



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 1st September 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

Happy Fathers Day!!

Today we welcome Alice and Joseph Kinyua with their 2 girls, Kara (3) and Kega (1) to our morning services. Joseph Kinyua who is addressed as Kinyua will be preaching. Currently they are living in Wanganui.

Kinyua writes: We were invited to lead Ingestre Street Bible Church, Whanganui. We have been privileged to serve here since May 2016. It's both an exciting and exhausting journey of revitalizing the church. ISBC has an open brethren heritage but is currently very diverse. You will be happy to note that I was raised Anglican. I joke that I am an Anglican missionary to the Brethren! I am looking forward to meeting you and the church folk at Nativity, Blenheim."

Yesterday Steve Maina was ordained the 11th bishop of Nelson. For Bishop Steve and Watiri the work has begun and we pray for them in this new responsibility. We also acknowledge and thank the diocesan team who have managed the diocese over the past eight months since Bishop Richard retired. Please note that Bishop Steve will be preaching at a combined Marlborough service here at Nativity 21st September. The evening will begin with a shared meal (bring a plate etc) at 5.30pm followed by a service in the church at 6.30pm.

This morning we also thank our Family Service team for running the 10am service – please note that they welcome others to join the organizing team.



Welcome to our services today! 1st September 2019

Theme: God's Hospitality

Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 & Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sentence: Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. *Hebrews 13:1,2*



Collect: Celebrating God, in the humble Christ you take the lowest place among us; may we see and serve you in the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; through Jesus our help, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Items of Interest



Next Sunday is our annual Spring Festival. A chance to share your spring flowers with those who are housebound or in a rest home. Please bring along a bunch of flowers or be prepared to take someone a gift of flowers to brighten their day.

Planning your Funeral: Thursday 5th September 1.30pm in the Nativity Lounge. Register at the office so printing can be organised.

Christmas Services: If you are available to serve during Christmas Eve or Christmas Day please let me know as I am starting the November and December rosters. Thank you. *Jan*



Missing Book Last year Sheryll Gwynne lent a 10am parishioner a book entitled Walls of my Heart, by Dr Bruce Thompson. However the book has never been returned. If you have it, please contact Sheryll on Ph 5776507 or Cell Ph. 0210791981 or return to the Nativity Office for Sheryll to collect. She is very keen to get this book back.

AAW Meeting on Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm. Wendy to speak about her recent overseas trip. Ideas needed for specific AAW project fund raising for Ambae, girls attending St Patricks College. Report on Bishops Induction. Devotions, reports, sales table, supper.

5th Annual Holy Spirit Conference, 27-29 September 2019, St John's Church, Westport with Andy & Liz Goodacre from Barney's Anglican Church, Launceston, Tasmania "Equipped by the Spirit to be God's Family on Mission" There will be a children's program to enable parents to attend. Registration forms are on the table in the church foyer or available from the office.

Wanted: 1 –2 weeks accommodation in September while my house is being repaired. Phone Gail 0211799698



Jan's Joy: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22,23*



Nativity Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 19th October
8am in the Nativity lounge

Guest Speaker
Reverend Victoria Askin

\$10 per person at the door
Contact Jan at the office 5783909
for catering purposes

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Kaye Dyer and Kathy Hammond
will facilitate
a Life in the Spirit Seminar
on Wednesday evenings
early in the next school term.

Individuals or care cells
interested please
contact Jan at the office



Men's Night Out
Thursday 5th September
7pm-9pm
at the Salvation Army
Rooms.

Guest Speaker David Dusek
From Promise Keepers

This is a BCMA event

Men's Breakfast
Saturday 12th October
8am at the Foundry

\$15 per person at the door
Sign up sheet at the back of the
church

This is a BCMA event



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What's on this week:

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Celling the lounge
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Misfits in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
	7.30pm	Evening AAW Meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	1.30pm	Funeral Seminar in the lounge
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Pray Big: Week five - Revival

Because I love Zion, I will not keep still.

Because my heart yearns for Jerusalem, I cannot remain silent.

I will not stop praying for her until righteousness shines like the dawn, and her salvation blazes like a burning torch.

Never again will you be called "The Forsaken City" or "The Desolate Land"

Your new name will be : "The City of God's Delight" and "The Bride of God," for the Lord delights in you and will claim you as his bride. Isaiah 62:1 & 4

Pray for....

- Renewed hunger for God and his kingdom
- Renewal of our first love for the Lord
- Repentance from sin and apathy
- Fresh outpouring of the Spirit of God
- Greater awareness of the presence of God
- Letting go of the idols that bind us.



" The story of Christian reformation, revival and renaissance underscores that the darkest hour is just before the dawn, so we should always be people of hope and prayer, not doom and defeatism. The Holy Spirit can turn the situation around in five minutes." Oz Guinness

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