



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 19th August 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,

About 100 years ago in one of the great Upstairs Downstairs houses of England a servant boy accidentally broke a fine china cup. Summoned to the Butler the boy was fearful of the punishment he anticipated receiving. To his great surprise he was put in charge of all the china.

To be trusted with great responsibility can be a fearful thing. Bob says from time to time: *"I'm very responsible. Every time something goes wrong people tell me I was!"*

It's also a great privilege. Think about what God has entrusted to us. The array of what God has given us responsibility for is quite remarkable! Some of the big ones: a relationship with Him. Relationship with each other. Relationship with His creation. Then there's the responsibility to maintain, restore and let others know of those relationships.

***"Let all the earth fear (honour) the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him" (Psalm 33:8)***

We all have various passions about what are our dearest ways of expressing responsibility to share God's work – even people who don't know or acknowledge God have that passion. Some are really hot on pursuing justice. Others on different ways of worshipping this Living God. Or evangelism, people-caring and earth-caring, prayer, teaching ... this list goes on.

Some of the many specific ways this faith community we call Nativity does that, are in Tunes for Tots as leaders and helpers, as pastoral carers to our parishioners at home or in rest homes who can no longer attend worship here, serving local Op-Shops, charities and trusts, or supporting The Marriage Course as an outreach to our wider community and strengthening our community of faith. Then there are our people serving overseas, like Matt Gwynne, Bronwyn and Wayne, the Corin family, Nathan and Rosey, and now Zane and Karen – and those of you who support them in prayer, finances and many other ways.

Have you identified your passion, and engaged with it in a Godly way? How do you contribute to letting all the earth honour the Lord, here and afar?

**God bless
Bob and Libby**



Items of Interest

An invitation – to learn and share in the Awesome Power of Blessing. Four weeks – at Grace Petrie's home 25 Burleigh Rd, Tuesdays – 21st, 28th, 1.30p.m. – 3 p.m. Phone 578 7860 if further info required.

Public Meeting
Earthquake information update.
Wednesday 29th August
Door open 5.30; first speaker 6.30pm
ASB Theatre Blenheim.
Gold coin donation to Red Cross.

Have you registered for the quiz night on Friday 31st August at St Christopher's Church Hall? Make up a team of six or make up one on the night. 7.15pm registration for 7.30pm start. Entry is \$10 per person. This is a fundraiser for Marlborough Anglican Care Emergency Fund. Register before 29th August at Nativity Ph. 5783909 or St Christopher's ph.5780139

Missing Book: Last year I loaned someone from Nativity a book entitled "Walls of my Heart" by Dr Bruce Thompson. Unfortunately, it has not been returned to me. If you have it, please contact me on Ph 5776507 for its return. Thank you. Sheryll Gwynne.

Jan's Joy: You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. Psalm 16:11



Prayer Requests



We are preparing to print an updated Prayer Directory. It would be appreciated if newcomers who would like to be included and if there are changes of address or phone numbers to let Jan at the office know.

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.

Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM)
Praying for Nativity and our community.

If you have any spare council rubbish bags you can donate to the church, they would be much appreciated.

If you would like to financially support people attending The Marriage Course who would have difficulty paying, please make your donation to the following Nativity account:
Bank account: 06 0705 0429077 00

The Fourth Annual Holy Spirit Conference 7-9 September 2018
St. Johns Anglican Church Westport
with Graham Renouf
International Revivalist.
Registration forms at the back of the church.

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

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

Welcome to our services today! 19th August 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: Our Mission

Readings 8am & 10am: Isaiah 49:1-6 & Luke 24:44-49

Sentence: O Lord my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress; to you the nations will come from the ends of the earth, and they will know that your name is the Lord.

Jeremiah 16:19-21 (adapted)



Collect: Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Weekly Prayer Focus

Quiet times have been called many things over the years, morning watch, daily devotions, appointment with God. Examine your quiet time today.

- Mon.** Why do we need a quiet time each day? Because Jesus did. He was up long before daybreak and went to pray. Mark 1:35.
- Tues.** Jesus seldom prayed for anybody in public – because he'd already done his praying before he got to the day's commitments.
- Wed.** Martin Luther said "I have so much to do that I must spend the first three hours in prayer each day.
- Thurs.** The sign on a Church notice board said "Seven prayerless days will make one weak Christian." If you are too busy to have a quiet time with God, you are too busy.
- Fri.** Your attitude towards your quiet time with God will be transformed when you realise that he wants to spend time with you, waits for you and welcomes you into his presence.
- Sat.** The Bible tells us that Jesus called the disciples to be with him and then he sent them out from him. Don't try to go out for him, until you've first spent time with him.

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: 20th Week in ordinary time

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
Wed:	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
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Bob Barnes
Jonathan Wasley
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Rose Newton
Jude Dell
Raewyn Parkes
Jan Burrough
Kathy Hammond

Youth/24/7 Worker
Vicar's P/A
Parish Nurse
Receptionist
Counselling
Care Cell Coordinators
Women's Ministry
Chaplain to the Elderly
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden

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Stephen Sheat
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.