



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 21st August 2016

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 guests

We warmly welcome you to Nativity Church, especially if you are visiting, maybe here for the Annual Convention of the Mission Order of St Paul. We are once again honoured to host it. We are especially honoured to have our Bishop Richard celebrating Communion and preaching.

The Mission Order is new to some folk, or not understood by others. It came out of a dream Bishop Richard had several years ago. He explained the dream to the clergy and Synod of the Diocese in 2012. At Queen's Birthday two years ago it was set up here at Nativity. Sue Howarth was made Team Leader and Bob a Presbyter of the Order. A number of parishioners also made commitments to full membership. Since then new and interesting ways of living out faith have emerged.

Religious Orders have existed in the church for most of the last 2000 years. They have looked very different, but have had a similar core purpose. From the 3rd century Egyptian Desert monks to the Franciscans, and in our lifetime, the Order of St Luke, they all exist to call the church back to its mission. The Mission Order of St Paul exists to call the church of today back to three areas fundamental to our existence – the Lordship of Jesus, church growth and evangelism, and holy lifestyle.

This Mission Order is not a closed group. Ideally everyone in the parish would want to affirm their allegiance to Jesus as Lord, to his mission and lifestyle. In our worship we do that every time we say or sing the creed. If you would like to explore how your personal mission can be lived out, with support, please ask.

*"For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."
(Ephesians 2:10)*

God bless you as you seek his direction.

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

Connections: You are welcome to bring some finger food and share a time of fellowship, food and gospel story in the lounge tonight at 5.30pm



Nativity @ 7pm: All welcome to join us for a cuppa and worship. Guest of Mission Order Of St. Paul will be Courtney Wilson from Kaikoura. All welcome.

The Blue Door: Garage sale leftovers can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Nativity Social Event: Friday Fun & Fellowship - Soup and Pizza Night
Friday 2nd September: Numbers are limited so please get your tickets from Jan at reception. \$10 per person over 13, \$20 per family (2 adults and 3 children) \$5 per extra child over 5 years. (Under 5 free.)
See flyer on notice board for more information, or pick one up from the office.



Deep Church prayer service in the Taize style is being held in St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies) **4pm - Sunday 21st August.** Everyone is welcome to join this worship service which includes prayer, scripture, song and quiet times.

Raewyn will be having a left hip replacement on the 25th of August, she will then be a patient in Churchill trust till the following Monday.
Family and friends will be staying with her for at least 4 days post discharge from hospital. This means Raewyn will be off work for six weeks, however she may do some light work e.g. Phone call after 4 weeks, post operation. Your prayer for Raewyn's operation going well and all who care for her during this time would be appreciated.

Evangelism is not a dirty word. Making evangelism good news again
Saturday September 3, 9.30am-4pm
St Christopher's, Blenheim. All are welcome – BYO lunch
Presented by Rev. Graham O'Brien.
Contact graham@bishopdale.ac.nz

Operation Christmas Child –Shoe Box



Appeal is on again during September and October. Boxes will be available at the back of the church next Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to the Nativity foodbank of late. We are very short of meat — sausages, mince, small roasts, stewing steak etc. We have plenty of soups and pasta, but need pasta sauces.

“Is this Church?” Anglican Care Conference. Venue: Elim Christian Centre, 625 Main Rd, Stoke, Nelson Date: 14 and 15 October 2016 This event will give you opportunity to be encouraged, challenged, informed and resourced in your present and future ministry. For further details and to register . www.nelsonanglican.org.nz Early bird discount till 16 Sept. All enquiries to socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz or Gerrie Mead 0212771504

Jan's Joy! *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.*
Isaiah 12:2



Welcome to our services today! 21st August 2016

Theme 8am & 10am: Unearthing the Treasures

Readings 8am & 10am: Exodus 19:1-9 & Timothy exhortation

Sentence: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us 2 *Timothy 1:14*

Collect: Almighty God, you have caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Paul; grant that we who remember his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS Lord God, the story of Your love makes us realise that there are many others as well as ourselves who need Your help and Your Grace – so we bring our prayers to You this week.

Mon. For those who suffer pain, and for those whose loneliness is soul destroying.

Tues. For those whose minds are disturbed, and for those who live lives of quiet despair.

Wed. For those who have not had the opportunities to realise their potentialities.

Thurs. For those who are satisfied with something less than the life for which they were made.

Fri. For those who know their guilt, their shallowness, their need, but do not know Jesus.

Sat. For those who know that they must shortly die, for those who cannot wait to die.

Sun. Lord God, your Son has taken all our sufferings upon himself and has transformed them. Help us, who offer these prayers to become agents of your transforming love.

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

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, Kevin or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Anne Dillon 5782363 & Fay Johnstone 5783763 are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

Tuesday Prayer time 4pm-4.30pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Tues:	4pm	Prayer for the Parish 1/178 High Street
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the centre
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Mission Order of St. Paul

Yesterday we launched the book 'Wind on the Withers', a book of poetry and photography by Chris Cookson.

The invitation to be a guest artist at our conference prompted fulfilment of dreams of ten years. Chris has history to share with the iconic treasure on our doorstep and the book is a doorway to his story of the inspirational hope we find through the beauty of God's creation. The Mission Order didn't do anything—we just 'unearthed the treasures' and take joy in celebrating them with you.

Copies are available in the hall today. \$20 or orders taken.
Maybe it will encourage you it's time to follow through on your dreams too.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
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