



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 15th September 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

This Sunday we welcome Alistair Smith as our preacher and I look forward to what he will have to say, but more importantly what is it that the Spirit is saying through what is said. I will be with the 8am congregation as Kaye and I will be at St Andrews to celebrate with our grandson Matiu's baptism. We'll have family and friends about to share in this celebration with Mark, Kirk and Matiu.

Please mark in your calendar September 21 and the combined Anglican parishes of Marlborough service. This time our preacher will be Bishop Steve Maina and we will also have a shared finger food meal before the service starting at 5pm. Remember if your surname begins with A-M bring something for savoury or if N-Z bring something sweet or fruit. The service is due to start at 6.30pm

Our theme today is "Everyone matters". This is a thought provoking statement. In Psalms 139:13-14 we read, "*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*"

Go well and blessings - Richard



Welcome to our services today! 15th September 2019

Theme: Everyone Matters

Readings: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 & Luke 15:1-10

Sentence: I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. *Luke 15:10*

Collect: Rejoicing God, you pursue us more than we seek after you, and tenderly exult when we find our life in you; may we share in your delight and in your care for the lonely and the lost; through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Christmas Services: This is the last call if you are or are not available to serve during Christmas Eve or Christmas Day please let me know as I am preparing the November and December rosters. Jan



Are you going ? Have you registered to go to the 5th Annual Holy Spirit Conference, 27-29 September 2019, St John's Church, Westport ? A program for children will run to enable parents to attend. Registration forms are on the table in the church foyer or available from the office.

Abortion Legislation 2019: Parliament is currently debating changes to NZ's abortion regulations, with the new Bill passing its first reading and public submissions to the Health Select Committee now open (until Sept 19). By following this link you will find a resource sheet prepared by the Nathaniel Center's latest report (Catholic Bioethics Center) it also includes suggests about how to make a written submission: <http://www.nathaniel.org.nz/component/content/article/20-campaigns/480-abortion-legislation-reform> For further information talk with Richard.

Unplanned: the movie will be screened at Event Cinema on Monday 14th October at 6.30pm sharp. This is the true story of Abby Johnson a former Director of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility. It is a story of hope and inspiration that is touching lives wherever it is viewed. Now is a pertinent time for New Zealanders to have this opportunity to see it. Tickets available at <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-event-cinema-blenheim/> Tickets \$22p/p. Enough tickets must be sold by 4th October to make this happen. If not money will be refunded.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Kaye Dyer and Kathy Hammond will facilitate a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Wednesday evenings early in the next school term. Individuals or care cells interested please contact Jan at the office.



Jan's Joy: *The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.*



Zephaniah 3:17

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 12th October, 8am at the Foundry. \$15 per person at the door. Sign up sheet at the back of the church. This is a BCMA event

Nativity Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 19th October. 8am in the Nativity lounge
Guest Speaker Reverend Victoria Askin. \$10 per person at the door. Contact Jan at the office 5783909 for catering purposes

Thanks to all who have given stamps to me. They have been trimmed and sorted by Laraine Nicholas and taken to Anglican Missions Board by Pam Neal. We will continue to welcome donations of stamps (please NO kiwistamps) to the box in the church foyer for ongoing funding for mission. Margaret Jarman

The recording of Bishop Steve's installation is now on the Website. This is the link which takes you straight to the page:

<https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/11th-Bishop-of-Nelson>

Operation Christmas Child: Boxes are in the foyer so please take one plus the pamphlet with the suggestions etc. Statistics show that one in five children who receive a box give their life to the Lord. So well done Nativity, we gave over 50 boxes last year, can we beat it this year? Boxes are due back by October 24th or delivered to St Mary's office by 25th October.



Old Fashioned Church Fair: Saturday 5th October 10am-2pm at Havelock Town Hall. Bicycle or scooter decorating competition, under 5,5-8,9-12. Judging at 12 noon. Silent auction for bigger items. Bargains, crafts, produce, preserves. Proceeds go to outfitting a YWAM Medical Ship. Come and have some fun.

Don't forget: Share meal 5pm and Combined service 6.30pm, 21st September. Come and meet the New Bishop.

What's on this week:

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Misfits in Barnies
	7pm	Vestry in the lounge
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
	5.30pm	Nativity Kids Games Night in the lounge
Sat:	5pm	Shared meal in the centre
	6.30pm	Combined Deanery service
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Pray Big: Week Seven - Blessing

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with this special blessing:

"May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his favour and give you his peace"

Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them." Numbers 6:22-27



- ◇ Give thanks for all the good things about Blenheim and the church of the town
- ◇ Speak Blessing over the town instead of negative words often spoken about Blenheim. Speak out Gods blessing of peace and wellbeing; economic, social, relational and spiritual
- ◇ Pray the Lord's Prayer over the town: replace "may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth", with "may your kingdom come, may your will be done in Blenheim as it is in heaven."

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

Max Lucado

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