



# The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 15th July 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,

It's good to be together once again. Coming together each week to worship God, to learn of his ways, and grow in fellowship with each other is a good stable point in our otherwise constantly changing world. Change is constant – even though that sounds like an oxymoron.

Even though change is stressful, there are however some healthy constants in life – one above all others. *“Jesus, the still point, in the turning world”* sang Jules Riding (Still Point). The letter to the Hebrews tells us that

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:8)*

During the last 2 months we've considered the core values of our faith, as expressed in the Catechism of the NZ Prayer Book (p.925ff). For the next few weeks we'll build on that solid faith. We're going to be looking at the changes happening around us, and the changes we need to make that let us stay who we are into the future.

For nearly two years God has given us prophetic warning that we are on a journey with him. It's an adventure. At times it'll be uncomfortable. Some things will need to be done very differently, so that we can be the same in our confession of faith, and witness to Him. Now the journey is starting to change pace. We need not fear. As long as we keep our eyes on our Good Shepherd, Jesus (*Psalms 23*) he will guide us through everything.

Let's walk it with each other, looking for the ways we can be community together, like the Parish dinner “Red Alert” on 28<sup>th</sup> July, and presenting The Marriage Course (August and September), but let's follow Jesus. When Bishop Richard is here on 23 September you can be Confirmed or re-confirm your Baptismal faith. Let's do this!

Grace, peace and strength to you.

Bob and Libby



## Items of Interest

**Senior Citizens Concert:** Thursday 9th August at the Wesley Centre, 2-3pm. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of jazz music, tea and biscuits, performed by the best youth musicians the South Island has to offer.



**Winter Half Day Retreat :**  
**In Barnies**  
**Saturday,**  
**21st July**  
**9am-12noon.**

Book at the office 5783909

### Alpha Marriage Course

The course is 7 weeks.

Running Tuesday evenings 7-9:30pm.

At Marlborough Vintners Hotel,  
Rapaura Road.

\$200 per couple for the whole course.

Limited places - contact Jonathan to confirm a space.

Part deposit confirms place on the course.

Please talk to Jonathan if \$ is a barrier.

Details on the website:  
[www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz)



*Jan's Joy:*  
*A cheerful look brings joy to the heart.*

*Proverbs 15:30*



**Join** Jan and Raewyn in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) to pray for Nativity and our community.

## Red Alert

**Winter Dinner July 28th ,6.30pm**

**Nativity Hall**

Pot luck, BYO drinks

**Red theme:** be sure to wear something

**Red**

**Canvas:** There will be no Canvas during the school holidays 15th and 22nd July. Start back 29th July.



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.

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

# Welcome to our services today! 15th July 2018

**Theme 8am & 10am:** Vision

**Readings 8am & 10am:** Hebrews 13:8-15 & John 14:1-7, 26-27

**Sentence:** Your throne O Lord has stood firm from of old; from all eternity you are God. Mightier than the noise of great waters; mightier than the waves of the sea; so the Lord on high is mighty. *Psalms* 93:3-5



**Collect:** God, you have given us a lodging in this world but not an abiding city. Help us, as a pilgrim people, to endure hardness, knowing that at the end of our journey Christ has prepared a place for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Weekly Prayer Focus:

Bob Gass in his Word for Today, challenges us to "Listen to His Voice."

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says."- He gives us some guiding principles.

**Mon.** Listen to His voice before you listen to the voice of doubters.  
Without faith you have no future.

**Tues.** Listen to His voice before you listen to the ideas and suggestions of others.  
Ideas are not commands.

**Wed.** Listen to His voice and your attitude will change miraculously.  
When you have heard from Him, you can face anything.

**Thurs.** Listen to His voice before you make any commitment of your time,  
resources and strength. They're too precious to waste.

**Fri.** Listen to His voice before you make any significant change in your life.  
Otherwise you may regret it.

**Sat.** Recognising His voice is what will enable you to... know your assignment...  
discern pitfalls... and release your faith for the next season of achievement.

**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: 15th Week in ordinary time

|               |        |                                   |
|---------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Tues:</b>  | 2pm    | Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge |
| <b>Wed:</b>   | 7pm    | Choir Practice in the church      |
|               | 7pm    | Vestry Meeting in the lounge      |
| <b>Thurs:</b> | 10am   | Eucharist in Barnies              |
|               | 7pm    | Choir Practice                    |
| <b>Fri:</b>   | 1pm    | LINK in the lounge                |
| <b>Sat:</b>   | 9am    | Winter retreat at Barnies         |
|               | 12noon | Seniors luncheon in the lounge    |
| <b>Sun:</b>   | 8am    | Traditional Eucharist Service     |
|               | 10am   | All Age Worship Service           |
|               | 4pm    | CMS Prayer meeting in the lounge  |
|               | 5.30pm | No Canvas                         |



## Seniors Winter Luncheon

**Saturday July 21st at Noon**

**You are invited to join the team for our  
midwinter meal.**

**Please register at the office  
for catering purposes by**

**Wednesday July 18th.**

**If you need transport  
let Jan know ph. 5783909**

### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
Assistant Priests

Youth/24/7 Worker

Vicar's P/A

Parish Nurse

Receptionist

Counselling

Care Cell Coordinators

Women's Ministry

Chaplain to the Elderly

Vicar's Warden

People's Warden

Bob Barnes  
Jonathan Wasley  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Rose Newton  
Jude Dell  
Raewyn Parkes  
Jan Burrough  
Kathy Hammond

Libby Barnes  
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### To Contact Us

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### Staff Days Off/On

**Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.**

**Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.**