



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 25th August 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

Total Forgiveness

Last week we started a two part look at the life of Joseph and how he worked forgiveness out in his life. Forgiveness is one of the core messages of the gospel ...not only that we can be totally forgiven by God, but also that we must, in turn, totally forgive others. Our culture is bound up in bitterness, resentment, and wallowing in wounds inflicted upon us by others, wounds that we all too easily accept and even cling to!

“When speaking to or about another person, ask yourself if what you are about to say will meet their need: Necessary – is it necessary to say this? Encourage – Will this encourage? Will it make them feel better? Edify – will it edify? Will it build them up and make them stronger as a result of what you would say? Dignify – will it dignify that person? That’s the way Jesus treated other people; he gave them a sense of dignity.” (Quote: RT Kendall)

Here is the “rub” when it comes to forgiveness: “Nine out of ten people I have had to forgive sincerely do not feel they have done anything wrong. It is up to me to forgive them from my heart – and then keep quiet about it.” (Quote: RT Kendall)

Go well and blessings,

Richard

**LOVE IS A CHOICE. TOTAL FORGIVENESS IS A
CHOICE. IT IS NOT A FEELING-AT LEAST AT
FIRST-BUT IS RATHER AN ACT OF THE WILL.
IT IS THE CHOICE TO TEAR UP THE RECORD
OF WRONGS WE HAVE BEEN KEEPING.**

- R. T. KENDALL -

Welcome to our services today! 25th August 2019

Theme: Total forgiveness part 2

Readings: Genesis 50:14-21 & Luke 13:10-17

Sentence: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. *Psalm 86:5*

Collect: Redeeming God, you draw us all to you through love rather than law; set us free from any bondage, so we and all your children stand upright in the dignity you give us, praising you and proclaiming your wonders; through Jesus Christ our Mediator, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Sunday September 8th is our annual Spring Festival. A chance to share your spring flowers with those who are housebound or in a rest home. Please bring along a bunch of flowers or be prepared to take someone a gift of flowers to brighten their day.

Wanted: 1 –2 weeks accommodation in September while my house is being repaired. Phone Gail 0211799698

Planning your Funeral: Thursday 5th September 1.30pm in the Nativity Lounge.

Over the years I have run a seminar on planning your funeral. This may seem a strange thing to do but it can be one of the most wonderful gifts you can leave your family when they have to farewell you.

If you are thinking on coming please let either Jan, Raewyn or Richard know via the Nativity Office.

We need numbers for printing material.
Richard Dyer

Christmas Services: If you are available to serve Christmas Eve or Christmas Day please let me know as I am starting the November and December rosters. Thank you. *Jan*

5th Annual Holy Spirit Conference, 27-29 September 2019, St John's Church, Westport with Andy & Liz Goodacre from Barney's Anglican Church, Launceston, Tasmania "Equipped by the Spirit to be God's Family on Mission" There will be a children's program to enable parents to attend.

Registration forms are on the table in the church foyer or available from the office.



Rev. Dale Pomeroy would like to extend an invitation to all interested persons to attend a time of prayer at 4pm, Fridays, at St. Christopher's.

'Standing in the Gap'

Seeking God's will for Church and Community and coming against any negative influences God reveals.

Please feel free to join, and to invite others.

Jan's Joy:

"Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you." John 16:22



11.30am Today

SOUP, SAVOURY & BUN LUNCH

Sunday 25th
August 2019

COST \$5.00 PER PERSON
& \$15 FAMILY

Soup will be served in the Nativity
Lounge at approx.
11.30am till Midday.

Tea & coffee available as usual.

Vegetarian, Gluten &
Diary free available



Bishop Steve's Ordination

Nativity Church, Blenheim will be hosting a live screening of the Bishop's installation beginning at 9.30am, which you are welcome to attend. The church will be open on Saturday morning, 31st August from 9:15am. Wrap up warm!!!
Kathy Taylor, Parish Administrator

What's on this week:

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| Mon: | 9.30am | Care and Share in the lounge |
| 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

Pray Big: Week four - The Vulnerable

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favour has come.” Luke 4:18-19

Pray for those who are....

- * Struggling financially, that God would provide for them
- * Are suicidal, that God would bring hope
- * In abusive relationships, that God would protect them
- * Grieving, that God would comfort them
- * In prison, that God would set them free from the causes of crime
- * Sick, that God would heal, restore and encourage them
- * Working in agencies with those who are vulnerable: nurses, teachers, social workers, chaplains, counsellors, police - ask God for grace, wisdom, refreshing, and protection
- * Lonely, that God would provide relationship



“If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power to give them, and this will lead us to prayer. Intercession is a way of loving others.” Richard J. Foster

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge
Assistant Priests

Richard Dyer
Kaye Dyer
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson
Kathy Taylor
Rose Newton
Jody Jansen van Vuuren
Raewyn Parkes
Jan Burrough
Kathy Hammond

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People's Warden
Prayer Facilitator

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