



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 18th November 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

Since our announcement two weeks ago, we have been overwhelmed, blessed, encouraged and touched with words of kindness, words of love, words of encouragement and yes words of sorrow. Thank you from the depths of our hearts. Your acts of kindness and love have certainly helped us in what has been a challenging time for us.

We are reminded in Galatians 6:10 ***“Therefore, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers”*** – we certainly have been the recipients of that, not just in the last two weeks but in the almost 7 years we have been here.

Acts of kindness can be performed in so many ways and Nativity family, you are so good at this. When we have the opportunity to review a place we have stayed at or eaten at, we rarely give the place 5 stars - although there has been the odd exception – because we believe there can always be room for improvement. Likewise, in being a Christian, our aim should be to increasingly be more like Jesus in character and actions. As we grow in our relationship with God, we develop unselfish love, true joy and lasting peace. As we build relationships with **others, within the Church family and beyond, we can be challenged to reflect God’s patience, kindness and goodness. We don’t always get it right, but God sees our heart and gently encourages us to try again.**

Amidst the changes we are all experiencing, God is with us. We are in a time when we need to draw on God and on each other as we seek the way forward for Nativity. Last week in the 10am service, Jonathan had us tying different coloured pieces of wool together then we had to weave the wool between our fingers – demonstrating how God weaves us together. We are all different but together, demonstrating **God’s mercy, love and kindness** – we find strength, purpose and vision.

In Galatians 6:9 it says – ***“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”***

So, keep doing what you are doing – and more!

May all the blessings and kindness of our Father God be upon you and yours.

Libby and Bob



Items of Interest

Service Feedback Sheets for 10am

service: Please take time to fill in the sheet from the back of the church and hand to sides - people as you leave the service today.

Don't forget - Seniors Luncheon:

Saturday 24th November at 12noon in the Nativity Centre. Please let Jan at the office know if you are coming and if you need transport by 22nd November.

On Sunday 25th November everyone is invited to a share lunch to celebrate Revd. Canon John Neal's 50 years of ordained ministry. RSVP to Jan at the office by 22nd November. If your surname begins A-M please bring savoury food. If N-Z bring something sweet.

Can you please email Pauline on aretisch@xtra.co.nz if you are able to help on the day.

celebrate!

The Blue Door is 20 Years Old!

Celebrating with a morning tea at the shop 10.30am-12pm Saturday 24th November.
Cake and cuppa.



Welcome if you are visiting today.

Please take time to fill in the Welcome to Nativity forms at the end of the pews. Give to sides - people or clergy as you leave.

Rental accommodation wanted, three

bedroom plus sleepout for retired clergy. Phone Jan 5783909

E4 Summer Camp, Hanmer Spring

Thursday 17th - Sunday 20th January 2019. Hanmer Sports Pavilion, 59 Jacks Pass Road. An opportunity to be encouraged, energized and equipped, to enlarge the Kingdom. Bring your family and friends to this ecumenical event and expect to be enriched by excellent worship, enlightened by engaging speakers, and entrust your teenagers and children to be entertained and educated.

For more information go to Facebook: e4 Summer camp or <https://goo.gl/bAj4AK>



Jan's Joy: *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

John 15:11



Check out the prayer board in the foyer so you can pray for your church. Updated regularly.

Prayer in the church daily

(Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM)
Praying for Nativity and our community.

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 and for the week following.

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 November 2018

Theme: Galatians 6

Readings: Galatians 6:1-10 & Luke 18:9-14

Sentence: Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. *Galatians 6:2*

Collect: Eternal God, light of the minds that know you, joy of the hearts that love you, strength of the wills that serve you; grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may gladly serve you, now and always. Amen



Weekly Prayer Focus

2 Kings 4:8 – Elisha went to Shunem where there was a notable woman who in turn gave him food, shelter and built a small room where he could rest.

Mon. That room had a **bed**. We all need times when we can rest. If we don't slow down – we will break down.

Tues. A **table** was in that room. We must have time for spiritual food, reading God's word. We can't give out to others. without taking in fresh food and insight.

Wed. A **chair**. This speaks of study. Study to present yourself to God... A work environment...who has no cause to be ashamed.

Thurs. A **lamp**. Even after studying long and hard, we need the Holy Spirit to reveal truths to our heart and mind.

Fri. Because of the woman's generosity to Elisha, she experienced miracles, she had a child when she wasn't expected to.

Sat. Later Elisha raised that child from death when sickness claimed him. When you make room for God in your life, you make room for unexpected blessings. Thank God for the blessings in your life.

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.

What's on this week: 33rd Week in ordinary time

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care cell in the lounge
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	12noon	Seniors Luncheon in the centre
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Parallel Service
	12.30pm	Shared Luncheon in the hall
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Rejoice and be Glad!



Prophetic Intercessory Group. All welcome to meet with Chris Donaldson for intercessory prayer Wednesdays 4pm-5pm in Barnies. Bring a notepad and pen.



10am Services for November/December

- 18th November:** Regular service with Nat. Kids and First Steps
25th November : Parallel service
2nd December: Regular service with Nat. Kids and First Steps
9th December: Regular service with Nat. Kids and final First Steps
16th December: Family service

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

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