



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 22nd September 2019

Our Mission is ...

To draw people to faith in Christ

To grow people in their commitment to Christ

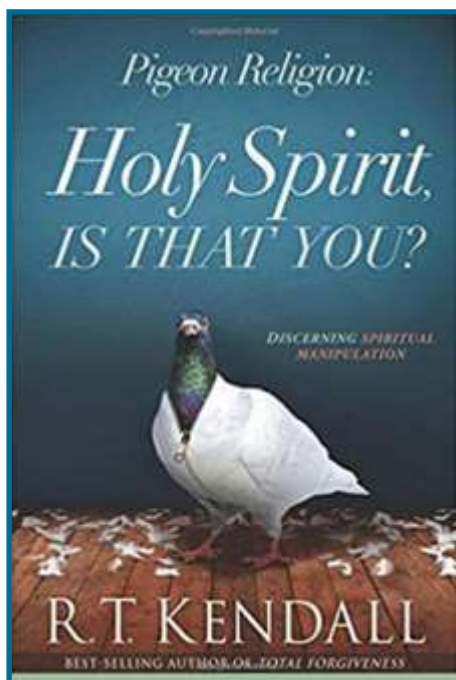
To reach out beyond ourselves with the love of Christ

Last night we welcomed Bishop Steve at the combined parishes of Marlborough service. Thanks to all who participated and what a wonderful get together over the shared meal. It all contributes to a sense of new beginnings for the diocese.

Thank you to the team that carried last Sunday's 10am service and for your prayers for our grandson Matiu at his baptism at St Andrews.

For the next two weeks we will be looking at how genuine our faith and experience of God is. Do you have pigeon religion or the dove – the Holy Spirit? This is a critical question in this age of questioning and the encroachment of religious diversity including secular spirituality. What is real in the experience of God? Let us take the time to examine our knowing of God and how we live that out.

Go well and blessings – Richard



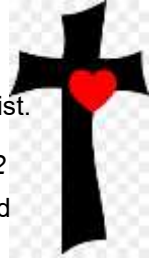
Welcome to our services today! 22nd September 2019

Theme: Pigeon Religion

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:15-22 & Luke 16:1-13

Sentence: Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. *2 Corinthians 21-22*

Collect: God our true wealth, may we be faithful in things both small and great, and serve the needy and the poor, so that finally we can be entrusted with your true riches; through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Unplanned: the movie will be screened at Event Cinema on Monday 14th October at 6.30pm sharp. This is the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Director of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility. It is a story of hope and inspiration that is touching lives wherever it is viewed. Now is a pertinent time for New Zealanders to have this opportunity to see it. Tickets available at <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-event-cinema-bleenheim/>

Tickets \$22p/p. Enough tickets must be sold by 4th October to make this happen. If not money will be refunded.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Kaye Dyer and Kathy Hammond will facilitate a 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar on Wednesday evenings early in the next school term. Individuals or care cells interested please contact Jan at the office.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 12th October, 8am at the Foundry. \$15 per person at the door. Sign up sheet at the back of the church. This is a BCMA event.



Nativity Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 19th October. 8am in the Nativity Lounge. Guest Speaker Reverend Victoria Askin. \$10 per person at the door. Contact Jan at the office 5783909 for catering purposes.

Care & Share A place for our creatives to meet, encourage and share their skill. Next meeting Monday 23rd September 9.30am to 11.30am in the lounge. Come and join us, bring a friend. 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.

NZ CMS – Sunday 29th September, in the Nativity Lounge, 3pm, come and hear Sally Morgan who has been working as an intern with the Hicks family in the Solomon Islands.



Pentecost

Jan's Joy:



Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.
Psalm 97:11

Operation Christmas Child: Boxes are in the foyer so please take one plus the pamphlet with the suggestions etc. Statistics show that one in five children who receive a box give their life to the Lord. So well done, Nativity; we gave over 50 boxes last year, can we beat it this year? Boxes are due back by October 24th or delivered to St Mary's office by 25th October.



Old Fashioned Church Fair:

Saturday 5th October 10am-2pm at Havelock Town Hall. Bicycle or scooter decorating competition, under 5, 5 - 8, 9 -12. Judging at 12 noon. Silent auction for bigger items. Bargains, crafts, produce, preserves. Proceeds go to outfitting a YWAM Medical Ship. Come and have some fun.

Chris Donaldson, Wairau Hospital Chaplain will be running a ten week chaplaincy training course and although the training is at the Wairau hospital, the placement will be in Rest Homes as Volunteer Chaplains.

The training is 9.00am – midday every Monday morning, starting October 7 through to early December. Applications are by way of a Pastor's reference (written or phoned) and an interview with the Chaplain, here at Wairau. There is no cost. If you believe God is calling you to this ministry, please see Richard Dyer.

Enquiries for part-time, full-time and internship-based study at Bishopdale College in 2020 are now open. Applications for scholarships from the St John's College Trust Board close 30 September for first semester study. If you are interested in finding out more about options and funding available, visit : www.bishopdale.ac.nz/prospectus, or get in touch with the College Director, Kate Tyler by calling 027 544 2208 or emailing: kate@bishopdale.ac.nz. Study by video-link is available for those who don't live in Nelson.

Worship the King all glorious above

What's on this week:

- Mon:** 9.30am Care and Share in the lounge
- Wed:** 4pm Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
- 6.30pm Misfits in Barnies
- 7pm Choir practice in the church
- Thurs:** 10am Eucharist in Barnies
- Fri:** 9.30am Tunes for Tots in the hall
- 1pm LINK in the lounge
- Sun:** 8am Traditional Eucharist Service
- 10am Family Service
- 3pm CMS meeting in the lounge
- 5.30pm Canvas in the hall



Evening Prayer: *A Beautiful Prayer to End the Day*

Heavenly Father, my day is drawing to an end, and I'm ready to turn in. But before I do, I have to thank you for your faithfulness today. It's always a good day, even when things may not go the way I plan, or when the world seems in chaos, because you are in control.

For all the times when I was aware of your help today, all the times when your unseen presence seemed so near, thank you, God. But for all the ways you worked behind the scenes, unknown to me, moments when heaven-sent angels moved on my behalf in ways I'll never know, thank you for those also, Lord.

Forgive me for any foolish actions on my part today or things I did without first asking your blessing or wisdom. Those are moments I'd rather forget, but I'm so grateful for your forgiveness when I ask. I never want to go to bed without clearing the air between us, Lord. Our friendship means too much, and your holiness deserves that. Thank you for loving me just as I am. Your love compels me to give you my all and fills my heart with praise for the relationship we share because of Jesus.

As I close my eyes tonight, I'm praying for loved ones around me, for friends and those who need to know you, Lord. I'm praying that your love, like the billions of stars in the night sky outside, will touch them and help them see who you really are. I pray for our world and those in it. I pray for their needs as well as my own. Grant me a good night's sleep tonight, God, so that I can awake refreshed and ready to begin another day loving you. Thank you again for blessings so undeserved and too numerous to count. I love being your child, and I long for the word "faithful" to describe my service to you, each day of every year. When I awake in the morning, may it be with a joyful smile, not a grumpy spirit. May your protection and your presence bathe this place with peace and safety against the enemy. Good night, Lord. In Jesus's name, Amen.

~ *Rebecca Barlow Jordan* ~

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