

## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 26th May 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

In the current sermon series, "Living Together", we have been exploring what God has to say about relationships both in the church community and outside of it. Today we will look at the implications of the "one another" statements in the New Testament.

What we discover is that there are clearly two groups of "one another" statements. In summary we find that some "one another' statements are supportive while others are corrective. The first set of "one another" statements is where I enjoy the relationship with the other person. Here they are giving to me and the attitude towards me is one that I appreciate. The second set of "one another" statements asks for a response from me in ways that will most likely demand a change in my behaviour.

The first brings encouragement and inspiration to my life; the second helps my development and accountability. The first encourages me to keep it up and the second to sort it out. Both encouragement and discipline are necessary if we are to grow as people.

We need to cultivate attitudes such as transparency, honesty and humility. It is not easy, but it is essential. We need to cultivate accountability, 'how are you getting on?' and vulnerability, 'how am I getting on? There is great security and blessing within such relationships.

I believe that this is God's dream and vision. A church that can fully embrace this, is well on its way to seeing the prayer of Jesus in John 17 being fulfilled.

What a challenge! What an invitation! Go well and blessings, Richard



## Welcome to our services today! 26th May 2019

Theme: Keep it up-Sort it out

Readings: Romans 12:3-13 & John 14:23-29

**Sentence:** Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another

above yourselves. Romans 12:9,10

**Collect:** Alleluia, King Eternal; grace and wholeness show your glory: deliver us from sin's oppression; free us from despair; and have us stand to reflect the glory of Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 



## **Items of Interest**

The Parish car is for sale.

It is in good going order and no longer required by the parish.

Offers of interest can be made to the wardens or Richard Dyer.

Bench seat: The youth have created a bench seat for the church community. It is on display in the church today. They wish to install it permanently around the church grounds so people can sit and rest on it.

June) we will be praying for worldwide evangelism and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the unsaved. So please diary these dat

Thank you to the youth and their mentors at Misfits. Awesome work.

# Pastoral Care meeting in the lounge Thursday, 30th May, 11am.

Come and be part of this exciting ministry, caring for one another and our community.

This is for anyone who cares in any way: visiting, making meals, rest home services, care cells, Tunes for Tots, home communions and those who feel God has given them a gift to help others and want to find out how they can use that gift. In our parish we need to show God's love and use the gifts given to us so please endeavour to attend.

Richard Dyer and Alison Brice

Thy Kingdom Come: The Diocese is

joining together with a worldwide prayer initiative. From Ascension Day (30th May) to Pentecost (9th June) we will be praying for worldwide evangelism and an



outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the unsaved. So please diary these dates, put on your walking shoes and pray as you go. If you need some ideas how to prayer walk there are some pamphlets available at the back of the church.



She Shops June 15th to Elim Centre 26 Burleigh Road. Clothes drop off Mon 10th-Thurs.13th June 9am-5pm. Women's clothing, shoes and

accessories only. \$2 entry, \$1 per item. All proceeds go to Marlborough Migrant Centre.

Jan's Joy: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:2



#### Prayer needs for Parishioners to pray for Missional needs:

- 'Tunes for Tots' Pray for the team and the families coming and the commencement of the Bible study.
- Pray for our families who are experiencing job and accommodation uncertainty.
- The Corin Family For wisdom as they continue to balance life and ministry, for relationships to be strengthened and deepened and blessing on the family. Pray for the planning of Sasha's tertiary education and for pressured finances.
- The Tucker Family For wisdom as they support international students. And for their work in the local church.
- Matt Gwynne For his work with YWAM, for his Bible study and prayer support group he runs for sports people. Pray for his chaplaincy work with rugby and surfing professionals, and for financial support.
- MAF For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for maintenance, tech and I.T. staff.
- Nathan and Rosey For their relationship with their language assistant and that he will come to know Jesus.
- Zane and Karen Elliot For their training with NZCMS in the UK for 6 months and for their finances.



## Today Winter Fellowship. "Soup, Savoury, Bun Lunch"

Join us for your normal morning tea and stay for "Soup, Savoury, Bun lunch" in the Parish Hall Sunday 26th May (cost **\$5.00** per person. **\$15.00** per family.)

Soup will be served approx.11.30am onwards. Vegetarian/vegan/gluten/dairy free will be available.

Whatever service you attend, you are welcome to stay or come back and join us at 11.30am, ask a friend or neighbour who may need some company to join you.

This is a fund-raising function.

### What's on this week:

Wed: 4pm Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies

7pm Boys' Group 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

4pm Taizé Service in Barnies

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

### **Prayer Focus**

Martin Luther once Said "You can't keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair."

- **Mon.** Temptation is inevitable, but how you deal with it, is a matter of personal choice. God's Word gives us principles to help us dealing with temptation.
- **Tues.** Everything is permissible for us, but not everything is beneficial. 1 Corinthians 6:12
- **Wed.** Everything is permissible for me. but I will not be mastered by anything. (same reading)
- **Thurs.** I need to ask myself "will my actions cause my brother to stumble or fall into sin?"
- **Fri.** Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God. Am I doing this to honour the Lord, or to promote myself?
- **Sat.** Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation. Matthew 26:41

**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:** Jane Sheat is our Prayer Chain Coordinator while Raewyn is away. Please phone her on (5789004), or Jan on 5783909, with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

#### **Our Staff and Parish Leaders**

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