



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 27th May 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,

Welcome to this weekly gathering of the Nativity Church family – whichever of the several gatherings you have come to. We gather to worship as God's family, this community of faith we call Nativity.

The One we worship is Jesus. He is the very image of God – which is what the Biblical phrase “Son of God” means. If we want to know what God is like we only have to learn about Jesus and get to know him. Then all we read about Almighty God the Father and creator of all things, takes on a much fuller, warmer and personal understanding.

When we ask God to be in our lives, the Holy Spirit who is God, lives in us as he lived in Jesus – and raised him from the dead! We then have resurrection power in us!

So, this week we explore some main parts of what the Church teaches about Jesus - what the life, death and resurrection of Jesus means for us, what his nature is, why he became one of us, and what he taught about relationship and the way life needs to be lived on earth.

All this is most appropriate as today is Trinity Sunday. Our God is indeed Trinity – one God, three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The finest example of family, or Community there is.

This too is exciting territory. Come on the journey!

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

Confirmation - Reaffirmation

We plan to have a big celebration in July. If you would like to be Confirmed, or to reaffirm your baptism and faith in Jesus, please let Bob or Jonathan know as soon as possible.

The claims of the Christian faith based on the Catechism, are the basis of this opportunity. These are being made through sermons and parish small groups. Between midday and 12.30pm each Sunday in the lounge, parish clergy and preachers will be available to discuss the sermons and topics.

The link to the Catechism in the NZPB 925 is <http://anglicanprayerbook.nz/925.html>

Notes from sermon are on the table in the church foyer and in the hall.

Bishopdale Theological College:

Sharing the Gospel presented by Monika Clark from the Church Army. All Saints Church, Nelson Friday June 8th, 7-9pm and Saturday June 9th, 9.30-4pm. Register at bishopdale.ac.nz/preaching. Lunch is provided and there is no cost.

Volunteers needed: Can you help by vacuuming the hall after the morning tea on Sunday mornings? We would love to hear from you. Contact Jan at the office.

She Shops Saturday 9th June 2-4pm @ Nativity. Pamper stations/refreshments. \$2 entry \$1 per item.

Women's clothes & accessories drop off at Nativity Office 5th—7th June. Clothes must be in good condition please.



Jan's Joy: My God is my joy!
Acts 2:28



Prayers for the People

Please check out the prayer board in the foyer of the church.

- Safety for the workers and drivers on the roads and the rail, with the highway opened.
- 24-7 youth work at the Girls' College and for its commencement at the Boys' College.
- Work of the agencies who support the persecuted church.
- Indonesian Christian churches that were bombed that their Government will take action.
- Unsettled political situations in the world.
- Our parishioners in rest homes.
- The Building Project for the church
- Family First - fight against deregistration as a charity.

Missional needs:

- The Corin and Tucker Families – For wisdom and blessing on their ministry and the local church.
- Matt Gwynne – His YWAM leadership responsibilities, progress in learning French and healing of injuries and asthma.
- MAF – For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for more support staff.
- Nathan and Rosey – For their protection and suitable accommodation when they move to K Town.
- Maori Mission for healing and growth
- Zane & Karen Elliott as they join CMS and head overseas to serve.

Join Jan and Raewyn in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) to pray for Nativity and our community.

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

Welcome to our services today! 27th May 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: A Catechism - God the Son/Trinity

Readings 8am & 10am: 1 John 4:7-12 & Mark 1:1-5, 9-11

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



Collect: God of unchangeable power, you have revealed yourself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; keep us firm in this faith that we may praise and bless your holy name; for you are one God now and forever. **Amen**

Weekly Prayer Focus:

1 Timothy 4:12 "Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

- Mon.** Pray that your words may be comforting, calming and character building to the people you spend time with today.
- Tues.** Be an example in conduct. When Noah emerged from the ark, the first thing he did was he built an altar. Noah had an altar before he had a home.
- Wed.** Be an example in love. Love isn't a virus you catch, it's a virtue we are supposed to practice every day. Pray today for a regular transfusion of His love.
- Thurs.** Be an example in spirit. Often the look on your face has more impact than the words you speak. Pray today for your family and loved ones.
- Fri.** Be an example in faith. Here's a fact that should alarm us. 90% of all those who end up in a cult started out in mainline churches and were never grounded in the truth of scripture.
- Sat.** Be an example in purity. Some of the things that entertain us today would have shocked our parents and grandparents. Today the world of politics, education and entertainment are battling for our minds and involvement. Submit your thoughts to God—if He approves them—then they are ok.

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.

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.

What's on this week

Tues:	7pm	Alastair's Group in the lounge
Wed:	6.30pm	Boys Group in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
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



There is petition in the church foyer, calling upon the Minister of Justice to review and safeguard the religious freedoms which were developed over the last five centuries. Please take time to sign it before you leave today. For more information go to this link : [/barnabasfund.us11.list-manage.com/vcard/u=a9b3e4fe35187581ec007413e&id=eb07795fc3\]](https://barnabasfund.us11.list-manage.com/vcard/u=a9b3e4fe35187581ec007413e&id=eb07795fc3)

Winter half day retreats: 9am to midday

June 16, July 7 and 21, August 4.
Set aside the time to be still and be with God.
Participate in spiritual practices that assist in this.
Run by Rev Miriam Taylor and Raewyn Parkes.
All are welcome, morning teas provided



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	Libby Barnes
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.