



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 26th August 2018

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 Nativity family and friends,

Last Sunday we met over lunch with many of our young families. Together we discussed our way forward in worship and our life as a community of faith. We discussed how it affects them. One question was “Bob – what do you want to see Nativity looking like in 2 years’ time?”

Bob described that, but afterwards thought a better answer, one closer to both our hearts for the church. It’s for us to be **looking and functioning even more like family than we are now**. Another part of that question Libby thought of later, is to ask, “What do **you** want Nativity to look like in 2 years’ time?” Better again is to ask afresh, “What is it **God** wants Nativity to look like?”

I said, ‘Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your instructions are within my heart.’ (Psalm 40 v7,8)

We are writing our story of what our extraordinary God is doing in, through, and with us. It’s the family His-Story. It links with all that’s the generations before us – of an extraordinary rescue! Part of the story is what we’re doing now - what God’s doing in each of us, and how we’re joining him in his work. Other members of our family of faith will add to it long after us. Some of it is what’s happened up until now. Some is what’s happening now. Some of our story is what we think is going to happen.

Though God knows all outcomes, for us that last part is very flexible. It has to be, no matter how much we want certainty. We are called to live a life of faith in him and his providence.

Last Sunday many of you told of the things you’d seen God do, as we considered what our own God given missions are. May our stories of being part of God’s extraordinary rescue be told and retold, joining the stories of other people of faith. Moses and Miriam, Paul and Lydia. Like them we see a future glimpse of something we know is certain. We don’t know it all. But we too are part of continuing to extend the Kingdom of our God, and his church.

Thanks be to God! His blessing on you as you tell your part of the story in word and action.

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

An invitation – to learn and share in the Awesome Power of Blessing. One week left – at Grace Petrie's home 25 Burleigh Rd, Tuesdays – 28th, 1.30p.m. – 3 p.m. Phone 578 7860 if further info required.

A friendly Invitation:- We are doing something special for dads next Sunday 2nd September for Father's Day at the 10am service. Make sure your dad knows.

Have you registered for the quiz night on Friday 31st August at St Christopher's Church Hall? Make up a team of six or makeup one on the night. 7.15pm registration for 7.30pm start. Entry is \$10 per person. Register before 29th August at Nativity Ph. 5783909 or St Christopher's ph.5780139

The Fourth Annual Holy Spirit Conference 7-9 September 2018 St. Johns Anglican Church Westport with Graham Renouf International Revivalist. Registration forms at the back of the church.

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

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.

Check out the prayer board in the foyer so you can pray for your church. Updated regularly.

Don't forget LINK weekly on Fridays at 1pm in the Nativity lounge. Gold coin donation to cover expenses. Contact Alison Brice Ph. 578 7820

Coming up
2nd
September

happy
FATHER'S
day

Missing: leaders/participants guide for "It all goes back..." and for any missing DVDs / videos for What's so amazing about grace. If you have these and have finished with them please return to the office.

If you would like to financially support people attending The Marriage Course who would have difficulty paying, please make your donation to the following Nativity account:
Bank account: 06 0705 0429077 00
Code: 185-06 Reference: marriage

Public Meeting
Earthquake information update. Wednesday 29th August
Door open 5.30; first speaker 6.30pm
ASB Theatre Blenheim.
Gold coin donation to Red Cross.

Jan's Joy: No one will take your joy from you. John16:22



If you would like to know about the many vibrant Care-cells that make up Nativity please phone 5783909

Welcome to our services today! 26th August 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: Extraordinary God - Extraordinary Rescue

Readings 8am & 10am: Exodus 3:1-12 & Acts 1:4-8

Sentence: You O Lord reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation.
Lamentations 5:19



Collect: Father, you sent your Son to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy; open our hearts to exalt you, open our lives to reveal you, our one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Weekly Prayer Focus

I have used this before.... it is a wonderful way of teaching and reminding us how to pray. Using your hands.

- Mon. When you hold up and look at your hands – the thumb is closest to you. Today pray for the friends and family and neighbours closest to you.
- Tues. Next is your pointing finger... Pray today for people who point the way. Teachers, leaders, our church leaders, youth leaders, missionaries.
- Wed. Your next finger on your hand is your tallest finger. Pray for the important “tall” people. The Police, important people in our town like the mayor and councillors. Pray for the “tall” people who make world decisions.
- Thurs. Your next finger is your weakest finger. Pray today for people who are sick, handicapped, bereaved, in hospital, children abused and in need of care and love.
- Fri. Your last finger on your hand is the smallest... Pray today for yourself.
- Sat. Psalm 91:4 “His huge outstretched arms protect you - under them you are perfectly safe.” Thank the Lord today for His love, care, and protection.

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, Jane Sheat (5789004) Prayer Facilitator, or ring the office and they can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Bob Barnes (5783909) and Raewyn Parkes (5783909) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

What's on this week: 21st Week in ordinary time



Wed:	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall

Prayers for the People

- Bible in schools programmes
- Safety for the workers and drivers on the roads and the rail to Christchurch
- 24-7 youth work at the Girls' College and for its commencement at the Boys' College.
- Unsettled political situations in the world.
- Our parishioners in rest homes.
- The Church Building Project.
- Tunes for Tots need a helper in the kitchen
- Tunes for Tots are looking to offer a bible study for those interested parents.
- The Marriage Course for the next 5weeks

Missional needs:

- The Corin Family – as they help locals establish business.
- The Tucker Family – as they support international students.
- Matt Gwynne – his YWAM leadership responsibilities, progress in learning French. For DTS, Thrive: training for ministry to women who have been abused or sex trafficked.
- MAF – For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for more support staff.
- Nathan and Rosey – protection and work in their chosen country.
- Maori Mission for healing and growth
- Zane and Karen as they are in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
Assistant Priests	Jonathan Wasley John Neal Miriam Taylor
Youth/24/7 Worker	Rose Newton
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Care Cell Coordinators	
Women's Ministry	
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.

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