



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 17th February 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

HELP WANTED

- * Communion Assistants at the 8.00 am service
 - * Help with Nativity Kids (aka Sunday School)
 - * Help with First Steps (pre-schoolers)
 - * Bible Readers at both worship services
 - * Prayer Ministers
- You name it, we probably need help with it!

Leave your name at the office or talk to John



Yours in love and service,

John

Welcome to our services today! 17th February 2019

Theme: For This Life Only

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Sentence: But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. *Jeremiah 17:7*

Collect: God of transformation, you heal our troubled spirit; turn our hearts to follow your way of humility that we may find the blessing of new life; through Jesus our Messiah, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Don't forget to join Archbishop Philip Richardson at the Cathedral service preceding business sessions to nominate the new Bishop of Nelson.

The service begins at 7pm on Thursday 28 February 2019.

Please arrive by 6.45pm.

The candidates are as follows: The Revd. Michael Brantley (Diocese of Wellington), The Revd. Steve Maina (CMS, Diocese of Christchurch) and The Revd. Dr., Canon Graham O'Brien (Diocese of Nelson) Please pray for God's will to be done.

Please note the Nativity Prophetic Intercessory Prayer Group will be meeting 4pm, Wednesday 20th February in Barnies. All who wish to be part of this group are welcome to join us.

Past and Present members of AAW are invited to join in the 50th year Celebrations in Nelson on 30th March 2019. Please phone Heather 5792345 for Information and Registration Forms.

'Come- Everything is Ready' World Day of Prayer. Friday 1st March 2019 at St Ninians Presbyterian Church corner Alabama Road and Riley Cres. 10am Morning tea. Service 10.30am

Help Wanted to join the teams ministering to Nativity Kids, (Mark Rolston ph. 5792263) and First Steps (ph. 5783909)

NZ CMS Prayer meeting today 4-5pm in the lounge. All welcome.

Taylor River Walk – You are welcome to join this group when you are able. We walk for up to 45 mins on Thursdays starting at 8.30am from the carpark by the Henry Street footbridge off Nelson Street. Contact Pam Neal 5777442 or Fay Johnstone 5783763.

Coming up in March: CWCI Girl's Getaway 2019.

Methven Weekend 8-10th March at Methven Resort.

Nelson Evening Tuesday 12th March - Venue to be advised.

Guest Speaker Beth Allison from Melbourne.

See notice on hall board for more information.

Jan's Joy: Satisfy us in the morning with your unending love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14



\$1231 was banked from the Monster Garage Sale.

We have some really good quality/working order gear left, and would like to give parishioners the opportunity to view and buy:

Panasonic Sound System includes DVD/CD player, woofer speakers + 5 small speakers.

Spinning Wheel, fine china white tea set made in Germany.

Pottery, foot massager, cushions, duvets, towels, bread maker, large fir tree in pot. Plus, lots more.

All the goods will be on display until the 28th February.

Please ring Elaine 5784331 or 0274987643 to make a time for viewing.

Thank you for all your hard work Elaine and team. Praise God!



To The Cross And Beyond

Lenten studies for five, two-hour retreats

Thursday evenings 7 – 9pm, starting 14th March, or

Saturday mornings 9 – 11am, starting 16th March in Barnies.

You will need your Bible and a pen.

RSVP to Jan at Nativity office by Tuesday 12/03/19

Phone 5783909 or email: jan@nativity.org.nz All are welcome

Eduard Klassen, harpist, speaker and folk artist whose passion is playing the harp will be in concert at Renwick Anglican Church, Tuesday 26th February, 7pm. This is a free concert, with an offering for FEBC China, supporting lay people through Bible College by media.

See notice on board by hall for more information.



Blenheim Anglican Parish A.G.M. will be held Monday 18th March in the Church. Nomination forms for Vestry and Peoples Warden available from the office or the table in the church foyer.

What's on this week:

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
	7pm	Boy's Group in Barnies
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer 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



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

Prayer Focus

This is the first prayer focus for the year – the challenge as always is to be part of the answers to our prayers of intercession.



- Mon.** Think of the devastation of the fires in Nelson. Pray for families affected and all the workers involved in bringing a successful conclusion.
- Tues.** Think of someone you know who is facing an extremely testing time – someone who is not coping – pray for courage and wisdom and an opportunity for someone to share the love of Jesus.
- Wed.** Think of someone who is totally content with their life – someone who feels no need of God's love and mercy. Pray for God's joy and mercy.
- Thurs.** Think of someone whose life is empty – someone who is alone and overwhelmed with responsibilities and relationships. Pray for the right person to reach out with love and encouragement.
- Fri.** Think of something that you have seen on Tv that has disturbed you greatly. Hold that picture up to God who is the Healer.
- Sat.** Think of Nativity – called and established by God to be His channel to bring hope to the world, healing and wholeness. Pray for a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit into Nativity.

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: Raewyn Parkes (5783909) is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. Please phone her with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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

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Fridays off: John, Rose, Jude
and Jan