



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 18th September 2016

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 guests.

Life sure does turn up some curve balls for us doesn't it.

We all experience the routine cycles of life – up and down, good and bad, hope and despair and they challenge us especially In the area of our commitment to relationships we are in, when we go through challenging times.

In the book of Ruth we read of the challenging times Naomi had. Having moved away from their homeland, Naomi's husband Elimelek died, then her two sons also! Imagine that! But God was in the midst just as He is in what you might be going through. Through Ruth, Naomi's daughter-in-law, God's providential care was poured Into Naomi and their lives and hearts were knitted together which brought restoration and peace for not only Naomi but Ruth also - and ultimately to us.

You'll have to read Ruth until the end of the book – it has a happy ending! God uses people in unexpected ways to bring about restoration in our lives. Be watchful. Be alert. God does provide.

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit." (Psalm 51:12)

God bless

Libby and Bob



Items of Interest

Connections: You are welcome to bring some finger food and share a time of fellowship, food and gospel story in the lounge tonight at 5.30pm

Nativity @ 7pm: All welcome to join us for a cuppa and worship. All welcome.

The Blue Door: We are urgently in need of all types of linen - sheets, pillowcases, blankets, duvets, curtains etc in good condition. Donations gratefully received at The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Operation Christmas Child –Shoe Box Appeal is on again during September and October. Boxes are available the foyer.

NZ CMS AGM today in Nativity seminar room (upstairs). Afternoon tea at 3pm then Margaret Rodley will speak about her visit to a Kenyan church. A short AGM will follow. All welcome.

The Church copy of only seven in NZ. of the Declaration of Independence and Treaty of Waitangi dated 1877 has now gone to Te Papa for repair – thank you to our parishioners who donated towards the cost. Alison Fuller has put together an illustrated record of gifts to the parish which can be viewed at the office with a request for anyone to view and if possible expand on the information contained therein.

Since the closing of the Christian Book Room, Paper Plus is stocking Bibles. They are able to order in any version you would like if they do not have what you want.

Wellington Youth Choir Concert at Nativity Church 3pm, today. Door sales, cash only \$14 waged, \$10 unwaged. An eclectic programme of contemporary, classical, folk and popular music.

Is this Church? Anglican Care Conference. Venue: Elim Christian Centre, 625 Main Rd, Stoke, Nelson Date: 14 and 15 October 2016. An opportunity to be encouraged, challenged, informed and resourced in ministry. For further details or to register www.nelsonanglican.org.nz All enquiries to Gerrie Mead 0212771504 or socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz

The recent Rob Harley Communication and Storytelling workshops in July are now on the Vimeo website and can be found via <http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/media/>.

Nativity Twilight Garden Tour - Second week of November. Organisation is well under way for this event.

- ◆ Three beautiful gardens to visit (all owned by our parishioners)
- ◆ Meet at Nativity Carpark 5pm
- ◆ \$10 per person
- ◆ Sales table at each venue with jams, marmalades, pickles. Please keep those homemade pickles and jams coming. We value your support.

Watch this space for more information

Secret Sisters Big Reveal date is Sunday 20th November at 2pm at the Nativity Centre and that letters will be handed out on Sunday by Libby with the details.

Daylight Saving starts next Sunday 25th (2am!!! so put clocks FORWARD 1 hour Saturday night. "Spring Forward")

Street Intensive: Clean up day at Rata Place coming up October 15th. Come and serve your community by helping.

Jan's Joy! *Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him.* Colossians 3:17



Welcome to our services today! 18th September 2016

Theme 8am & 10am: Restoration

Readings 8am & 10am: Ruth 1:1-6 & Luke 15:17-24

Sentence: Give due honour to God's holy name, bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord; for you O Lord are coming to judge the earth; with righteousness you will judge the world and the peoples with your truth.

Psalms 96:8,13

Collect: Holy God, before you all sin must stand condemned; help us to know our sins and to repent of them; so may we find salvation in the cross and mercy on the day of judgment. **Amen**



WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS Do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Isaiah 43:18- 19

Mon. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln lost several elections before becoming one of America's greatest presidents. Do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!

Tues. Did you know that the material used to make Kleenex tissues was first invented as a gas mask during WW. It failed. Do not dwell on the past.

Wed. The inventors then tried to make it into a cold cream, it failed again. Do not dwell on the past.

Thurs. They then tried it as disposable handkerchiefs – success! 200 billion are sold annually. See I am doing a new thing!

Fri. Nobody starts out being good at everything. Tackling new ventures usually means learning by trial and error. God can do something great through you. Keep going and don't look back.

Sat. Charles Darrow hit rock bottom during the Great Depression. Then he hit on the idea of using play money to buy pretend properties – it's called Monopoly and he sold it to Parker Brothers for a million dollars. Again, "Do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!"

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, Kevin or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Anne Dillon 5782363 & Fay Johnstone 5783763 are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

**Tuesday Prayer time 4pm-4.45pm
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
	4pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the centre
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



National Prayer Weekend: 23-25 September. As a church we invite you to participate by praying for our local community. Pray for the homes surrounding Nativity, your own street and neighbours, invite others to join with you in prayer. Uphold our forthcoming local body elections. Ask others: friends, neighbours, work colleagues etc. if they have any special prayer requests you can pray for. You may be surprised! Join us in praying with and for our community. Visit www.national-prayer-weekend.com for further ideas and information. Or contact our Prayer Facilitators Kevin & Sheryll Gwynne.

Nativity Needs You! "Some Ministry Opportunities available now"

Volunteers needed:

Operators for sound desk, data projection.

Communion set up 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. (Urgent)

Communion servers, sidespeople and readers at the 8am services

Sidespeople for the 10am service.

Training will be given for all volunteer jobs. See Jan at the office.



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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