



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 24th February 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

*THE MOST TERRIFYING WORD IN THE BIBLE....*

# 'AS'

*IT IS BURIED DEEP WITHIN THE LORD'S PRAYER  
WHERE JESUS SAID:*

*"....AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS,*

**AS**

*WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US!"*

Yours in love and service

*John*

# Welcome to our services today! 24th February 2019

**Theme:** Dead or Alive

**Readings:** Genesis 45:1-11,15 & Luke 6:27-38

**Sentence:** Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. *Luke 6:35*

**Collect:** God of welcome, we encounter you in those different from us; enlarge the tent of our lives to embrace both friend and foe, so that we grow to be more like you; through Jesus, your image, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## Items of Interest

### Events not to forget:

**The Cathedral service** preceding business sessions to nominate the new Bishop of Nelson. 7pm on Thursday 28 February 2019. Please arrive by 6.45pm. Please pray for God's will to be done.

**Past and Present** members of AAW are invited to join in the 50th year celebrations in Nelson on 30th March 2019. Please phone Heather 5792345 for information and registration forms.

**World Day of Prayer.** Friday 1st March 2019 at St Ninians Presbyterian Church 10am Morning tea. Service 10.30am

**Help Wanted** to join the teams ministering to Nativity Kids, (Mark Rolston ph. 5792263) and First Steps (ph. 5783909)

### CWCI Girl's Getaway 2019.

See notice on hall board for more information.

**Blenheim Anglican Parish A.G.M.** will be held 7.30pm, Monday 18th March in the Church. Nomination forms for Vestry and Peoples Warden available from the office or the table in the church foyer.

**Eduard Klassen**, harpist, is playing the harp will be in concert at Renwick Anglican Church, Tuesday 26th February, 7pm.

### 'To The Cross And Beyond' Lenten

studies Thursday evenings 7 – 9pm, starting 14<sup>th</sup> March, or Saturday mornings 9 – 11am, starting 16<sup>th</sup> March in Barnies. RSVP to Jan at Nativity office by Tuesday 12/03/19 Phone 5783909 or email: [jan@nativity.org.nz](mailto:jan@nativity.org.nz) All are welcome

### Nativity News Summer Photo

**Competition:** Summer, holidays, fun, memory moments -Camera.

Share your favourite picture and be in to win. Prizes awarded for – best photo taken by a child, best photo by adult ( over 15yr), best special moment.

Send to [jodanks@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jodanks@xtra.co.nz) or USB or memory card to Nativity Office.

Competition ends at the end of the month. See notice on board by hall.

A young couple from the States are looking for a place to worship and accommodation prior to the vintage starting. References available if needed. They will be worshipping here this weekend. Contact the office ph. 5783909 if you can help.

### Jan's Joy:

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.** *Romans 12:12*



**Carpentry tools wanted.** One of our Nivan parishioners is returning to Vanuatu near the end of this month and would like to take carpentry gear with him to help rebuild cyclone damage, needing hammers, saws, sandpaper, even a chainsaw, etc.. John has a chainsaw he can have, but donations of other items would be most welcome. Please bring it to the parish office by Monday 25 February and it will be stored in the container he and his friends are filling.



**From the Parish Nurses office:** Cancer society's annual skin awareness clinic. Blenheim 2-7pm, 1<sup>st</sup> March at the Convention Centre.

**Support The Monarchy:** Rose Francis has established a safe haven away from paper wasps for rescued Monarch Butterflies, eggs, caterpillars & chrysalises. She needs branches of swan plant leaves to feed them. Please bring to church on Sunday mornings.



**Nativity Foodbank:** It is awesome how generous Nativity people are with donations. They are warmly accepted by those who are on the receiving end. Thank you. However please be aware of the 'use by' and the 'best before' dates. Please make sure there is at least two months before expiry date.

**SafeHere Training – Team Leaders, Coordinators, Clergy Blenheim:** Saturday 23 March, Venue TBC, 9.30am-12.30pm. A light lunch will be provided. The training will be suitable for team leaders, SafeHere Coordinators and all clergy. If you have yet to complete your Team Leader SafeHere training or are in need of a refresher, then this training is for you. **Please register with Claire at [safehere@nelsonanglican.nz](mailto:safehere@nelsonanglican.nz)**

**Morning Tea After 10am Service:** Some of those currently providing this are finding it physically difficult to lift trays of mugs, to clean the coffee maker, etc. Could we please have some younger volunteers to help them? Your turn would only come around every 2 or 3 months and take less than an hour after the service. Contact Margaret Jarman **ph. 5788805**, before the next roster begins in April, if you can help.

## What's on this week:

<b>Tues:</b>	7pm	Boy's Group in Barnies
<b>Wed:</b>	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



**Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM)**  
**Praying for Nativity and our community.**

## Prayer Focus

Prayer is a subject much bigger than a whole library of books. Over the next few weeks we will use the alphabet to help us grow in our prayer life.



### Mon. **A... Some Advice.**

Talking about prayer is not enough. To grow spiritually, we must actually pray. To pray is to let Jesus come into your life. To pray is to let Jesus come into your needs. To pray is to glorify his name in your life.

### Tues. **The Prayer of Blessing** Numbers 6: 22-27

Bless people when they come to your mind today. "Father Bless ..... Keep them in the light of your face and under the banner of your love."

### Wed. **C... Confession.**

Write down a list of sins, shortcoming and failures as the Holy Spirit reveals them to you. Now take God as his Word "If we confess our sins. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..." God has said it... believe it.

### Thurs. **Doubts... Difficulties...Distractions...**

There is no easy answer. Everyone has to battle through doubts, difficulties, and distractions. Are there situations in your life that seem without hope? Instead of feeling discouraged offer God a sacrifice of praise.

**Fri. *Expecting God to Answer.*** When we study the life of Jesus, it is clear that at the heart of his life was prayer and as a result he was able to meet every need, every challenge, every emergency with power and calmness. Jesus says to us "do likewise."

**Sat. *Prayer and Fasting.*** Jesus did not say "If you fast" he said, "When you fast." In a small way give a fast to the Lord today – perhaps go without a meal, or a coffee, or an hours sleep.... Make that a prayer time.

## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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### Staff Days Off/On

Mondays off: Jonathan  
Fridays off: John, Rose, Jude  
and Jan