



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 16th July 2017

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 a delight to have our Bishop Richard and Hilary back home, here at Nativity.

As leaders of the church, Bishops keep the Church true to its faith. In their oversight they ordain, send forth and care for the Church's pastors, and preside over its worshipping life. It's all one mission, and it's God's mission which we are privileged to share. So, as we at Nativity refocus on the overseas part of our mission this month, Bishop Richard will preach on why he sees overseas mission as important.

Certainly, in the years Richard was Vicar here, a number of our people were sent out on overseas mission. Some went on short term mission trips. Others were motivated to long term service - and some are still there now. In those same years and since, we have had believers come from overseas, encouraging us in the faith, especially from Melanesia – the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

This afternoon Richard will also re-dedicate St Barnabas Chapel, Barnies and bless for use at Communion services, a beautiful set of embroidered altar cloths that have been generously donated. Thus, our work as salt of the earth and light to the world in the mission of God, will continue here and in every place, as we worship in the Taizé style in Barnies, and later at 7pm in the hall.

What a celebration of the riches we share, from and to all parts of God's wide and wonderful world! Thank God that previous generations saw fit to reach out in mission, so that we could share in our turn, such an inheritance!

In Christ, we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:11,12)

Bob and Libby Barnes

Items of Interest

If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the account number is ANZ: 060705 0429077 00, code is 115.06

Bishop Richard will celebrate and preach at both morning services today. At 2pm, he will rededicate "St Barnabas Chapel," Barnies.

NZ CMS prayer meeting today 4pm at Nativity Church. All welcome.



Taizé style service today
5.30 – 6.30pm
St Barnabas Chapel
Everyone is welcome

If you wish to hear the sermon from 8am Sunday 9th July please contact the office for a copy.

The Marriage Course is an eight-week course designed to help you and your spouse strengthen your relationship. No group work, it is for you as a couple! You get a share a meal together before watching a DVD of practical talks. There is time for private discussion for you as a couple. July 26th – Sept 13th. Wednesday Nights 7-9:30pm during the third school term. Venue is Marlborough Vintners Hotel. \$150 per couple covers the 8-week course. **Registration:** Places are limited, so please contact Jonathan as soon as you are able.

Talk to Jonathan about the Alpha Marriage course. This may be just what you need to strengthen your relationship.



Bunnings Warehouse are having their six monthly stocktake on Tuesday 8th August and need volunteers to help. This is a good opportunity for us as a group to raise funds. All volunteers will be 18 years or older on the night of the stocktake and will need to be on site by 5pm, signed up and ready to start 5:30pm.

There will be a tea break of 1 half hour, for which Bunnings will provide a light meal. If you can help please contact the office, 5783909.



The Salvation Army Family Store are currently looking for a **volunteer truck driver**.

This is a voluntary position going into the community picking up furniture and small goods. Driver would also be working with another volunteer on the truck. Hours and days can be negotiated. Must be able to do heavy lifting and have good communication skills. A current class one driver's license is required. Training will be given. Please contact Tania on 03 578 3238 or pop into the Family Store for a chat if you are interested or just want to know more.

Marlborough Singers are presenting a concert of Gilbert and Sullivan's music 'Topsy Turvey' with songs and choruses from their favourite operettas at the Wesley Centre, Henry Street at 7pm, July 29th and 4pm July 30th. Door sales \$15.

Jan's Joy: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

Psalms 25:1



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

Welcome to our services today! 16th July 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Mission: Why Mission?

Readings 8am & 10am : Romans 15:14-21 & Matthew 9:35-38

Sentence: Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. *Habakkuk 2:2*



Collects: Praise to you, Father God, for all your work among us. By your Spirit yours is the vigour in creation, yours is the impulse in our new discoveries. Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do for the sake of our Lord, Jesus. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Father, as we go to our homes and our work this coming week, we ask for your Holy Spirit to enter into our lives.

Mon. *Open our ears:* to hear what you are saying to us, in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.

Tues. *Open our eyes:* to see the needs of people around us.

Wed. *Open our hands:* to do our work well, to help when help is needed.

Thurs. *Open our lips:* to tell others the Good News of Jesus, and bring comfort, happiness and laughter to other people.

Fri. *Open our minds:* to discover new truth about you and the world.

Sat. *Open our hearts:* to love you and our fellow men as you have loved us in Jesus.

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) or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

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

Tuesday Prayer time 4.30-5.15pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Tues:	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Wed:	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



If you would like to go to a midweek Communion service to worship our God, don't forget the Thursday 10am service in Barnies. All welcome.

Nativity@7pm

7pm in the hall

Speaker: Rev. Richard Dyer from Picton Parish

Theme: The Father Heart of God



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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.