



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 18th June 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

Dear Nativity family and friends

Recently a parishioner was walking to the front door of the Nativity Centre. She came across the grass – or more correctly, through the fallen leaves. “I’m being a kid” she said with a grin.

“God has no grandchildren” We are all his children. In the words of the old gospel song based on Ephesians 3 *“We are heirs of the Father, joint heirs with the Son.”*

That is our identity as the church. God’s family. Remarkable as it is, we get to call the creator, owner and maker of all things “Father”. We are born into this family too - through baptism. We are sisters and brothers to each other. Like a human family we have a whakapapa, forebears who formed the foundation of the way this family looks, the matrix of what our values are formed on. But it is by Jesus that we are defined.

Yes, the church is a “who”, before it is a “what”.

At our 10am service today Bryony and Matthew Millar bring little Margot and George to baptism into the family of the church. Just as in most families parents want the best for their children, so too God wants the best for us. Just as in most families each member of it plays a part in sharing that “best”, so too we do in the life of the church family. God has given us an inheritance to receive and a legacy to pass on to those who follow us in the faith.

God bless

Bob and Libby Barnes



## Items of Interest

**If you would like** to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the account number is ANZ: 060705 0429077 00, the code to use is 115.06



**The Marriage Course** is an eight-week course designed to help you and your spouse strengthen your relationship.

There is no group work, it is for you as a couple!

You get a share a meal together before watching a DVD of practical talks. This DVD is interspersed with time for private discussion for you as a couple.

**When:** July 26<sup>th</sup> – Sept 13<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday Nights 7-9:30pm  
during the third school term.

**Where:** Marlborough Vintners Hotel.

**Cost:** \$150 per couple covers the 8-week course.

**Registration:** Places are limited, so please contact Jonathan as soon as you are able. To ensure your place we ask for an advance payment at the Nativity office.

**Seniors luncheon: 24th June 12noon.**

Don't forget to register at the office for catering purposes by 22nd June. Let Jan know if you need transport.

**Has anyone got** the Ellel Healing Ministry DVD. Please return to Susan Howarth



**The new Nativity Prayer Directory** is at the back of the church. Please collect your copy as you leave today.

**On 05 July Miriam** will undertake her ninth mission trip to Aworor Village, on Gaua Island in northern Vanuatu.

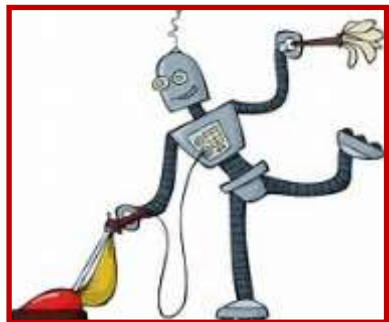


Donations towards the purchase of stationery, and building renovations at school and church would

be greatly appreciated. Please place in a marked envelope in the collection bag or leave at the office. With grateful thanks. Miriam

**Chris & Catherine Corin** and their children (5) will be in Blenheim from 26 July & 8th August. They will be catching up with their sponsors during that time also speaking at Nativity. They are needing accommodation during their visit can you help? Please contact Jude 5783909.

**Volunteer opportunity:** We are needing a person/people to vacuum the hall and lounge on a Sunday afternoon when everyone has vacated the rooms. If you can help please contact the office ph. 5783909.



**Jan's Joy:** *I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.*  
**Jeremiah 31:3**



## Welcome to our services today! 19th June 2017

**Theme 8am & 10am:** Build on this....

**Readings 8am & 10am :** Ephesians 2:11-22 & 2 Peter 1:1-11

**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.

**Collect:** Creator God, you have made us not in one mould, but in many: so deepen our unity in Christ by your Spirit that we may rejoice in our diversity through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**



### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

We continue with the lessons about the Holy Spirit from John's Gospel.

- Mon.** John 15:26 - 27 The Holy Spirit will empower us to witness the truth of Jesus to others.
- Tues.** John 16:8 The Holy Spirit will convince people of the truth of their sin and eternal judgement.
- Wed.** John 16:13 The Holy Spirit will guide believers into all truth.
- Thurs.** John 16:13 The Holy Spirit will give us deeper insight of not just the past or present, but also, the future.
- Fri.** John 16:14 The Holy Spirit will focus attention on Jesus and cause Him to be glorified.
- Sat.** John 20:22 The Holy Spirit can be received personally as a gift.

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

**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) Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

**Prayer Chain:** Bob Barnes (5783909) & 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

<b>Tues:</b>	2pm	Afternoon care cell in the lounge
	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
<b>Wed:</b>	7pm	Vestry meeting in the lounge
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes 4 Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sat:</b>	12noon	Seniors luncheon in the centre
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



**Nativity@7**    **June 18th:** 7pm in the hall    **Speaker:** Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

## Prayer for the Church Building Project

Dear Lord,

The highest heaven cannot contain you, and your dwelling place is among your people who do need shelter and places to meet.

Grant us wisdom that what we build may be for the blessing of all your people.

Grant us courage to let it be your tool to further your mission in this community through us.

Grant us humility that what we build may be to your glory alone.

These things we pray Holy Father, through Jesus our Lord who lives in us by your Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
Assistant Priests

Bob Barnes  
Susan Howarth  
Jonathan Wasley  
John Neal  
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

Youth/24/7 Worker  
Vicar's P/A  
Parish Nurse  
Parish Manager  
Receptionist  
Counselling  
Care Cell Coordinators

Women's Ministry  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden

## To Contact Us

**Nativity Anglican Church Office & Centre**  
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**Friday** - 9am - 12noon

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**Facebook:** "Nativity Church Blenheim"

## Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.