



# The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 21st October 2018

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 this Labour weekend, especially if you're visiting.

Sometimes we get so blasé about things in life, that cost other people dearly. Labour Weekend is one of them. In 1840 Samuel Parnell, a Wellington carpenter, fought for the right to an 8 hour day – and won. Labour Day was first celebrated in 1890, but the first Public Holiday wasn't until 1900. This holiday has long had associations with more than just an 8 hour working day, for many Kiwi workers. Some have paid heavily, just for claiming many of the rights we take for granted.

We tend to bring our “entitled” attitude in daily life, to our faith. While we do need to stand up and work for what is right, and honour those who have done so, our ultimate reward has been won for us. We had nothing to do with it other than being loved.

The cost of our eternal life and wellbeing was paid by God, who became one of us in Jesus. His life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection is something we could never earn ourselves. No work, no ritual, no deed however good, can bring us out of alienation from God and each other.

Nothing humanly possible can bring us into favour with God and restore broken relationships. Only that work which God in Jesus has done can do that. It is the ultimate act of grace. Our only right act is to accept this gift with humble thanks, and live lives that display that.

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*“All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. And when you were baptised, it was as though you had put on Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other ...”*

*(Galatians 3 v26-28)*

God bless

Bob and Libby



## Items of Interest

Rental accommodation wanted, three bedroom plus sleepout for retired couple. Contact Jan at the office. Phone. 5783909

CANVAS resumes today at 5.30pm in the hall.

NZCMS prayer meeting in the counselling room at 4pm today. All Welcome

Service Feedback Sheets: Please take time to fill in the sheet in the pews and hand to sides - people as you leave the service today.

Welcome if you are visiting today. Please take time to fill in the Welcome to Nativity forms at the end of the pews. Hand to sides - people or clergy as you leave.

Salvation Army Women's Fellowship invite Nativity Women to their annual Friends and Neighbours Day to be held Tuesday 6th November, 10.45am.

Guest Speaker Mrs Wendy Lobb  
Topic: To Africa on a Mission.  
Lunch in the lounge 12.15pm – Gold coin donation.

You may like to read and meditate on Galatians chapter 3 in your Bibles this week.

*Jan's Joy: Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*  
*Romans 12:12*



Are you going to be here for Christmas Eve service?

We need people to be communion assistants for Christmas Eve. If you can help please contact Jan at the office asap. Ph. 5783909.

The Prayer Request box in the foyer of the church is to write any prayer requests on the paper provided and pop it into the box. We will collect them and they will be prayed through every Tuesday.

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are in the foyer of the church. Make a Child's Christmas, grab a box or two and bring them back filled to give away. \$10 postage fee to be enclosed. Boxes need to be back by 28th October to Nativity or Star of the Sea office in Maxwell Road.

Bible Society Christmas Cards: Taking orders to save you postage. Choose from traditional or NZ sets of 12 cards for \$8. Orders in envelope with name, sets wanted and payment to be left in the office (or given to Margaret Jarman by the end of October, cards to be collected mid November. Sample of illustrations on notice board.

Check out the prayer board in the foyer so you can pray for your church. Updated regularly.

Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM)  
Praying for Nativity and our community.

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

# Welcome to our services today! 21st October 2018

**Theme: Galatians 3**

**Readings: Galatians 3:1-5 & Luke 10:25-37**

**Sentence: Happy are those whose helper is the God of Jacob; whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, who keeps a promise for ever.**

*Psalm 146:5,6*



**Collect: We pray you, Jesus, take the old water, our busy, conscientious lives, and turn them into gospel wine, that everyone may see your life and thirst. Amen**

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**Beatitudes for parents were written many years ago by Marion Kinneman. They are still spot on today.**

- Mon. Blessed are those who make peace with spilled milk and mud, for of such is the kingdom of childhood.**
- Tues. Blessed is the parent who does not engage with comparison of his/her child with others, for each child has their own special growth.**
- Wed. Blessed are those who have learned to laugh, for it is the music of a child's world.**
- Thurs. Blessed and mature are those who without anger can say "no", for a child is comforted in the security of firm decisions.**
- Fri. Blessed are they who accept the awkwardness of growth, for they are aware of the choice between marred furnishings and damaged personalities.**
- Sat. Blessed are the teachable, for knowledge brings understanding and understanding brings love.**

**Bottom line: children learn from their parents/grandparents. What are you teaching yours?**

**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) Prayer Facilitator, or ring the office 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.**

## What's on this week: 29th Week in ordinary time

Wed:	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



**Mission Envelopes** for the next 6 months are due out. If you do not need any please let Margaret Jarman know. Phone 5788805.  
If you would like to start regular donations to missions and would like to pay direct credit see below for our bank account number and code to 120.06.

21st October:	Regular service with Nat. Kids and First Steps
28th October:	Parallel services—2nd stream to be agreed to by Vestry
4th November :	Regular service with Nat. Kids and First Steps
11th November:	Family service (short) WW1 commemoration at Seymour Square
18th November:	Regular service with Nat. Kids and First Steps
25th November :	Parallel service
2nd December:	Regular service with Nat. Kids and First Steps
9th December:	Regular service with Nat. Kids and final First Steps
16th December:	Family Service

**Election of New Bishop:** Second meeting held at Nativity.  
*Meeting 2:* Monday 12th November, 7pm in the hall is an opportunity to prayerfully discuss who God might be calling to be the next Bishop in light of the information collated from meeting 1. It will be a process of prayerful discernment.

### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
Assistant Priests	Jonathan Wasley John Neal Miriam Taylor
Youth/24/7 Worker	Rose Newton
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
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Care Cell Coordinators	
Women's Ministry	
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

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**Staff Days Off/On**  
Mondays off: Jonathan  
Fridays off: Bob, Rose, Jude  
and Jan