



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 19th November 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 Nativity family and friends,

Welcome to the meal of the risen Jesus!



**“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.**

**They said to each other, Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”**

(Luke 24:30-32)

In His presence with you

Bob and Libby

## Items of Interest

**For sale** in the office we have packs of 10 small Christmas gift tags at \$2 per pack. Money raised is for the building restoration. These are kindly donated by a member of our Nativity family.

**NZ CMS** prayer meeting today in Nativity Lounge 4-5pm. All welcome

**Mission Aviation Fellowship:** Jerry Can Christmas appeal cards are available from the back of the church. Every Jerrycan funded is 20 litres of critical fuel to MAF, meaning help, hope and healing can reach the most isolated and needy parts of the world. They make a great gift and each purchase \$35 comes with a card to say thank you for saving lives.



**Secret Sisters Reveal** Saturday 2nd December at 1pm at Nativity Centre  
Be sure to get your envelope with all the details in it, from Libby. Any questions contact Libby on 027 469 8104 or libby@nativity.org.nz

**Up Coming Nativity Christmas Event Help Needed:** Would you be able to do some baking for an event being held at Nativity on 15th & 17th December?  
Please contact Robyn Petrie 5791925

**A service of Choral Evensong** will be held Sunday 26th November at 5pm. All are welcome to attend.



### Car Park at Garden Marlborough

A total of \$636.80 was collected on Sunday. \$36.80 covered expenses incurred and \$600.00 has been deposited into the fund-raising account. Special thanks to all who helped set up on Saturday night, the car park wardens who gave their time, and to Marion & Ken – we really appreciated the coffee.

A very long, enjoyable, successful day. Thankyou. Nativity Fun, Fund Raising & Fellowship Team

**What an awesome team, thank you Nativity Fun, Fund Raising and Fellowship Team.**



### Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Saturday November 25th at Noon  
You are invited to join the team for our Christmas luncheon in the Nativity Lounge.

Please register at the office, for catering purposes by 23rd November.

If you need transport  
let Jan know ph. 5783909

### Jan's Joy:

*For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.  
1 Peter 1:23*



**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 November 2017

**Theme 8am & 10am:** Eucharist

**Readings 8am & 10am:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 & Luke 24:13-35

**Sentence:** I would feed you with the finest wheat-flour; and satisfy you with honey from the rock.  
*Psalms 81:16 (adapted)*



**Collect:** Ever-loving God, your Son Jesus Christ gave himself as living bread for the life of the world; give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

This prayer was shared by a member of our congregation.  
It is based on Colossians 1.

**Mon.** Almighty God, we thank you that we have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into your kingdom.

**Tues.** We ask that you fill our congregation with the knowledge of your will.

**Wed.** We pray that we may live lives worthy of you, being strengthened with your power.

**Thurs.** May we have endurance and patience.

**Fri.** Remind us that it is not always better to give than receive. In receiving we empower the giver.

**Sat.** These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion, power and glory now and always. Amen.

**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) or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators 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.

**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.
	7pm	Alastair's Care Cell in the lounge
<b>Wed:</b>	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sat:</b>	Noon	Seniors luncheon in the centre
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5pm	Choral Evensong Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



**Nativity@7pm in the hall**

**Speaker: Alastair Smith**

**All welcome**

***Come worship with us!***

## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
Assistant Priests	Susan Howarth
	Jonathan Wasley
	John Neal
	Miriam Taylor
	Kevin Gwynne
Youth/24/7 Worker	Rose Newton
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Parish Manager	Keith Buck
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Care Cell Coordinators	Miriam Taylor & Shirley Ramsay
	Libby Barnes
Women's Ministry	Alison Brice
Chaplain to the Elderly	Stephen Sheat
Vicar's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
People's Warden	

## To Contact Us

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**Monday - Thursday** 9am - 4pm

**Friday** - 9am - 12noon

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## Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose and Jonathan:  
Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday  
mornings only.