



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 22nd January 2017

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 friends

Welcome to our visitors and those who are new to Nativity. As always we hope you will find a new step in your journey with our God because of your experience here. Our worship today is based on that hope. It's about taking charge of our lives by putting them under proper authority. It's a message our whole world needs to hear – both the rising generations and us who have been blessed with more years. We can only do what we can do, but let's do that.

Here at Nativity that is our intention, for example, with our staffing. Three out of four of our paid ministry staff are being focussed this year on leading our ministry to those on the fringes of the church, young families, and youth. This last week Rose Newton and her husband Jeremy arrived in Blenheim. She's been finding the lay of the land, who's who and where. This coming week the pace picks up!

Rose comes to us with 4 years experience (and a lot of respect from those she worked with) in Nelson working with youth and 24-7. That's a youth support programme in secondary schools, but based out of local churches, with community support. It originated from Spreydon Baptist Church in Christchurch, and was so appreciated by secondary schools it's now gone nationwide. It has such "street cred" that last year the government agreed to help fund it.

Rose's work is 15 hours/week as 24-7 Team Leader at Marlborough Girls College. That's being paid from community funding. Her other 25 hours each week will be building our youth ministry. Please pray for this ministry which is so critical to our nation, Blenheim, and Nativity. Jeremy has a position as a PE teacher at Marlborough Girls.

Thanks to those who have given a welcoming contribution to their pantry, to the team of Joe Keighley, Gerrie Mead, Mike Wentworth, Richard Dyer, and Keith Buck who organised this, and to the volunteers and intercessors who stood in the gap for our youth this last year

God bless

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

Welcome to Nativity, Rose and Jeremy.

Rose will be working as our youth coordinator and also 15 hours/ week as 24-7 team leader at Marlborough Girls College. Jeremy has a position at MGC as a PE Teacher. It is not too late to give to their pantry gift if you wish. Please leave it at the back of the church or at the office. Thank you for all your generous gifts.

Convergence Family Camp 17-19th

February 2017. Registration forms at the office or at the back of the church

Important—If you have recently joined the Nativity Church family please give us your contact details to be added to our parish roll. Phone Jan at reception 5783909 or email jude@nativity.org.nz

Blenheim Anglican Parish AGM 7.30pm

Mon. 13th March. Reports are due 24th February. Nominations for vestry, synod reps, and people's warden are welcome. Forms will be in the office. Vestry is our governance board.

Lost Property: There are several bits and pieces lost or left behind in the church. Please check on your way out and claim it if it is yours. Thank you.

"Some Ministry Opportunities for you to think about for the new year."

Volunteers needed!

- Operators for sound desk, and data projection.
- Communion set up 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. (Urgent)
- Communion servers, and readers at the 8am services.

Training will be given for all volunteer jobs.

See Jan at the office.

Harvest of Grace - A presentation of 150 years of Mission in the Anglican Diocese of Nelson for sale at the office \$5 per copy. Proceeds of sale go to Kaikoura Earthquake Relief.

Girl's get-away 2017— A whole weekend with Debbi Bryson, USA. "Today I choose Joy" For the joy of the Lord is your strength— Nehemiah 8:10b. Gather your friends to attend a fabulous get-away. See poster on board in hallway. This is a CWCi event.

Church Picnic today 12.30pm at Pollard Park.

Bring your own food, drinks, sunblock hats and maybe something to sit on. Join the church family for some fun in the sun. See you there.



Nativity foodbank. Thank you for your contributions to Nativity Foodbank. At present we have plenty of space in our deep freeze for ready made meals, meats, bread, frozen vegies etc. Coffee, long life milk and teas would be appreciated too. People who receive these food parcels are always overwhelmed by your generosity. Yay Nativity.

Jan's Joy: *Jesus said: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:29-30



Welcome to our services today! 22nd January 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Taking charge of our lives

Readings 8am & 10am: Exodus 19:3-6 & Matthew 25:31-46

Sentence: My people, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you.' *Isaiah 41:8,9*



Collect: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into his name may give up our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

A New Year for our Prayer Focus and we focus on our Living Lord Jesus. This week's thoughts are adapted from Word for Today Dec. 2010. Use these thoughts for your praise and thanksgiving.

- Mon.** He was born in the humblest of settings, yet heaven above was filled with songs of angels and a star brought the rich and noble to worship him.
- Tues.** His birth was contrary to the laws of life and his death was contrary to the laws of death; yet his birth, life, death, resurrection and teachings are eternal miracles.
- Wed.** He had no cornfields or fisheries, yet he spread a table for 5000. He never stood on expensive carpeting, yet he walked on water.
- Thurs.** His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, yet from God's perspective no less price could have made our redemption. When he died, few mourned his passing, yet God hung a black cape over the sun.
- Fri.** Those who crucified him did not tremble at what they had done, yet the whole earth shook under them.
- Sat.** For over three years he preached the Gospel. He wrote no books, had no headquarters, he built no organisation... yet 2000 years later he is the central figure of human history – the only redeemer of the human race

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 4.30-5.15pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Thurs: 10am Eucharist in Barnies
Sun: 8am Traditional Eucharist Service
10am All Age Worship Service



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Vicar's P/A
Parish Manager
Receptionist
Assistant Priests

Youth/24/7 Worker
Parish Nurse
Counselling
Care Cell Coordinators

Women's Ministry
Chaplain to the Elderly
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden
Prayer Facilitators

Bob Barnes
Jude Dell
Keith Buck
Jan Burrough
Susan Howarth
Jonathan Wasley
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Gwynne
Rose Newton
Raewyn Parkes
Kathy Hammond
Miriam Taylor &
Shirley Ramsay
Libby Barnes
Alison Brice
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