



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 24th March 2019

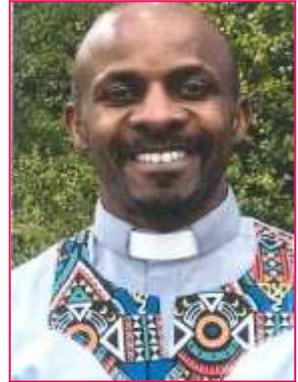
Our Mission is ...

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

From Bishop-Elect Steve,



In response to the Christchurch shootings, he asks,
What shall we do? And How shall we respond?

1. Pray, both for the Muslim community and for the injured and bereaved as well as all those who support them;
2. Connect actively in friendship and partnership, extending hospitality to our Muslim neighbours; and
3. Remain in close contact with our inter-faith partners to continue supporting one another.



Yours in love and service,

John

Welcome to our services today! 24th March 2019

Theme: Understanding Suffering

Readings: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 & Luke 13:1-17

Sentence: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. *Isaiah 55:6*

Collect: Holy God, merciful and patient over all creation, your Son confronts our casual and fruitless ways: fire our hearts with compassion: quicken our minds against deceit and shallowness; strengthen our wills to resist evil and follow Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Please note the farewell for Jonathan and Lucy on Sunday 31st March is a BYO picnic lunch. If you would like to give a monetary gift, please put it in a named envelope or in the offertory bag marked "Jonathans gift" or bring it to the office.

Missions Without Borders Coverup: Friday 29th March at 10am. Coffee morning at Ruth Buckleys. Saturday 25th May is a display at St. Christopher's Church Hall, Redwoodtown From 10am-3.30pm. *Jean Drake*

\$5 First Aid Courses run by Red Cross are offered to community volunteers and members of groups and organisations in the Marlborough District. See notice on hall board for more information.



Pew Sheet Correction from last week: Jody Jansen Van Vuuren - is our Nativity Intern and will be with us for 2019 serving at Canvas, Misfits boys' group, and supporting the running of Youth Events.

Coming up in May: Prayer breakfast with guest speaker Revd. Jo Keighley. Put it in your diary now. All welcome.

Police checks are required for all people working with Children and Youth at Nativity. If you have not yet filled out the forms please call at the office for one.

Expressions of interest are invited to fill the post of Parish Administrator after Jude Dell's resignation takes effect at Easter. Details are available either from Jude or from John.

G.T. Sowman Funeral Directors present Vera Lynn songs of the Blitz. Featuring Marlborough District brass Band in concert with Vicki Lee in the McLachlan Family Auditorium ASB Theatre, 7pm, 15th April. Tickets \$20.pp



The Prayer Request box in the foyer of the church is to write any prayer requests on the paper provided and pop it into the box. We will collect them and they will be prayed through every Tuesday and for the week following.

Jan's Joy: You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11





To The Cross And Beyond'

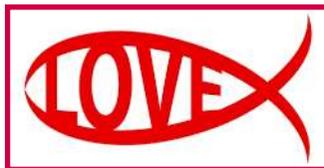
Lenten studies Thursday evenings 7-9pm, or Saturday mornings 9 -11am, in Barnies. All are welcome.

Week three: Two men and two trees.
Aren't you the messiah? Save yourself and us!
Luke 23:39

The Scripture Union bible reading guides have arrived for the last quarter, so it is time to renew subscriptions. Regular subscribers through our in-church partner will have details in their latest guide but new subscribers are always welcome. If you are interested in knowing more about what they are or how to subscribe please see the display in the foyer, have a look at daily bible reading on the website[www.sunz.org.nz] www.sunz.org.nz or speak to Rosalind (Roz) Mundy phone 5702111.

The following information is from the Ministry of Health website. Anyone is able to access these services if they are feeling distressed as a result of the incident in Christchurch. It doesn't matter if you don't live in Christchurch or haven't been personally affected - these services are for everyone. See below.

"If over the following days and weeks, distress or stress symptoms are escalating, or you feel you are not coping, early access to help and professional support is important. Your GP is a good starting point, or for support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can call or text 1737 – free, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – to talk it through with a trained counsellor."



What's on this week:

- Tues:** 7pm Boy's Group in Barnies
- Wed:** 4pm Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
- 7pm Choir Practice in the church
- Thurs:** 10am Eucharist in Barnies
- 7pm Lenten Study in Barnies
- Fri:** 9.30am Tunes for Tots in the hall
- 1pm LINK in the lounge
- Sat:** 9am Lenten Study in Barnies
- Sun:** 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

Let all that you do be done in love.



We have all been distressed by the events in Christchurch over the past week.

Mon. Hosea 2:15 (TLB) says "I will transfer her valley of trouble into a door of hope." Make that your prayer this week.

Tues. 1 Peter 4:8 says "Love will cover a multitude of sins. Love will spread as it covers." Pray for God's love and mercy to cover the pain and hurt.

Wed. Pray today for all the families and loved ones of the 50 deceased. Pray for those hospitalised and for all affected by the trauma and the unexpected evil they have witnessed.

Thurs. Thank God for the Police, Ambulance and Hospital staff, Doctors, Traffic, Medics, Security, Schools. Pray for churches of all denominations for sensitivity, mercy and the love of Jesus.

Fri. Jeremiah was told to go down to the house of the potter and watch the potter take a broken vessel and skilfully repair it. Pray for the healing touch of Jesus on the Canterbury community to repair and restore,

Sat. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to me." Pray that people will find Jesus in the midst of the pain and suffering.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge	John Neal
Assistant Priests	Jonathan Wasley Miriam Taylor Kevin Thompson
Youth/24/7 Worker	Rose Newton
Youth Intern	Jody Jansen van Vuuren
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Care Cell Coordinators	Chris & Sue Donaldson
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
Prayer Facilitator	Jane Sheat

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Staff Days Off/On

Jonathan on leave to 29 March
Fridays off: John, Rose, Jude
and Jan