



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 19th May 2019

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

Today I have invited Alison Brice to write about a planned meeting for pastoral care. I encourage you to read it carefully and consider how you might support this ministry.

“And in the Church God has appointed those able to help others.”

NIV Bible 1 Corinthians 12:28

We call this pastoral care. In our church we have many dedicated helpers caring in various ways for the young, the elderly and those in between. Unfortunately this work is a bit haphazard and fragmented. Some people receive a lot of care and others are missed out. Along with Rev. Richard, I have set up a meeting so that all people who do pastoral work in the parish can come together to find out what we have, talk about how we could do better and what is needed going forward.

Thursday 30th May at 11am in the lounge.

We invite all people who care in any way: visiting, making meals, rest home services, care cells, Tunes for Tots, home communions and those who feel God has given them a gift to help others and want to find out how they can use that gift.

In our parish we need to show God's love and use the gifts given to us so please endeavour to attend.

Richard Dyer and Alison Brice



Welcome to our services today! 19th May 2019

Theme: God's Priority—Our Priority

Readings: Galatians 5:19-26 & Matthew 5:1-16

Sentence: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. *Galatians 5:22-23*

Collect: Alleluia, King Eternal; love marks your presence: plant in us your love; nurture in us your likeness; and let us reflect your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

NZ CMS Today at 2.45pm in Nativity Lounge - you are invited to hear outgoing National Director Steve Maina sharing highlights of his 10 years with NZ CMS.

Flower Arranging Demonstration

in St. Christopher's Hall on Thursday 30th May, 2019 from 2pm till 4pm, followed by 'have a go', and afternoon tea. Subject is arranging in the winter with availability of plant material. Plant material provided - bring a vase to arrange in. Come and have some fun. \$2 per person, All welcome – bring a friend. RSVP Viv Peters, 578 7685 .



The Parish car is for sale.

It is in good going order and no longer required by the parish. Offers of interest can be made to the wardens, or Richard Dyer.



Combined Youth Bake Off:
The Ultimate Challenge of skill.
2pm 26th May
Nativity Hall.



A team challenge with added ingredients to make things interesting!

Winning team will be decided by the Canvas Family that evening.

She Shops June 15th to Elim Centre 26 Burleigh Road. Clothes drop off Mon 10th-Thurs. 13th June 9am-5pm. Women's clothing, shoes and accessories only. \$2 entry, \$1 per item. All proceeds go to Marlborough Migrant Centre.



RSVP to Jody or Rose by 24th May.
\$5 donation would be appreciated.

Jan's Joy: My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart. Psalm 7:10



Winter Fellowship. “Soup, Savoury, Bun Lunch”



Join us for your normal Sunday morning tea and stay for “Soup, Savoury, Bun lunch” in the Parish Hall Sunday 26th May (cost \$5.00 per person.)

Soup will be served approx. 11.30am onwards. Vegetarian/vegan/gluten/dairy free will be available.

April’s soup lunch was a great success, with everyone enjoying fellowship and socialising.

Whatever service you attend, you are welcome to stay or come back and join us at 11.30am, ask a friend or neighbour who may need some company to join you. ***This is a fund-raising function.***

Church Mice

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What’s on this week:

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
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	2pm	Combined Youth Bake Off in the hall
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



If you would like to join a care cell, Chris and Susanne Donaldson are our care cell co-ordinators Phone 5783909

Prayer Focus

This week we will use some verses from Scripture as prompts for prayer.

- Mon.** May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13
- Tues.** Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete. *John 16:24*
- Wed.** Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour and my God. *Psalms 43:5*
- Thurs.** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. *John 15:11*
- Fri.** A faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time. *Titus 1:2*
- Sat.** For I know the plans I have for you; declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11
- Sun.** I thank my God every time I remember you. *Philippians 1:3*

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.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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