



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 16th April 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

Welcome to Nativity and our celebration of Jesus victory over evil and death!



The Resurrection of Christ

"Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news through which also you are being saved...: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures..."

... if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ..."

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."

(1 Corinthians 15:1-20)

The victory Jesus won by his resurrection is one we can all share with him as members of his church. The victory gives us the power over the insidious sin that pervades our world. Today the invitation is yours to take up. Don't go home without doing that.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

God bless
Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

**IT IS
FINISHED...**
Paid in Full!

Alert! Alert! The Parish Nurse says it is time to get your flu injection. Contact your GP practice now.



Taize Service in Barnies, 7pm tonight. All are welcome to join this worship service which includes prayer, scripture, song and quiet times.



Keith and Margaret Thompson send "Special Easter Blessings" to all their Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Nativity.

Pit Stop for Men. Saturday 20th May 2017, 8.30am -4pm. At the Elim Centre, Burleigh Road. A Men of Marlborough Men's Event in conjunction with Promise Keepers.



Coming Up: 12th & 13th May, Firebird New Zeal Conference: "Healing the wounded soul." Here at Nativity. This is for men and women. Experience God's healing power in your life. Registration forms are at the back of the church.



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.

Praying for Muslims during Ramadan- 2017 booklet @ \$6.50 a copy will be ordered shortly. If you would like one please contact Pam Neal on 5777442 or Margaret Rodley on 5788980

Kia Ora Church,

We are so excited to be taking seven young people to Youth of the Nation Conference in Wanganui these holidays! We would love your prayer for this time away, for protection, fun, and true God encounter.

If you would like to help by making a freezer meal, baking, or donating to travel costs, we would love to hear from you! Thank you for the donations already received. Aroha Nui, Rose

The funeral of Allan Coussell will be Thursday 2pm. Because he and Christine have been living "by faith" for so long, contributions toward funeral costs would be appreciated.

Jan's Joy: In this world you will have trouble. But take heart I have overcome the world. John 16:33



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 April 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Easter Sunday: He Has Risen!

Readings 8am : Psalm 22 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Sentence: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Alleluia! *Luke 24:34; Revelation 1:6*

Collects: Jesus Christ our Saviour, you have delivered us from death and sin. You have brought with the dawn a new beginning and an empty tomb; grant us strength and humility to enter into life. **Amen.**



WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Resurrection – a new way of seeing life. Because of the empty tomb our lives have new meaning.

Mon. We thank You for the two disciples on the Emmaus Rd., and how Jesus shared their disappointment and sorrow and helped them find hope and a new beginning.

Tues. Think of someone whose journey through life is filled with pain – someone who is ill and whose illness dominated the whole of their life.

Wed. Think of someone whose journey is filled with joy – someone whose life has been changed by the love and power of God.

Thurs. Think of someone who has lost their way and whose journey is confused. Someone who has lost sight of the presence of God.

Fri. Think of someone who is facing a time of great pressure and conflict, someone whose life is filled with arguments, misunderstandings and division.

Sat. Think of yourself and of where you are on the journey of life and of the part Jesus plays in the direction it is taking. Ask for a fresh Emmaus experience in your life.

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) 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:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Wed:	7.30pm	Vestry meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	1pm	LINK
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Nativity@7

April 16: 5.30pm finger food share meal in the lounge.
7pm Taize service in Barnies. All welcome.

April 23: 7pm in the hall



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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Parish Manager
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Staff Days Off/On

Susan & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Rose, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.