



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 23rd October 2016

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

One of the most well-known lines in the Bible says

“He guides me in right paths, for his name’s sake” (Psalm 23:3)

But how does that happen? Does he really guide us? “Did I miss something?”, many would ask.

Last Sunday as a church we were presented with some facts and a process that we have been seeking God’s guidance in, and by which we’re going to continue to seek God’s guidance. It’s about how we collectively discern where God is leading his church – including Nativity – in the coming decades. Then we’ll have an idea of what sort of buildings we need to join in his mission here.

But there are many other areas we need God’s guidance, not just for our own benefit, but so that we will walk in his ways, i.e. “for his name’s sake”. Therefore, we need to learn how to hear God because we have a God who speaks to his people.



Think back to ways you have heard him in the past. In the space below write it down. In today’s worship and the week to come, if anything is said that helps you identify how to hear God, write it down.

May our God make your ears listen, eyes see, heart feel, and spirit willing.
God bless

Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

Connections: You are welcome to bring some finger food and share a time of fellowship, food and gospel story in the lounge tonight at 5.30pm

Nativity @ 7pm: All welcome to join us for a cuppa and worship in the hall. The Reverend Steve Maina, CEO of NZ Church Missionary Society is speaking tonight. From Kenya, Steve is an exciting and Godly preacher, not to be missed.

Steve's "Teapot tour": Steve Maina, will be talking about sharing Jesus in a changing world at 3pm today in the lounge. All welcome.



Due back today - Operation Christmas Child –Shoe Box Appeal Boxes are available the foyer. Please return boxes to the Nativity office asap.

Tunes for Tots would like some strong boxes of different sizes for the children to use. Please drop them into the office.

Rosters are being prepared for January through to March. If you are going to be away any of this time please contact Jan at the office 5783909

Regional Day AAW AGM: 2 November, at Picton. 9.30am morning tea, 10am Communion Service, 11.30am AGM. then lunch at 1.30pm. Guests Raewyn Parkes, Parish Nurse and Rev. Kaye Dyer, "Telling Stories." The afternoon is open to anyone who would like to come. Car pooling is available. For more information, please phone Heather 579 2345.

There is quite a contingent of young people heading to Spring Camp this weekend. Please pray for them for safety and encounters with God and with godly people.

Diary now: Convergence Family Camp 17-19 February 2017. Registration forms at the office or at the back of the church.

Nativity Twilight Garden Tour

Wednesday 9th November.

- Tickets \$10 per person @ Nativity Church Office. Last day for tickets is 3rd November. Correct amount of money please.
- Meet at Nativity Carpark 5pm, leave by 5.30pm. Car pooling because of limited parking space is essential. Invite family, friends and neighbours.

St. Michael's Church Waimea West at Brightwater, is celebrating its 150th anniversary **Sunday 27th November, at 10.00am** with Bishop Richard. There will be a celebratory lunch held (\$30 pp) We welcome you to be part of this service to help us celebrate this anniversary. If you would like to stay on for lunch please email: Pauline Coy paulinebc@gmail.com for details. For the history of St Michael's please see <http://www.waimeanelsonanglican.org.nz/st-michaels-church.html> .With Blessings from St Michael's Church

Garden Marlborough: Because of the earthquake risk factor, and health and safety laws a third of the display area used in the past is unavailable so the decision not to host a display in the Nativity Church over Garden Marlborough weekend 4/5/6th Nov. has been decided. Please note that on the Sunday 6th Nativity Carpark will be open once again for public parking with a fee of \$5 per vehicle space. Church people are encouraged to park at the back of the church off John Street.

Kiwi Can/Graeme Dingle Foundation is selling Bees Knees cooked hams. See order form on board by hall to get information to order and pay online for yourself.

Jan's Joy! *Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. Psalm 116:7*



Welcome to our services today! 23rd October 2016



Theme 8am & 10am: Does God Guide?

Readings 8am & 10am: Isaiah 42:5-9,16 & John 16:13-15

Sentence: Jesus said, if you dwell within the revelation I have bought, you are indeed my disciples; you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
John 8:31,32

Collect: Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to follow him all the days of our life. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Our Prayer Focus this week will reflect back on the excellent presentation by the Restoration Task Group last Sunday.

Mon. Pray for wisdom for the appointed task group: Lyall Daines, Brian Powell, Keith Buck, Margaret Rodley, Rosemarie Cookson.

Tues. 1 Kings 8:17 "David **built** a temple for the Lord." Thank God for the past generations who built Nativity Church and buildings.

Wed. Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord **builds** the house, they labour in vain." Pray for wisdom and discernment for our congregation.

Thurs. Ecclesiastes 3:3 "A time to break down and a time to **build up**." Pray for unity, tolerance and listening ears.

Fri. Malachi 1:3 "We will return and **build** the desolate places." What are some of the desolate places that we need to be reaching and rebuilding?

Sat. I Corinthians 3:9 "You are God's field. You are God's **building**." Meditate on the meaning of that verse.

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 4pm-4.45pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Tues:	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir in the church
Fri:	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Encouraging Children is an investment - and encouraging children to be encouraging more so. This morning a retiring offering will be taken as you leave, to help fly some children from Mota Lava, in Vanuatu's Banks Islands. They are going to bless other children on a small Torres Island in the most northern island group whose children believe they are forgotten by the world. Joseph Duve who is working here at present is singing in our morning services today, and he's raising funds to fly them there. Donations can be left in the foyer as you leave or you via our Parish Office or Jean Rooney.



Combined Anglican Churches Picnic:-
November 27th, 12.30pm. Pollard Park play area. Come and meet with the folk from Spring Creek, Renwick, Picton, and St. Christophers for fun and fellowship. Bring your own picnic lunch and get to know your neighbours in Christ. All welcome.



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