



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 27th August 2017

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

Welcome especially to those visiting today, or if you are returning for the first time in a while.

Today we're having our annual emergency evacuation practice. We do this each year as part of what we call Creating Healthy Community. That's what is usually called Health and Safety, but that term seems to carry with it some negative concepts.

As a family of people who worship Jesus, the living God who saves, we want to reflect his nature in our behaviour as well as in what we say we believe. It's about our identity - how God shapes us into who and what we were created to be.

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

Made in the image of God who is the creator of everything, we too are creative.

In the beginning God created everything good. There was no ill health in God's plan for the world. Therefore, we seek to create good health in every way – from spiritual and emotional health to physical wellbeing, wholeness and care for each other.

We were made in God's image – Father Son and Holy Spirit, one God in three. We were not made to be alone. We were made to be like God, in community, so God made us male and female and created his church.

Creating Healthy Community is one significant part of how we live out our mission, our purpose – drawing people in to God's purposes, growing up into our God intended shape, and reaching out to others with the love of God.

If you aren't part of that journey, why don't you come with us. Talk with one of our leaders today.

God bless you.

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the account number is ANZ: 060705 0429077 00, code is 115.06

You are invited to a 24/7 Fundraising Dinner and information night on Monday 11th September, 6.00pm at the Bamboo Garden. We have two 24/7 Youth Workers in Marlborough Girls College - come along and hear how they are making a difference in the girls lives. Tickets are available from Nativity and the Elim Church office, or by contacting Alf Millar ph. 0274038062.

AAW Regional Day and AGM: Wed. 6th September, 10am at St Christophers. 9.30am morning tea. 10am church service. 11.15 AGM. 12.15 pm lunch, (bring your own). 1.30pm Guest Margaret Conway.

NZ CMS AGM: 3pm, 17th September - afternoon tea, followed by speaker, John Bush on his pilgrimage to Celtic sites and footsteps of St Francis in Italy. This will be followed by the AGM.

Organ Concert: 24th September, 2pm at Nativity Church. Door Sales: \$10 per person. Celebrate Daylight Saving.

Invite your family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours to join you for a relaxing afternoon out and enjoy the talents of local organists.

Stay for a: cuppa & cookie, after the show. Gold coin donation appreciated. This is a Blenheim Anglican Parish Fund Raising Activity.



Please remember to use the prayer card to pray for the Church Building Project. If you do not have a card pick up one from the back of the church.

Please continue to pray for the 15 couples who are participating in the marriage course.



Order of St. Luke Christian Healing Service: Sunday 10th September 2pm Wesley Centre. Everyone Welcome! Guest Speakers: Christina and Nanai Naseri from the La Vai Ola Retreat House, 7 Teal Valley Rd, Hira, Nelson. Ph. 03 5452409
For more information please contact: John



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Equip 2017 Marlborough:

The Big Story of the Bible (Kate Dugdale) Renwick Anglican: Wednesday 20th and 27th September. 7-9pm. All welcome.

Handling the Bible: (Kate Dugdale) Nativity Church: Wednesday 18th and 25th October. 7-9pm. All welcome.

Contact: kate@bishopdale.ac.nz

Fathers Day at Nativity kids: Dads be prepared to come and have fun with the kids. Wear your active wear.

Jan's Joy: My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare.
Psalm 25:15



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

Welcome to our services today! 29th August 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: We are doing okay?

Readings: 8am & 10am: Jeremiah 18:1-11 & Philippians 1:3-9

Sentence: O Lord how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. *Psalm 104:25*

Collect: You made us Lord, and we are yours; grant that we may so use your gifts that all your creatures may enjoy the harmony you planned. **Amen**



WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Continuing some prayer prompts from Noah.

Mon. The Bible talks about the importance of friendships and how we can strengthen and support each other in time of need. 120 years building the Ark! We can only imagine the strength and support Noah and his family needed. Pray today for your friends and family.

Tues. Don't forget we are all in the same boat. We can accomplish a lot more if we are rowing in the same direction. Stop criticising each other.

Wed. Remember that amateurs built the Ark- professionals built the Titanic. The head architect of the Ark was God. If God is on our side – who can be against us.

Thurs. Remember the woodpeckers inside the ship are often a bigger threat than the storm outside. It is a fact that a little hole can sink a big ship if it is not repaired. Pray against criticism.

Fri. God instructed Noah to cover the Ark inside and out with pitch. The word “pitch” comes from the word “Kaphar” which also means atonement. Jesus is our atonement. Pray that the “woodpeckers” are not causing holes in your walk with the Lord.

Sat. No matter how bleak it looks, if God is with you, there's always rainbow on the other side. No matter how fierce the storms are in our lives, God will always deliver us. His promise is the rainbow.

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) or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators 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.

Tuesday Prayer time 4.30-5.15pm

This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Tues:	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street.
Wed:	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	All Age Worship Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Nativity@7pm

Tonight: 7pm in the hall
Exploring Prophecy Part 2 - Deborah
All welcome to join us.

O Worship the King all glorious above



Clothes Swap Alert! A repeat of last year's event. Gather up your unwanted women's clothes and accessories (good condition only please) and lock in the date - Saturday 16th September. As per last year we will be donating all proceeds to Women's Refuge. **Drop clothing, shoes, and accessories at Nativity Church Office 11-14 Sept. 9am-4pm.**

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Assistant Priests

Youth/24/7 Worker
Vicar's P/A
Parish Nurse
Parish Manager
Receptionist
Counselling
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Women's Ministry
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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose and Jonathan:
Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday
mornings only.