



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 14th October 2018

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 Nativity family and friends,

Welcome to life! Welcome to the day we celebrate life with a Pet Service. The first job God gave humanity at our creation was to be worshippers. The second was to care for creation. We've not always been good at either. In a Pet Service we go some way towards re-dressing our past shortcomings.

In this we partner with the SPCA and many other organisations. Let's whole heartedly celebrate the God given variety of life we share.



*All mountains and hills,
fruit trees and cedars,
every wild and tame
animal, all reptiles and
birds,
come praise the LORD!
Every ... man and every
woman, young people and
old, come praise the
LORD!
All creation, come praise
the name of the LORD.*

(Psalm 148 v9-13)

God bless

Bob, Libby,
Tom-Ther-Dog and Lady Jess Cat!

Items of Interest

Today in Barnies a Taizé style service at 4pm. The theme of the service is the Beatitudes and includes prayer, scripture, song, quiet. Everyone is welcome



Urgent

Are you going to be here for Christmas Eve service? We need people to be communion assistants for Christmas Eve. If you can help please contact Jan at the office asap. Ph. 5783909.

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are in the foyer of the church. Make a Child's Christmas, grab a box or two and bring them back filled to give away. Don't forget the \$10 postage fee to be enclosed. Boxes need to be back by 28th October to Nativity or Star of the Sea office in Maxwell Road.

The 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.

No CANVAS during the school holidays next service will be on 21st October.

Salvation Army Women's Fellowship invite Nativity Women to their annual Friends and Neighbours Day to be held Tuesday 6th November, 10.45am. Guest Speaker Mrs Wendy Lobb Topic: To Africa on a Mission. Lunch in the lounge 12.15pm – Gold coin donation. See notice board for more information.

Bible Society Christmas Cards: Taking orders to save you postage. Choose from traditional or NZ sets of 12 cards for \$8. Orders in envelope with name, sets wanted and payment to be left in the office (or given to Margaret Jarman by the end of October, cards to be collected mid November. Sample of illustrations on notice board.

Still in good condition but you no longer use it? Unwanted furniture and household items can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Check out the prayer board in the foyer so you can pray for your church. Updated regularly.

Jan's Joy: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 16:11



Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) Praying for Nativity and our community.

If you would like to know about the many vibrant Care-cells that make up Nativity please phone 5783909

Welcome to our services today! 14th October 2018

Theme 8am: Wealth and Worth

10am: Pet Service



Readings 8am: Amos 5:4-15 & Mark 10:17-31

10am: Genesis 1:24-26, 2:19-20 & Matthew 6:26

Sentence: The Lord who dwells on high is exalted, and will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge.
Isaiah 33:5,6

Collect: God of nations, you have given us a good land for our heritage; inspire in the people of our country a love of peace and a zeal for justice, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Weekly Prayer Focus

“And you shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.” *Matthew 1: 21*

- Mon.** An anonymous author made this striking comparison. “Socrates taught for 40 years. Plato for 20, Aristotle for 40 and Jesus for only three. Yet the influence of Christ’s three years of teaching infinitely transcends the impact from all other philosophers of all others.
- Tues.** He painted no pictures, yet some of the finest paintings received their inspirations from him. Jesus wrote no poetry, but scores of the world’s greatest poets were inspired by him.
- Wed.** He composed no music, still Handel, Beethoven, Bach and Mendelssohn composed their melodies in his praise.
- Thurs.** His unique contribution to the race of men is the salvation of the soul! No philosophy could accomplish that.
- Fri.** No art, no literature, no music – Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by Jesus.
- Sat.** Only Jesus can break the enslaving chains of sin and Satan. He alone can speak peace to the human heart, strengthen the weak and give life to those who are spiritually dead.

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 Chain: Bob Barnes (5783909) and Raewyn Parkes (5783909) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

What's on this week: 28th Week in ordinary time

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
	7pm	Meeting re New Bishop in the hall
Wed:	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
	7pm	Vestry meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	4pm	CMS prayer meeting in the counselling room
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Election of New Bishop: There will be two meetings held at Nativity.

Meeting 1: Tuesday 16th October, 7-9pm in the hall and will discuss and provide feedback on the following questions:

- What is our diocesan identity
- What is our vision
- What are we looking for in a new Bishop?

Meeting 2: Monday 12th November, 7-9pm in the hall is an opportunity to prayerfully discuss who God might be calling to be the next Bishop in light of the information collated from meeting 1. It will be a process of prayerful discernment.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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