



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 17th June 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,

Welcome today, into the presence of God and each other.

To be able to do so as freely as we can, is not a thing to be taken lightly. Around the world people gather with caution, not always knowing if there is an armed attacker or member of the secret police nearby. But here we gather without a second thought.

To be trusted is an awesome thing. Anyone who is in a business partnership, high speed team sport, or even a marriage knows that. Children trust adults until they've had repeated cause not to. It's a huge privilege to be trusted by another person.

We both even feel privileged when we see just how much our pets trust us. Even after the rear tyre of Bob's mountain bike blew out with the noise of a gun, our dog's hearing was significantly affected, there was no reduction in his trust and willingness to run beside the bike. He still trusts us - totally.



The most amazing thing of all is that God trusts us! How little we think of that great truth. At creation, humanity was entrusted with the care of creation and entrusted with the revelations of God. (Romans 3:2)

God has given us all gifts in life, for ministry. He calls us his ministers (2 Corinthians 3:5,6), and says:

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

We all have the privilege of being trusted with a ministry and God given gifts to do it.

*"But thanks be to **God** that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were **entrusted.**"* (Romans 6:17)

God trusts us. Will you trust him?

Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

Notes from sermon are on the table in the church foyer and in the hall. Between midday and 12.30pm each Sunday in the lounge, parish clergy and preachers will be available to discuss the sermons and topics which are based on the Catechism. **(NZPB 925)**
<http://anglicanprayerbook.nz/925.html>

Liz a mission partner in South Asia, who has spoken at Nativity in the past, will be in Blenheim 16th-21st June. Liz, will be talking about her work today in Nativity Lounge at 3pm. All welcome. Liz will also be speaking to our care cells on Tuesday 19th June at 2pm in the lounge. All are welcome to join us to hear her. Contact Margaret Jarman & Shirley Dean
The AAW meeting for Liz on Monday 18th at 2pm will **NOT** take place.

She Shops Success! Thank you to all who supported this year's 'She Shops.' We had 220 women through our doors and between them all we raised over \$1700 for our chosen charity this year - Pink Packets. The women were also blessed with free refreshments and the opportunity to have their nails painted and to receive a hand massage, all free.

Renwick Anglican Church, 7pm, tonight, 54 High Street Renwick. You are invited to hear: 'Torn Curtain Living': Discovering a Gospel more glorious than we ever imagined. Having lived in some of the most difficult countries in the world Anya & Jeff are passionate about equipping and encouraging God's people to live as confidently naturally and effectively in the Spiritual realm as we do in the natural.



Jan's Joy: *With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation. Isaiah 12:3*

Prayers for the People

Please check out the prayer board in the foyer of the church.

- Safety for the workers and drivers on the roads and the rail, with the highway opened.
- 24-7 youth work at the Girls' College and for its commencement at the Boys' College.
- Work of the agencies who support the persecuted church.
- Unsettled political situations in the world.
- Our parishioners in rest homes.
- The Building Project for the church
- Farming Community re mycoplasma bovis eradication.
- The outcome of the Singapore Summit for the Korean Peninsular
- For workers in the clean ups after the rough weather we have had.

Missional needs:

- The Corin Family – For wisdom as they help locals establish business.
- The Tucker Family – For wisdom and blessing on their ministry as they support international students.
- Matt Gwynne – his YWAM leadership responsibilities, progress in learning French. Also for the new DTS, Thrive: as they develop training for ministry to women who have been abused or sex trafficked.
- MAF – For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for more support staff.
- Nathan and Rosey – For protection and suitable accommodation when they move to K Town.

Join Jan and Raewyn in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) to pray

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

Welcome to our services today! 17th June 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: A Catechism - Ministry of all Believers



Readings 8am & 10am: 1 Peter 29-12 & Matthew 5:13-16

Sentence: To him who loves us and freed us from our sins with his life's blood, who made of us a royal house to serve as the priests of his God and Father - to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
Revelation 1:6

Collect: Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service; strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and empower our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Weekly Prayer Focus:

The Bible mentions many articles. If we take time and think about those articles we can use them as a base for our prayers.

Mon. Salt. Matthew 5:13. "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless - it is good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men."

Tues. Stone. John 8:7. Jesus said "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

Wed. Basket. Mark 8:19. "When I broke the 5 loaves among the 5000, how many basket full of scraps did you collect?" They answered "Twelve".

Thurs. Bread. Matthew 6: 10,11. "Our father in Heaven, may Your name be holy.....Give us this day our daily bread."

Fri. Candle. Matthew 5:14-16 "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give praise to your Father in Heaven."

Sat. Fruit. Matt 7:15-20. "Can people pick grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? A sound tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a rotten tree bear good fruit..... I repeat you will be able to tell them by their fruits."

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.

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.

What's on this week: 11th Week in ordinary time

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
	7pm	Alastair's Group in the lounge
Wed:	6.30pm	Boys Group in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
	7.30pm	Vestry Meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Volunteers are needed to help with morning tea after 10am services. Can you help? Some of our team are having difficulty lifting the trays of cups into the steriliser and some people are involved in other parts of the 10am services. Couples or maybe two friends would be welcomed on board to help the present team each week. You would be rostered on every nine weeks or so, less frequently if we had more volunteers. Look at the roster on the notice board by the hall to see what is involved. Margaret Jarman.

Fundraising opportunity for Nativity: The Warehouse is looking for people to help with stocktaking on 6th & 7th July 7pm, Friday to 5am Saturday. If you are able to help please contact the office as soon as possible as we need to get numbers to see if it is a viable project. Phone Jan 5783909 or email jan@nativity.org.nz.

Are **You** being served?

Are **YOU** serving?

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
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Care Cell Coordinators	
Women's Ministry	Libby Barnes
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.

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