



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 16th June 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

I'll do it my way!! Is the theme of today's sermon in the "Living Together" sermon series.

Like it or not we are all born with a self-centred nature and for many of us this independence is reinforced by our rugged, cultural individualism, best

described as: *'doing my own thing', 'getting my own way', or 'standing up for my own rights'*. It is popular, these days, to talk

about self-worth, self-expression, self-interest, self-esteem – while there is good in this we have also become obsessed with ourselves.

Yes - Talk to someone about themselves and they will listen for hours.



The Bible makes it clear that we are lovers of self, rather than lovers of God. (2 Timothy 3:1-4) The truth is the love of self gets in the way of loving God. Yes we are encouraged to 'love ourselves'. We are told that unless people 'love themselves' they cannot love other people. That's what Jesus said, *'Love your neighbour as yourself'* (Luke 10:27, Romans 13:9, Galatians 5:14, James 2:8). This means we should care for others in the same way we care for ourselves. Paul puts it like this to husbands (Ephesians 5:28), *'He who loves his wife, loves himself.'*

The truth is a healthy view of who we are will result in healthy relationships. The Bible is clear that as Christians our identity is in Christ. Our focus is outward; it is towards Jesus.

Go well and blessings,

Richard

Welcome to our services today! 16th June 2019

Theme: I'll do it my way

Readings: Ephesians 4:29-5:10 & John 16:12-15

Sentence: Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:1,2*

Collect: God, glorious in Trinity, no dimensions can define you or Thoughts contain you: beyond stretch of time and space you unfold the cosmos; from the rising of the sun, to its setting, blessed are you, trinity in unity; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

At Nativity most of the ministries are on a volunteer basis. We need volunteers for the following ministries: Sound desk, 10am Sunday morning teas, Communion assistants for 8am and 10am Sunday services, Rest Home services, and church cleaning.

If you have any gifts or talents to share please see the clergy or contact the office ph.5783909. We would love to hear from you. Many hands make the load easier and your help is much appreciated.

Rest Home services - this is a vital service we provide to those that are unable to come to church. If you are able to help can you please contact Alison Brice or Beverley Kingston through the Church office.

Winter Fellowship.

'Soup, Savoury, Bun Lunch' The next soup day will be Sunday 23rd June. \$5pp or \$15 per family. Diary it now and we will see you there.

Come and join your church family for conversations of eternal value.



Marlborough Anglican Churches are getting 'Together in Worship' Friday 21st June 2019 at Nativity Church, 7pm. This is organised by the Marlborough Anglican Ministries. All are welcome.



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 and for the week following.

Combined Churches Men's Breakfast on Saturday 22nd June at 8am, Nativity Hall, Blenheim. Cost is \$10 a head payable at the door – eftpos available.

Jan's Joy: *"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."* **Isaiah 61:10**



FUNDRAISING EVENT

BAMBOO GARDEN RESTAURANT

Maxwell Road

Join us for a fun night of fabulous food and fellowship. Ask a guest/family/friends /neighbours to accompany you. Don't forget the auction - we have a great variety of goods and talents.

Tickets are available from the 4th June
@ Nativity Office Reception
76 Alfred Street Blenheim

It would be appreciated if you could bring the correct money denomination when purchasing tickets.

Please note:

Reception hours: Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm - Friday 9am to 12noon

No refunds - if you are unable to make it on the night, it is fine to give it to someone who can attend.



Tuesday
2nd July 2019
\$35.00 per person

Please bring ticket & be seated by 6.00pm

Fund raising dinner
and auction to
replace the data
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What's on this week:

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| Tues: | 2pm | Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge |
| Wed: | 4pm | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies |
| | 7pm | Misfits in Barnies |
| | 7pm | Choir Practice in the church |
| | 7pm | Vestry Meeting in the lounge |
| Thurs: | 10am | Eucharist in Barnies |
| Fri: | 9.30am | Tunes for Tots in the hall |
| | 1pm | LINK in the lounge |
| Sun: | 8am | Traditional Eucharist Service |
| | 10am | Family Service |
| | 5.30pm | Canvas in the hall |



If you would like to join a care cell, Chris and Susanne Donaldson are our care cell co-ordinators Phone 5783909

Prayer Focus

It is good to look back over different prayer books. Lately I have been using a book called "Face to Face" written by Kenneth Boa. It focuses on using Scripture as prayer.

- Mon.** *ADORATION.* "You O Lord Most High are awesome. The Great King over all the earth." *Psalms 47:2* Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.
- Tues.** *CONFESSION.* "I have heard of Your fame and I stand in awe of Your deeds." *Habakkuk 3:2.* Ask the Spirit to search your heart to reveal any unconfessed sin.
- Wed.** *RENEWAL.* "Lord, may I not turn aside from following You, but serve You with all my heart" *1 Samuel 12:20,21* Pray today for your own personal renewal.
- Thurs.** *PETITION.* "When I ask it will be given to me. When I knock the door will be opened to me." *Matthew 7:7-8* Offer prayers regarding your activities for this day.
- Fri.** *INTERCESSION.* "May I increasingly make mention of Your people in my prayers." *Romans 1:9* Take a few moments to intercede for other believers (Personal friends, those in ministry, family.)
- Sat.** *THANKSGIVING.* "I will remember Your works O Lord. Your way O Lord is holy, You are the God who works wonders." *Psalms 77: 11- 15* Pause to offer your prayers of thanksgiving.
- Sun.** Closing prayer use Psalm 95:1,2 and Psalm 96:1-3 as prompt.

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