



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 16th September 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,

At the end of Maori language week, Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa. Welcome to our visitors today. It's good to be together. We were made to be in community. As the Lord God commented at creation

*"It is not good that the man should be alone" (Genesis 2 v18)*

For that reason we come together week by week – and during the week in our carecells and other small groups – to grow in community, as a community of faith. We do that in all sorts of different ways because we learn and worship in different ways. That's why we have different services.

We also recognise we have a call to make a difference in the wider community – our community connections. In recent weeks we've been considering that call in our services. We looked at what excites us in our lives to share God's love with others. On Fathers Day we faced how we make a difference with those we rub shoulders with. Last Sunday was about our community connections with those who can no longer make it to worship. It also had a subtle suggestion about care in the event of a disaster. Do you know your neighbours?

For many years our Friday morning Tunes For Tots has been blessing families with pre-school age children. On Friday afternoons Link provides company with some fun and games for those at the other end of life. Two years ago we took up the opportunity to reach out to Marlborough youth via our Girls College. We employed Rose as a 24-7 youth worker and as our Parish Youth Coordinator. Now she is connecting with young people bringing them more fully into community as they and we were created for.

Yes, we were all made to be in community. Are you in a carecell? As a community of faith we are helping to make community connections.

*"We are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building"*  
(1 Corinthians 3 v9)

God bless you as you work together with Him to that end.  
Haere i runga i te rangimārie. (Go in peace)

Bob and Libby



## Items of Interest

Open Forum with Bob on Parish developments

- Today
  - Midday to 1pm
  - Parish Lounge
- Feel free to bring your lunch

Combined Churches Men's Breakfast  
*Venue:* Nativity Church Hall

*Date:* Saturday 22nd September @ 8.00 am

*Guest Speaker:* Richard Ellena, Bishop of Nelson

*Sign up:* at the back of the church.

*Food:* Hot cooked breakfast plus cereals

*Cost:* \$10pp



NZ CMS AGM today, Nativity lounge. Afternoon tea at 3pm followed by meeting and prayer time. All welcome.

Here at Nativity, Saturday, 6th October at 8am is our second Prayer Breakfast for the year. \$10per person The guest speaker will be Rev. Chris Donaldson-Wairau Hospital Chaplain. Register at the office for catering purposes. Love to see you there.

She Connects is presenting another Movie Night. Come along! Gather some girlfriends together and make a night of it. Just over two weeks away! Great movie! Scrummy treats! Girl time! You!



There will be a service of Evensong at 4pm today. Please join us for this special service of worship.

Are you going to be here for Christmas eve service or Christmas day?

We still need people to do Welcoming on Christmas eve and 8am & 10am Christmas day. We also need communion assistants for Christmas eve. If you can help please contact Jan at the office asap. Ph. 5783909.

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.

Marriage course bank account details: 060705 0429077 00 code 185.06.

Check out the prayer board in the foyer so you can pray for your church. Updated regularly.

Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM)  
Praying for Nativity and our community.



*Jan's Joy: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.*  
Psalm 5:11

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 September 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: Community Connections

Readings 8am & 10am: Micah 6:6-8 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Sentence: How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. *Psalm 119:9*



Collect: Look on your family our God, and teach us to care for one another, for you are child and parent, you alone are love's source and secret through the Holy Spirit who reigns with the Father and the Son. Amen

## Weekly Prayer Focus

Go now in the joy of Christ, the power of the Spirit and the love of God. Amen

- Mon.** Pray for someone who feels that their life is empty, someone who is overwhelmed by a sense of their own unworthiness. Pray for renewal in Jesus.
- Tues.** Pray for someone who no longer meets for worship. Someone who has allowed the demands of work, family, leisure to take the place of God.
- Wed.** Pray for someone who is hurting from bereavement, loss, or employment loss. Pray that they will experience God's peace and enabling.
- Thurs.** Pray for someone who is facing a time of illness, pain, medical needs. and uncertainty. Pray for those giving support and love.
- Fri.** Think of our worship and how it might be more relevant, more challenging. Thank God for all who offer their time and talents in the service of Christ's Church.
- Sat.** Think of other churches in our area. Pray for their leaders and congregation. Pray for ways we might worship and witness together.

**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: 24th Week in ordinary time

<b>Tues:</b>	2pm	Afternoon care cell
<b>Wed:</b>	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
	7pm	Vestry Meeting in the lounge
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sat:</b>	8am	Combined Churches Men's Breakfast in the centre
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	<b>10.30am</b>	Celebration Worship Service followed by
	12.30pm	Shared luncheon in the centre
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



**On Sunday 23rd September**, the 8am service will be a short one. The main service for the day will be 10.30am with the lunch to follow. One person has indicated they want to be confirmed. We will be honouring others, and there will be an opportunity for all present to recommit to their Christian walk.



### Nativity Celebratory Luncheon, September 23rd Noon

Thank you for attending the finger food luncheon.

We are inviting surnames from

- A to M savoury (e.g. sandwiches, zucchini slice, platters, pies, pasties and pizza)
- N to Z e.g. slices, small cakes, lamingtons, fruit and cheese platters)

Please drop off food in the kitchen prior to the 10.30am service.

We would love some assistance on the day. Please contact Pauline Tisch if you are able to help.

### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
Assistant Priests	Jonathan Wasley
	John Neal
	Miriam Taylor
Youth/24/7 Worker	Rose Newton
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Care Cell Coordinators	
Women's Ministry	Alison Brice
Chaplain to the Elderly	Stephen Sheat
Vicar's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
People's Warden	

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### To Contact Us

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#### Staff Days Off/On

**Mondays off:** Jonathan

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