



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 19th February 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 friends

It's good to be here, to worship with freedom, in the company of our church family. If you are visiting, or back to Nativity for the first time in a while, it's great to have you here.

We are part of a big family that goes beyond time and local geography. At both our morning services we welcome back the Ni-Van singers who call themselves "Vanuatu Sounds". They'll be ushering us into the presence of God in worship with their music.

A lot of us (including me, Libby) are at Convergence, our all age camp, this weekend, with many other families from around the Nelson Diocese - the Anglican Church at top of the South. That changes some of the dynamics of our 10am service today, as our Sunday children and youth programme will be at Kateriteri today! There are some "kid-paks" available especially for during the sermon, and the lounge will be available as usual if pre-schoolers need a break.

Not only do we share together in a very large family, but we worship a God who loves us beyond our understanding and certainly beyond anything we deserve. His name is Jesus. Jesus, as described in the Bible, is how we know what God is like. The awesome, almighty, eternal creator and owner of everything became a human being and we know him as Jesus.

His name means "Saviour", and as we used to say to our kids – "what does the Saviour do? He saves ya". Yes, that's our Jesus. We are his and he is ours. Mostly he saves us from ourselves.

In his name, in his nature, in his love and in his likeness, we are saved to become who he created us to be, for what he created us to do. Yes. It's so good to be here, worshipping, living, in his name.

*To all God's beloved in (Blenheim), who are called to be saints: (that includes us)  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
(Romans 1:7)*

God bless

Bob and Libby



## Items of Interest

**Nativity@7pm:** tonight. Miriam Taylor is speaking. All welcome.

**First Steps helpers** please collect your rosters from the foyer of the church. Thank you. *Jeanette.*

**Join in a Fun Fundraiser. Please note the date change:** Tuesday 21st March, 5pm till 11pm stocktaking at Bunnings. This is a good fundraiser. We did it two years ago. Names needed at office by 22 February. Ph. 5783909

**Lyll Daines** from the Nativity Building Restoration Team will do a presentation in the hall 2pm Tuesday 21st if you would like to join in and talk about the future of our facilities. This is in conjunction with Margaret Jarman and Shirley Deans care cells.

**A Reminder** you can invite the Nativity Restoration Team to your care cell to talk about the future of the buildings as well. The team is Rosimeire Cookson, ph. 5781721, Keith Buck, ph. 5781823, Brian Powell, ph. 5785828, Lyll Daines, ph. 5784331, Margaret Rodley, ph. 5788980

**AAW Meeting** for Wednesday 1st March 7.30pm. Attend Ash Wednesday Service in church followed by usual meeting in lounge. General business. Sales table.  
5th April, Wednesday, 7.30pm Guest will be Beverley Cross and William Bear.

**Blenheim Anglican Parish AGM 7.30pm Mon. 13th March.** Reports are due 24th February. Nominations for vestry, synod reps, and people's warden are welcome. Forms will be in the office. Vestry is our governance board.

**World Day of Prayer, Friday, 3rd March, 10am, St Andrews Church, 5 Henry Street.** The theme for this year is Philippines. Am I being unfair to you?

**"Nativity Twilight Autumn Ramble" is happening on Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Initial organising is under way. Watch this space, more details to be advised. Mark it in your diary now.**



**Can you help?** If you would like to help with youth in any way please contact Rose ph. 5783909 or 0277275888 or email [rose@nativity.org.nz](mailto:rose@nativity.org.nz)

**Kay Dyer** is presenting Women in Focus - "Let in the King of Glory". Cost is \$10. 3rd – 4th March at Picton Anglican Church. Registration forms at the office. Women with Focus is an interdenominational ministry that has been operating in the Top of the South since 2000 mainly in the Nelson region. This is our third event in Marlborough. See the notice board by the hall for more information.

**I will be doing envelopes** for offertory payments soon. If you want new envelopes this time please contact the office 5783909 or [jan@nativity.org.nz](mailto:jan@nativity.org.nz). Thank you. Jan

**There are two large trestle tables** missing from the centre. If you have borrowed them please return them asap as they belong to Care and Craft who use them every Monday.

**Calling for articles** for the next Creative Nativity Magazine. Please email or give contributions to Rose Francis. [llamafarmer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:llamafarmer@xtra.co.nz)

**Jan's Joy: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2**



## Welcome to our services today! 19th February

**Theme 8am & 10am:** In His Name

**Readings 8am & 10am:** Psalm 23 & Romans 1:1-7

**Sentence:** You Lord will surely comfort your people. You will make their deserts like Eden, their wastelands like a garden. Joy and gladness will be found among them, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.  
*Isaiah 51:3 (adapted)*



**Collect:** Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen**

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

I found this "encouragement" in some of my old files. I don't know where it came from, but it is worth repeating. Biblical Plenty's.

**Mon. Plenty of food.** "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied. Joel 2:26

**Tues. Plenty of water.** "You O God, sent a plentiful rain." Psalm 68:9

**Wed. Plenty of goods.** "The Lord will grant you plenty of goods."  
Deuteronomy 28:11

**Thurs. Plenty of production.** "The Lord your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand." Deuteronomy 30:9

**Fri. Plenty in store** "So your barns will be filled with plenty." Proverbs 3:10  
.... Bread enough and to spare." Luke 15:17

**Sat. Plenty for all** "a bountiful country" Jeremiah 2:7

**Sun. Plenty of mercy** "Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." Psalm 103: 8

...and next week there will be six more Biblical Plenty's.....

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

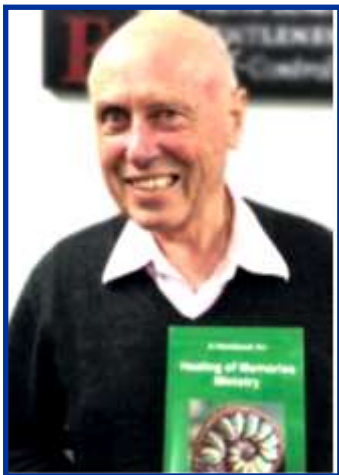
**Prayer Ministry:** We have people willing to meet with you outside of church service times. If you are in need of more in-depth prayer ministry, speak to any of the clergy, Jane Sheat (5789004) Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

**Prayer Chain:** Anne Dillon (5782363) & 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>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	11am	Pastoral Care meeting in the lounge
<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
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



## Healing of Memories Seminar.

With Reverend Robin Kingston.

Friday 10th March Seminar - 7:30 - 9:30pm  
Saturday 11th March Seminar - 9:30am - 4:30pm.  
Sunday 12th March 8am & 10am services  
Sunday 5.30pm share meal with Robin  
Sunday 7pm Testimonies and teaching

Seminar cost: \$10. Robin's book available for \$20.  
B.Y.O. Lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Register: Jan at: [jan@nativity.org.nz](mailto:jan@nativity.org.nz) or Ph. 578 3909.  
Venue: Nativity Centre

## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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