



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 1st December 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

Welcome to Nativity as we begin this season of Advent. Today at our 10am service we will be celebrating with a Christingle service for God's children of all ages!



## Welcome to our services today! 1st December 2019

**Theme: Advent:** Deliverance

**Readings:** Malachi 3:13-18 & Matthew 24:36-44

**Sentence:** Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. *Matthew 24:42*

**Collect:** Majestic God, ruler of all creation, your kingdom is not of this world. Christ revealed a new truth. Raise up truth in our lives, that as servants of your kingdom we may see your glory, sing your praises, and live a new way. Through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



### Items of Interest

#### Nativity church BBQ lunch

Today in conjunction with Jan's farewell. Bring your own picnic chair along with some food to share.

A-M Please bring salads,

N-Z Please bring a plate of fresh fruit or cheese, dips, crackers.

Sausages, bread, ice-creams, utensils, plates & water are all supplied.

Don't forget your sun cream & sunhats

All welcome!



**Nativity Office hours:** As of December the 2nd Nativity Office will be open Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm. All business will need to be attended to during these hours as there will be no-one in attendance outside these hours.

**Taizé service** Today 4pm in Barnies - all welcome.

#### Holy Spirit Seminar

Sessions 5-6, Tues. 3rd Dec., and Wed. 11th Dec., are in Barnies 7.30pm.



**Aglow meeting:** We will be holding an Aglow meeting on Sunday 8th December 1.30pm at the My Space Youth Centre. Cnr Redwood & Kinross St's. The speaker is Annie Cox from Kaikoura. Aglow is now open to both men and women. All welcome. Contact : Sheryll Gwynne Ph 5776507 or Ph 0210791981

**Packs of Christmas gift tags** for sale \$2 each from the office

**Reflections by Roz:** 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*

### AAW end of year:

Regional Day at St Christopher's Church Redwoodtown, 4th December at 9.30am with morning tea.

10am Communion Service.

11.15am AGM. Rev. Capt. Richard Dyer

12.15pm Lunch, please bring your own.

1.30pm Carols and guest speaker

retiring exec President, Diane Higgins

Afternoon tea to finish! Tea, coffee provided.

### AMBAE: Recovery and Resilience

**Project Appeal:** Anglican Missions has launched a special appeal to support the work required to rebuild and recover the communities on Ambae Island, Vanuatu following the volcanic eruptions in 2017 and 2018. The project expects to benefit at least 540 returning households. Further details, including donation information, and photos are on our website <https://angmissions.org.nz/appeals/ambae:-recovery-and-resilience-project-appeal>



**Convergence family camp** 14th-16th February 2020: Please see the back of church or the office for a brochure.

**Prayer Chain:** Jane Sheat is our Prayer Chain Coordinator Please phone her or Jan on 5783909, with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

**Prayer Request box** in the foyer of the church is to write any prayer requests or words for the church 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.

**A big congratulations** to Rose and Jeremy Newton on the birth of Florence Eve. Born Tuesday night at 11.25pm. We know there are many happy family years ahead of them. We wish you joy and God's blessing.



### What's on this week:

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| <b>Tues:</b>  | 2pm    | Afternoon Care cell                      |
|               | 7:30pm | Holy Spirit seminar in Barnies           |
| <b>Wed:</b>   | 4pm    | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies |
|               | 7pm    | Misfits in the shed                      |
|               | 7pm    | Choir practice in the church             |
|               | 7:30pm | Evening AAW in the lounge                |
| <b>Thurs:</b> | 10am   | Eucharist in Barnies followed by         |
|               | 11am   | morning tea in Barnies                   |
| <b>Fri:</b>   | 9.30am | Tunes for Tots in the hall               |
|               | 1pm    | LINK in the lounge                       |
| <b>Sun:</b>   | 8am    | Traditional Eucharist Service            |
|               | 10am   | Family Service                           |
|               | 5.30pm | Canvas in the hall                       |



## Saint Teresa of Avila

May You be blessed forever, Lord,  
for not abandoning me when I abandoned you.  
May You be blessed forever, Lord,  
for offering Your hand of love in my darkest, most lonely moments.  
May You be blessed forever, Lord,  
for putting up with such a stubborn soul as mine.  
May You be blessed forever, Lord,  
for loving me more than I love myself.  
May You be blessed forever, Lord,  
for drawing out the goodness in all people, even including me.  
May You be blessed forever, Lord,  
for repaying our sin with Your love.  
May You be blessed forever, Lord,  
for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world.  
May You be blessed forever, Lord,  
for Your countless blessings on me and on all Your creatures.

Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

- What is the purpose of the prayer?
- What does it teach/affirm about God?
- What response is it seeking from God?
- How might this prayer change the person praying?



### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

**Priest-in-Charge**  
**Assistant Priests**

**Richard Dyer**  
**Kaye Dyer**  
**John Neal**  
**Miriam Taylor**  
**Kevin Thompson**

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**Parish Nurse**  
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**Chaplain to the Elderly**  
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**People's Warden**  
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