



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 14th July 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

These two words, humility and servanthood, are necessary for healthy relationships. They are not popular words, but they are biblical words; they are words Jesus used and he intends us to apply them. "Weary and burdened?" he asks (Matthew 11:28-30). "Then learn from me. Take my yoke, be linked to me, do it my way and gentleness and humility will bring you rest."

Think of all that nervous and emotional energy we use in fighting for our rights, attempting to climb the ladder of success, trying to create an impression, striving to attain position, handling the pressures of competitiveness, or seeking to dominate in relationships. Jesus offers rest. It is only as we link our life with his that we gain such rest.

Jesus says, 'Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Matthew 20:26-28).

Go well and blessings

Richard

Humility
is not thinking less of
YOURSELF,
but thinking of yourself
LESS.
C. S. Lewis

Welcome to our services today! 14th July 2019

Theme: Have You Heard

Readings: Philippians 2:1-11 & Luke 10:25-37

Sentence: He (Jesus) answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself." *Luke 10:27*

Collect: Guiding God, your wisdom is never far from us; may we love you with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind, and love our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus, the compassionate one, who walks with us every step of the way, and is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Care and Share is going well. Conversation and crafting is buzzing. You are welcome to come and join us every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 9.30am-11am for fellowship and craft. If you have any craft materials you no longer need we would welcome them. i.e. wool, scrapbooking paper, carving tools etc.

A big thank you to Raewyn, Pauline and team for the wonderful luncheon on Saturday. A good time was had by all.



A day of Prayer and Fasting for the appointment of a new Vicar, and the life and culture of Nativity is being organised for Wednesday 24th July. Barnies will be opened on the day from 9am to 4pm. A time sheet will be at the back of the church if you would like to choose a time to come and pray. More than one person can come at any time.



There will be a pamphlet at the back of the church. for those who need help to understand how to pray and fast.

Missionary Interest Meeting:

Wednesday 17th July, 10 am
at Witherlea Bible Chapel 47-49 Wither Road.

Invitation to hear Ken Rout a veteran missionary with Harvest Partnership. Morning tea available at 10am. Ken will speak from 10.30 with time for prayer and questions.

Ken has served the Lord in Africa and other places for several years. Recently his main concern has been the support of national pastors and their families in East Africa.

I am sure you will be blessed as you hear his report and encouraged to persevere with your personal ministry of prayer for the worldwide process of evangelism. It is always an encouragement to gather with other believers who have interest in mission.

Please feel free to invite any friends you know are interested in mission.

If you are planning to attend you could RSVP to Ellen Noble phone 579 5240.

Jan's Joy: My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
2 Corinthians 12:9



SOUP, SAVOURY & BUN LUNCH

**Sunday 28th
July 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 &
Diary free available



What's on this week:

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
	7pm	Vestry meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	5.30pm	Canvas 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:

- Mon:** Pray for God's wisdom for the nominators, the process and the person of God's choice to be our next vicar.
- Tues:** Our younger members are asking us to pray that people will know God. It is a blessing for us to know that children are joining in prayer with us. Pray people will come to know God and that our young people will become bold in their speaking to friends and family about God.
- Wed:** Pray that God will give us the desire to be still.
- Thurs:** Pray for all our families on holiday. Pray for good health, having fun together and safety for any who are travelling.
- Fri:** Praise God for the many volunteers who are working to keep Nativity functioning, bless them and us.
- Sat:** Pray for more volunteers to come forward for the various ministries that need more people power.

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 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) Prayer Facilitator, or ring the office and they can arrange this for you.

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.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge
Assistant Priests

Richard Dyer
Kaye Dyer
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson

Administrator
Youth Worker
Youth Intern

Kathy Taylor
Rose Newton
Jody Jansen van Vuuren

Parish Nurse
Receptionist
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Raewyn Parkes
Jan Burrough
Kathy Hammond

Chaplain to the Elderly
Care Cell Coordinators
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden
Prayer Facilitator

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Chris & Sue Donaldson
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