



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 23rd June 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

Being "Number One" is the theme of today's sermon and we will be looking at what lays at the core of relationship break down. We will note that there are four big 'C's' that affect us – "competition", which leads to comparison which leads to either "conceit" or "covetousness".

The Christian community is to be a safe place – safe from competition, safe from comparisons where each person is able to be just who they are. It is to be a place of mutual support and encouragement so we can grow in our gifts, abilities and Christ likeness.

This is what Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:12-16. Gifts are given to the Church – *'to prepare God's people for works of service... so that the body of Christ may be built up...(to) reach unity ...become mature... attaining fullness of Christ...as it... builds itself up in love, as each part does its work'*. Clearly each part is important. There is absolutely no place for competition, comparison, covetousness or conceit. This is God's idea of a 'win-win' situation.

Go well and blessings, Richard



Welcome to our services today! 23rd June 2019

Theme: Being Number One

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 & Luke 6:17-23

Sentence: Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12



Collect: God of liberation, you free us from the chains that bind us; may you reclothe us in our rightful mind, and send us to share your love with those around us; through Jesus, the Redeemer, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Items of Interest

Winter Fellowship. 'Soup, Savoury, and Bun Lunch' today from 11.30am, \$5pp or \$15 per family. Tea & Coffee will still be available after the service and after lunch. Come and join your church family and friends for conversations of eternal value.



Have you seen the Church water blaster?

It appears to have gone walk about. If you know where it is please can we have it back as the last two jobs we needed doing we had to borrow someone else's. Thank you.



Bamboo Garden Restaurant Fundraiser Dinner

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 \$35.00 per person. Get your tickets at reception during office hours or after 8am & 10am services Sundays.



Please bring correct amount of cash or cheque.

A big thank you to Mike Newman of Meaters for the generous gift of meat for Nativity foodbank. It is much appreciated.

Thank you Nativity for your generosity too. At present we need frozen vegetables, tins of soup for two, small packets of sugar and coffee.

This Week is Volunteer Week

**THANK YOU
FOR BEING AN
AMAZING
VOLUNTEER!**

Jan's Joy:

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. **Philemon 1:7**





RAEWYN & THE NATIVITY CATERING
TEAM CORDIALLY INVITE ALL
PARISHIONERS AGED 65 YEARS AND
OVER TO JOIN US FOR

MID YEAR LUNCH

**FELLOWSHIP
TASTY HOT FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT**

**WHEN: SATURDAY 13TH JULY
WHERE: NATIVITY CHURCH HALL
TIME: 12 NOON**

A gold coin donation
to contribute towards
the purchase of a
new Church overhead
projector would be
appreciated

RSVP to Jan at Nativity no later than Thursday 11th July.
Phone 578 3909 .or email jan@nativity.org.nz
If you require or can provide transport, please advise.

What's on this week:

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| Mon: | 10am | Share and Care in the Centre |
| Wed: | 4pm | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies |
| | 7pm | 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 |
| | 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**

Prayer Focus



Pray for wisdom for ourselves, that the light of Christ will be our source of wisdom in all that we face and in all that do. In the name of Jesus,

- Mon.** Think of someone who feels that their life is empty. someone who is overwhelmed by a sense of their own unworthiness. May the presence of Jesus transform their lives.
- Tues.** Think of someone who is hurting, someone facing a time of bereavement or loss, someone facing the loss of employment. May the presence of Jesus give them hope.
- Wed.** Think of someone who no longer meets for worship, someone who has allowed the demands of home and family, and pressures of work to take the place they once gave to God. May the presence of Christ turn their hearts back to the Lord.
- Thurs.** Think of someone who is facing a time of illness or pain. Someone trying to come to terms with a terminal illness. May the presence of Jesus hold them and make them whole.
- Fri.** Think of a neighbour, a member of your family, someone at school or work, Someone who does not know Jesus as Lord. May the power of the Spirit break through into their lives.
- Sat.** Think of other churches in our area, and of ways we might worship, witness and serve God together. Think of how our differences look to a lost world. Pray today for all the churches meeting together in our area.

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