



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 22nd April 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,

*"It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out"*

(Proverbs 25:1)

Welcome to Nativity worship today! Here in worship, we find a little more who we are and whose we are.

Every one of us has an identity that is ours from the beginning of all things, that is a lot grander than most of us ever think about, or even realise. We are all children of the maker, owner and sovereign of the universe. That makes us royalty – Princes and Princesses. We are

*"... a chosen race, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvellous light."*

(1 Peter 2:9)

As children of the living God who saves, we also have a loving Father, one who delights in us, who takes us from one level of life to another – if we will follow. That's called discipleship.

Our Father God, in teaching us to live and become all we were created to be, plays games with us to help us learn. He hides things for us to find. Science. The arts. Philosophy. Craftwork. These are all some of the ways people can delve into the things God has tucked away. There is such a joy in discovery, in a life of learning. It's a significant part of what we say we stand for as a community of faith, in our mission statement.

Father God wants us to learn his ways, that we might follow him, becoming as Jesus.

*"Keep on doing the things that you have **learned** and received and heard and seen
in **me**, and the God **of** peace will be with you."*

(St Paul to the Philippians 4:9)

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

No Canvas until 6th May, 5.30pm.

Offertory Envelopes: if you need more envelopes please contact Jan at the office ph. 5783909. Asap.

Tax receipts should be out by the end of April.

Nativity fundraising:

Daffodil Bulbs for sale before and after 8am and 10am services. \$5 for 10.



Anglican Care Conference,

16 -17 May at All Saints Church, Nelson. See notice board for more information.

2018 Regional Conference of Operation Christmas Child:

Nelson Grace Community Church, 17th May, 452 Lower Queen St, Nelson. Time: 5pm - 9pm (Light refreshments will be served)

RSVP philliph@samaritanspurse.org.nz. Register before 30th April. See notice board in hall foyer for more information.

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim

World: 16 May-14 June 2018. Contact Margaret Jarman (5788805) if you wish to order a booklet. \$8 each or \$6.50 for 10. Be part of a huge demonstration of God's love for Muslim people.

We now have a Prayer Request box in the foyer of the church. Please feel free 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.



Jan's Joy: *Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.*
Psalm 97:11

Prayers from Prayer board to pray.

Please check out the prayer board in the foyer of the church.

- Safety for the workers and drivers on the roads and the rail, with the highway opened.
- 24-7 youth work at the Girls' College and for its commencement at the Boys' College.
- Work of the agencies who support the persecuted church.
- Unsettled political situations in the world.
- Bread of Life, for its legacy in the community.
- Our parishioners in rest homes.
- The Building Project for the church
- General Synod 8-11 May
- Prayer Breakfast 5th May at 8am
- Pray for families during the school holidays.
- Safety for families travelling

Missional needs:

- The Corin and Tucker Families – For wisdom and blessing on their ministry and the local church.
- Matt Gwynne – His YWAM leadership responsibilities, progress in learning French and healing of injuries and asthma.
- MAF – For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for more support staff.
- Nathan and Rosey – For their protection and suitable accommodation when they move to K Town.
- Maori Mission for healing and growth

Join Jan and Raewyn in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) to pray 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! 22nd April 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: The Joy of Discovery

Readings 8am & 10am: Matthew 7:7-12, 26-29 & Ephesians 4:11-16

Sentence: Shine forth from your throne upon the cherubim; restore us O God; show us the light of your face and we shall be saved. Psalm 80:1,3

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return into the way of righteousness; may we and all who are part of the fellowship of the faith of Christ, reject those things which are contrary to our profession and follow all that is agreeable to it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Weekly Prayer Focus:

This week our prayers will focus on TIME. "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Mon. So often we live our lives as though we are running out of time to do all the things we want to do. Make that thought a prayer focus for today.

Tues. Pray for those who are running out of patience, wondering how they can endure and keep going.

Wed. Pray for someone you know who is running out of health, someone who feels weaker every day, someone who is finding poor health a real burden.

Thurs. Pray for someone who is running out of money, fighting growing costs on fixed income. Someone facing unexpected expenses.

Fri. Pray today for those running out of excuses, nearing the time when they must assume the blame for their failures.

Sat. Pray for those who are running out of love, finding it easier to accuse, criticise, and rebel against family, friends work associates and neighbours.

Sun. Read prayerfully Ecclesiastes 3:1-15. Remember, life has to be lived forwards, but can best be understood backwards.



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

Tues:	7pm	Alastair's Group in the lounge
Wed:	7.30pm	Vestry Meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	5.30pm	Care Cell leaders meeting in the lounge
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service



Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 5th May at 8-10am, in the centre. \$10 per person. Come and join with us to hear Revd. Steve Wockner from Westport encourage us in our prayer life.

There will be a prayer walk around the church and property at 10am if you can stay or join us then. Contact Jan for catering purposes by Wednesday 2nd May.

There is a new video from Nathan & Rosey. Contact the office to view.

Overnight billets required for Mwangaza Childrens Choir from Uganda

The choir members require billeting on the Monday night 21st May (after crossing Cook Strait) and Tuesday night 22nd. COULD YOU HELP..??

A total of **3** homes are required, (*2 homes for 3 children and 1 adult/same sex with one exception, plus 1 home for the coach driver and his wife*). Children range in age from 8 to 13 years. It is asked that the hosts provide a packed lunch for each guest for the next day. (Suggestions will be available). If you would like to host a choir group, please let Jude Dell the Blenheim host home co-ordinator for the choir know. Jude can be contacted on ph. 03 578 3909 or email: jude@nativity.org.nz.

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
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Care Cell Coordinators	Miriam Taylor & Shirley Ramsay
Women's Ministry	Libby Barnes
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.