



# The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 21st July 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

God's intention is to re-create us into the likeness of his Son Jesus. And he has given us four resources to help: the cross, the Spirit, the word and prayer.

**The cross.** The cross deals with three areas of broken relationships. It makes forgiveness possible and healing available for past hurts and our self-centred, sinful nature has been dealt with.

The second is his **Spirit**. It is the Spirit who brings vitality, refreshment, comfort, support and new life. It is the Spirit who reveals sin in our lives, not to condemn but to heal. It is the Spirit who will produce the fruit of humility. It is the Spirit who re-sensitises our conscience. Without the Spirit there is no Christian life.

The third is his **word**, the Bible. It is the foundation on which we build our lives. As we read it, meditate on it and pray it in, it challenges and changes the way we think and live. It sets a standard. It probes our motives. It feeds us. It brings comfort and hope.

The fourth resource is **prayer**. It is said: If God's Word is food to the Christian then prayer must be the Christian's breath.

Prayer and fellowship with the Father was central in the life of Jesus. What strength he must have gained from his hours in prayer. Of all the resources that we have been given, prayer is the most neglected. *There is nothing that causes us to love people so much as praying for them.*

Go well and blessings

Richard



## Welcome to our services today! 21st July 2019

**Theme:** Solutions are Humbling Part 2

**Readings:** Colossians 1:15-28 & Luke 6:17-23

**Sentence:** He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. *Colossians 1:28*

**Collect:** God our home, in Christ you are always with us; in all our daily activities help us not to be so worried and distracted by many things that we forget the one thing we need, and lose the better part, which will be ours forever; kept in Jesus, the Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



### Items of Interest

**CMS prayer meeting** 4pm today in the lounge. All welcome.

**Marlborough Singers** are presenting 'The Best of Broadway' at the Wesley Centre on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 4 pm  
Door sales \$15.  
Good old songs from good old shows!

**Snail mail stamps:** don't forget there is a box in the foyer for placing stamps (not kiwi stamps please, as they have no value), but others are appreciated by Anglican Missions and sold for mission funds.



**Ordination and installation of Steve Maina as Bishop of Nelson.**

9.30am, 31st August 2019 in the Nelson Cathedral.

Expressions of interest in attending this event can be written on the form in the foyer of the church.

Only ten tickets have been allocated to Nativity parishioners so a ballot will be drawn and the winners will attend. We are planning on arranging a bus— if you would like to travel by bus please tick the appropriate place on the form.

**Bamboo Garden Dinner results:** Data Projector funds banked = **\$9282.50**. A totally awesome result. Our sponsors have had thankyou letters and there are a few more acknowledgements. Special thanks to those who made donations, bought items at the auction and paid so promptly online and at reception. Thanks to the talented ladies who supplied the delicious dessert, and the helpers on the night. For those who attended and enjoyed the talents of our auctioneer Michael Rea, who insisted at times to add 50c here and there, will appreciate that the 50c on the final total had to happen!! Grateful thanks to all those involved. *Nativity Church Fun, Fund Raising & Fellowship Team: Pauline Tisch, Miriam McNamara, Jocelyn Wilkes, Elaine Daines*



**Jan's Joy:** *I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.*  
*Ezekiel 34:26*



## **Soup, Savoury & Bun Lunch**

**Sunday 28th July 2019**

**Cost \$5.00 per person  
or \$15.00 per family.**

**Soup is served in the lounge  
at 11.30am till midday**

**Tea & Coffee available as usual**

**Vegetarian, gluten &  
dairy free options.**

## **Care & Share**

**A place for our creatives to  
meet, encourage and share  
their skill.**

**Monday 21st July  
9.30am to 11.30am  
in the lounge**

**2nd & 4th Monday of each month.**

## **Wednesday 24th July**

**A day of prayer and fasting for  
the appointment of a new Vicar  
& for the life & culture of  
Nativity**

**Barnies will be opened from 9am-4pm  
Please fill in the timesheet form in the  
foyer at a time that suits.**

**More than one person can come at a  
time.**

**There is a pamphlet with the timesheet  
for those who need to understand how  
to pray and fast.**

## **Unpacking the Shack**

**Thursdays 10am-11.30am  
At Struthers  
(French Fields)**

**Based on the movie/novel  
'The Shack', this series will look at  
the themes and life challenges that  
underpin the story.**

**Please see Ruth (ph. 0211452678) if  
you would like to come.**

**We begin Thursday August 1st.**

## **What's on this week:**

<b>Mon:</b>	9.30am	Care & Share in the lounge
<b>Wed:</b>	9am	Day of prayer and fasting in Barnies
	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
	7pm	Misfits in Barnies
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist 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



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

## Morning, Midday and Evening Prayer to get us praying together daily.

### Morning Prayer

Dear Lord, help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance and wisdom over my heart as I prepare to go into my day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Afternoon Prayer

O Lord, help me to be fully alive in this moment. Right now, I choose to become everything that you have created me to be. Face to face, I long for you. Deep to deep, I draw close to you. Heart to heart, I touch you. May I feel your perfect love, know Your heavenly hope and receive your gift of faith. May this moment stay with me for the rest of this day. Amen.

### Evening Prayer

Dear heavenly father: Thank you for all your good gifts today....

I pray for the people I have met, talked with or served today, and entrust them to you....

I bring to you the sorrows and sadnesses of today, and entrust them to you...

I bring to you the cares and worries of this day, and cast them on you....

I trust you for this day that is past and thank you for this time to rest and sleep. Amen.



## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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

Richard Dyer  
Kaye Dyer  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Kevin Thompson  
Kathy Taylor  
Rose Newton  
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**Administrator**  
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