



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 17th September 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

How we treat each other

Brother, Sister let me serve you.

Let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I might have the grace

To let you be my servant, too.

Let this be our prayer and action!

Blessings

Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

NZ CMS AGM: 3pm, today - afternoon tea, followed by speaker, John Bush on his pilgrimage to Celtic sites and footsteps of St Francis in Italy. This will be followed by the AGM.

Daylight Saving starts next Sunday 24th September. Put clocks **forward** one hour as you go to bed on Saturday night.



Can't find what you thought you saw in last weeks pew sheet? Look at the website for lots of information about the parish. Ministries and services offered to and by the parish, pew sheets, sermons, giving options and other news.

Spiritual Kai with Kate:

Something different for the care cell!
Creative ideas and tools to help you enjoy and dig deeper into God's Living Word.
Renwick Anglican, Wednesday 20th Sept.
and
Renwick Anglican, Wednesday 27th Sept.
7pm-9pm.



There is a wheelchair behind the old pulpit that the data projector sits on should it ever be required during a service.

Organ Concert: 24th September, 2pm at Nativity Church.
Door Sales: \$10 per person.
Invite your family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours to join you for a relaxing afternoon out and enjoy the talents of local organists.
Stay for a cuppa & cookie, after the show.
Gold coin donation appreciated.
This is a Blenheim Anglican Parish Fund Raising Activity.



Age Concern Office Senior's Dance – this year the theme is 50s and 60s. held on Sunday 1 October, from 4pm til 7pm. tickets are \$10, and includes dinner, dessert, tea and coffee. Tickets are available from the Age Concern office, Clubs of Marlborough, Ken Ham Music Works and Grey Power.

Please remember to use the prayer card to pray for the Church Building Project. If you do not have a card pick up one from the back of the church.

Offertory Envelopes: Almost time to get those envelopes out again. If you need more for the next six months, please let Jan at the office know. Ph. 5783909 or email jan@nativity.org.nz

Jan's Joy:
By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:8



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 September 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: How we treat each other

Readings: 8am & 10am: Song of Songs 8:10-14 & Matthew 27:50-54

Sentence: Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my saving right hand.
Isaiah 41:10



Collect: Creator God, you have made us not in one mould, but in many: so deepen our unity in Jesus that we may rejoice in our diversity. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: From the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, we can learn certain lessons.

- Mon.** The first lesson is about REASON. Mary and Martha didn't send for Jesus until they had exhausted all they could do for Lazarus.
- Tues.** The second lesson is about RELATIONSHIP. It is hard to go to someone when you are in trouble if you have spent no time building a relationship with them. Jesus often spent time at the home of Mary and Martha.
- Wed,** The third lesson is RELINQUISHMENT. Mary and Martha could not fix the problem of Lazarus' ill health and death. They handed it over to Jesus.
- Thurs.** Fourth lesson RADICAL FAITH which says "Lord, I believe you can turn this situation around."
- Fri.** Fifth lesson is about RESTORATION. The sisters sent for Jesus. You never know what the Lord can do until you invite him into your situation. He can restore what life has taken from you and more.
- Sat.** "Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany." John 11:1. Lazarus was given a reprieve from death. Jesus conquered death. Hallelujah! What a Saviour.

(Excerpts Bob Gass Word)

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) or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators 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.

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:	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
Sat:		Election Day
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	2pm	Organ recital in the church
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Nativity@7pm:

Tonight 7pm in the hall

Speaker: Graeme Howarth

All welcome



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Assistant Priests

Bob Barnes
Susan Howarth
Jonathan Wasley

Youth/24/7 Worker

Vicar's P/A

Parish Nurse

Parish Manager

Receptionist

Counselling

Care Cell Coordinators

Miriam Taylor
Kevin Gwynne
Rose Newton
Jude Dell

Raewyn Parkes

Keith Buck

Jan Burrough

Kathy Hammond

Miriam Taylor &

Shirley Ramsay

Libby Barnes

Alison Brice

Stephen Sheat

Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

Women's Ministry

Chaplain to the Elderly

Vicar's Warden

People's Warden

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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose and Jonathan:
Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday
mornings only.