



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 14th August 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

Welcome to Nativity Church and especially to our visitors.

Sunset Seat

A quiet place for contemplation beyond the madding crowds

A solitary seat to rest and watch the burning sunset clouds

A place to sit

to think

to dream

to pray

or merely find captivation

in the universe at play.

(Chris Cookson)

Dear Nativity family, and visitors

Work and rest – seemingly opposites, they are part and parcel of the same coin. Too much of one we lose our vitality. Too much of the other we can break.

Work, Rest, Pray: the three-fold rhythm for life and for growing. To be able to grow as the complete people God created us to be, we must get this rhythm right. As individuals, as a church, we grow in those rhythms of life.

Have you got a purpose you call work? Are you making that Sabbath time to rest and recuperate? Most of all – often the hardest one - are you finding that “solitary seat” to sit quietly with our Lord Jesus? If any of those are out of sync, ask the prayer ministers to pray with you.

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:15

Grace and peace to you.

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

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. Alan and Christine from East Asia, who have a ministry with international students, will be speaking tonight. All welcome.

The Blue Door: Are you shifting house? Unwanted furniture and household items in good condition can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Nativity Social Event: Friday Fun & Fellowship - Soup and Pizza Night
Friday 2nd September: Numbers are limited so please get your tickets from Jan at reception. \$10 per person over 13, \$20 per family (2 adults and 3 children) \$5 per extra child over 5 years. (Under 5 free.) See flyer on notice board for more information, or pick one up from the office.



Deep Church prayer service in the Taize style is being held in St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies) **4pm - Sunday 21st August.** Everyone is welcome to join this worship service which includes prayer, scripture, song and quiet times.

The DVD of Bishop Richard's Synod Sermon is available for care cells and other small groups to watch, with a printout of some discussion questions. The sermon is also available in printed format.

Marlborough Singers Concert: today at 4pm at the Wesley Centre, with songs by David Bowie, Queen, Manhattan Transfer, Simon and Garfunkel. See notice board for more information.

Hungry for Justice: Live below the line is back. By eating on \$2.85 a day between 19-23 September and raising funds, you can make a difference in the lives of human trafficking and slavery victims. Last year's campaign enabled Tear Fund to make a dent in Thailand's human-trafficking industry, being responsible for 15% of total human-trafficking convictions! See the notice board by the hall for more information.

Raewyn will be having a left hip replacement on the 25th of August, she will then be a patient in Churchill trust till the following Monday. Family and friends will be staying with her for at least 4 days post discharge from hospital. This means Raewyn will be off work for six weeks, however she may do some light work e.g. Phone call after 4 weeks, post operation. Your prayer for Raewyn's operation going well and all who care for her during this time would be appreciated.



Evangelism is not a dirty word. Making evangelism good news again
Saturday September 3, 9.30am-4pm
St Christopher's, Blenheim. All are welcome – BYO lunch
Presented by Rev. Graham O'Brien.
Contact graham@bishopdale.ac.nz

Jan's Joy! *I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 59.16*



Welcome to our services today! 14th August 2016

Theme 8am & 10am: Rest and Work



Readings 8am & 10am: Genesis 1:27-2;3 & Matthew 11:28-30

Sentence: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29

Collect: Make us glad, we pray you, gentle God, to give each other your loving care; make us happy to receive it. May there daily grow within us a generous, trusting spirit. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Children learn what they live. We have printed this before – but it has ageless advice and meaning.

Mon. If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

Tues. If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

Wed. If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

Thurs. If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

Fri. If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.

Sat. If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith.

Sun. If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.

**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 4pm-4.30pm
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
	4pm	Prayer for the Parish 1/178 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:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the centre
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
	7pm	MOSP Convocation in the centre
Sat:	8.30am	MOSP Conference in the centre
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	4pm	CMS Meeting in the lounge
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Mission Order of St. Paul Convention 19-20 August at Nativity Centre.

The Vision of the Mission Order of St. Paul

*"The Order seeks to identify, train, disciple and release
Missional Leaders who have committed their lives to*

God and desire to serve him within authentic Christian Community."

Anyone interested in finding out more please talk to Susan. You are welcome to join us at the conference 9am, Saturday 20th August.

Registration forms are available at the office or see Susan Howarth.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Vicar's P/A
Parish Manager
Receptionist
Families/Youth Pastor
Assistant Priests

Parish Nurse
Counselling
Care Cell Coordinators

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

Bob Barnes
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Susan Howarth
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John Neal
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Miriam Taylor &
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