



# The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 18th March 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



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*in your underwear*

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## Items of Interest

**JuliaGrace** is guest speaker at Canvas tonight in the hall. All welcome

**Nativity AGM** is on Monday, 19th March, 7.30pm in the church. All are welcome to attend. Apologies can be made to the office until 3.30pm Monday.

Reports for AGM are at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy as you leave.

**Order of St Luke:** A healing seminar is to be held in Blenheim as Wesley Centre on Wednesday 21st March from 10am-3pm. This meeting will be conducted by Rev. Frank Rigg. Copies of his recent book "Wholeness Unlimited" will be available at \$10 each. This covers a lifetime being involved in the healing ministry. All are welcome. Blenheim Contact: John Bush 03 577 5664 or johnbush.area5@gmail.com

**Update on Kailakouri:** New Zealander, the late Dr Edic Baker founded a sustainable health centre in Bangladesh and on Sunday 25th March at 12 noon, Peter Wilson who heads up a support Group will give encouraging news on how this is continuing. This will be a shared finger food lunch, in the Nativity lounge, an offering will be taken for Kailakouri.

**Youth:** Has God put our young people on your heart? Please contact Rose to be part of the conversation! 0277275888

**Misfits:** We are looking for unneeded tools to be donated for amazing projects! Please drop them to the Nativity Church office. Thank you! Jeremy.

**The Synod Representatives** would like to thank all who sent in submissions re the special Synod meeting last Saturday.

### Senior Citizens Concert 2018

Wednesday 11th April 2-4pm at the Wesley Centre. Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, cuppa, and biscuits with the music of 30's, 40's and 50's sung by Wayne Love.

**Stamps:** I have found a courier to Wellington for the stamps. Thank you to others who offered, will keep you in mind for the future. From Sunday there will be a box in the church foyer for used stamps for mission so that you can put them in any time. Please, note that kiwi stamps are no longer wanted. Margaret Jarman



**The Parish Nurse reminds you that it's that time of the year for you to get your flu jabs. Make your appointment soon.**

**I would say** the most important thing of all is, every morning, to spend some time in prayer. Allow the images of what God has done for you to work on your imagination. Let the life-giving stories of the Gospels slowly permeate your soul, and gradually transform your consciousness and your values.—*Br. Geoffrey Tristram. Society of Saint John the Evangelist.*

### My House Shall Be Called A House Of Prayer! Luke 19:46

Raewyn and Jan invite you to join them Monday to Thursday, 8.45am – 9am in the church for prayer for Nativity and our community. All welcome. Thanks to those who joined us this week. It was a privilege and a pleasure to have you pray with us.

**Jan's Joy: Direct me in the path of your commandments, for there I find delight. Psalm 119:35**

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

## Welcome to our services today! 18th March 2018

**Theme 8am & 10am:** Fools For Christ

**Readings 8am & 10am:** 2 Samuel 6 & Luke 23:26-38

**Sentence:** We are fools for the sake of Christ, ... When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly.

*1 Corinthians 4:10, 13*

**Collect:** O God, whose love for all people is proclaimed in Jesus Christ: We thank you for uniting us in prayer and fellowship. Use us now in the mission of your Church. Help us to realise that everything we do and say reflects our love for you. Bless homes and families throughout the world - especially those unhappy or in need. Show us how, by your example and concern, we can take your peace and love wherever your Spirit may lead us - today and all our days. **Amen**

### Weekly Prayer Focus:

"Problems and trials are good for us." Romans 5:3 (TLB) Here's what we can learn in tough times.

- Mon.** Enjoyment. "Count it all joy when you fall into trials." James 1:2. Pain is inevitable. Misery is optional.
- Tues.** Pull some of the groans out of your prayers and throw in a few hallelujahs! Try that today.
- Wed.** Enlargement. Psalm 41: I "You gave me room when I was in distress." Most of the things we know have been learned the hard way. Reflect on that today.
- Thurs.** Enlightenment. God doesn't save us from pain. He will strengthen us in it. Pray for someone in pain today.
- Fri.** Endurance. James wrote... "See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop." Pray today for patience.
- Sat.** Pay attention. While you are waiting, God is working. Bruce Wilkerson says "Tests of faith are trials and hardships that invite you to surrender something of great value to God.... the refining experience." How is God refining you?

(Adapted Word to today Nov. 2013)

**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.

## What's on this week

<b>Mon:</b>	7.30pm	Parish AGM in the church
<b>Tues:</b>	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
	7pm	Alastair's Group in the lounge
<b>Wed:</b>	7pm	Boy's Group in Barnies
	7.30pm	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>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	12noon	Kailakoura Mission luncheon in the lounge
	5pm	Taizé service in Barnies
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



### Combined Churches Men's Breakfast

**\$10pp. At The Foundry, 3 Henry Street. 8am. Saturday 24th March**

**Guest speaker: Peter Goulter** an achieving business person setting goals with Godly principles. Life Coach within Promise Keepers NZ..



Register with:  
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## Jesus is Lord of All



### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
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Vicar's Warden  
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### To Contact Us

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### Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.