soup once a month over winter. All parishioners are welcome. Put it in your diary now.



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**Jan's Joy:** When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.  
**Psalm 94:19**



## Easter Services at Nativity

**Maundy Thursday 7.30pm** - Tenebrae Service

**Good Friday 3pm: The Cross** - A reflection on the crucifixion with hymns and scripture.

**Sunday: Resurrection Day!**

8am Eucharist

10am All Age Eucharist

5.30pm Canvas: Communion and a shared meal



**Community  
Good Friday Service 2019**

**Friday 19th April**

**ASB Theatre 10.30am**

**All Welcome**

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Thank you.

Next week is my last at Nativity.

I want to thank God for the privilege of serving both Him and you here in this parish. Many people have come and gone over the past 24 years, there have been lots of smiles, some tears and many changes, but I am truly thankful for the way I have been able to connect with you all and call many of you friends. Keep on loving each other and hold fast to our Father during these times of continuing change.

I love the following scripture, for it gives me hope:

*'And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear'. Isaiah 65:24.*

You will all remain in my prayers,  
with much love, Jude.

## What's on this week:

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| <b>Tues:</b>  | 2pm     | Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge             |
|               | 7pm     | Boy's Group in Barnies                        |
| <b>Wed:</b>   | noon    | Jude's farewell lunch in the lounge           |
|               | 4pm     | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies      |
|               | 7pm     | Choir Practice in the church                  |
|               | 7pm     | Vestry Meeting in the lounge                  |
| <b>Thurs:</b> | 10am    | Eucharist in Barnies                          |
|               | 7pm     | Lenten Study in Barnies                       |
|               | 7pm     | Tenebrae Service in the church                |
| <b>Fri:</b>   | 10.30am | Combined Churches Service at ASB Theatre      |
|               | 3pm     | At the Cross in the church                    |
| <b>Sun:</b>   | 8am     | Traditional Eucharist Service                 |
|               | 10am    | Family Service                                |
|               | 5.30pm  | Canvas- shared meal and communion in the hall |



**If you would like to join a care cell, Chris and Susanne Donaldson are our care cell co-ordinators Phone 5783909**

## Prayer Focus

As we approach the Easter Season – our prayers and thoughts should reflect our wonder and thankfulness.

- Mon.** Remember His incarnation, His birth in poverty, His baptism, and His fasting and trials in the desert. We praise You O lord.
- Tues.** For His agony in the garden, the Cross, his death and burial. We praise You O Lord.
- Wed.** For His resurrection and ascension, his gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Thurs.** Pray that our lives will be enlightened by His Word and Living presence. That Easter will fill us with hope and the assurance that He is risen.
- Fri.** Pray for our community as we approach the Easter Season, that the truth of the living Lord will be understood and recognised.
- Sat.** Praise the One God, known in Jesus, known through the Living Word, Present in the Holy Spirit, that we may prepare ourselves for the coming Easter Season.



### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge	John Neal
Assistant Priests	Miriam Taylor Kevin Thompson Rose Newton
Youth/24/7 Worker	Jody Jansen van Vuuren
Youth Intern	Jude Dell
Vicar's P/A	Raewyn Parkes
Parish Nurse	Jan Burrough
Receptionist	Kathy Hammond
Counselling	Alison Brice
Chaplain to the Elderly	Chris & Sue Donaldson
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### Staff Days Off/On

Fridays off: John, Rose, Jude  
and Jan