

The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 28th April 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

Thank you for your welcome. It is a privilege for us to be with you.

A little of my ministry journey over the past few years: Many of you may know my father, the Rev Jim Dyer from when he was vicar of Spring Creek (1959-1967) during my formative years. Kaye and I have been ministering in Picton for the last 9 years, recently retiring into Blenheim - well for 5 weeks anyway!

Interim ministry is a special role; it is about helping a parish shape its life, faith and ministry as it celebrates its past and takes hold of the future. We look forward to entering this journey with you.

Kaye and I enjoy sharing in ministry together. Kaye is also ordained. In recent years she has completed a BTheol and a MMin focussing on future church issues.

Parish Visiting: From next Sunday I will have a clipboard out with a weekly planner. If you would like me to visit you, please fill it in with date, time and address etc. I find this an efficient way to connect with folk when we are available.

Again, thank you for your welcome and let us look forward with excitement to what God will do as we work together over the coming months.

Richard



Welcome to our services today! 28th April 2019

Theme: Overcoming Hostility

Readings: Revelation 1:4-8 & John 20:19-31

Sentence: Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but

believe.' John 20:27

Collect: Alleluia, King Eternal; locked doors or closed minds cannot bar you; let our questions and our doubts lead us to you: let us seek your truth; discern your will; and trust your love; through Jesus Christ our

Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever. Amen.

Items of Interest

Please wear your nametags to help Richard and Kaye know who we are. If you have not got a tag please contact the office

Prayer Breakfast, 11th May, 8am, in the lounge. Guest speaker Revd. Joe Keighley. Register at the office for catering purposes. Put it in your diary now. All welcome Expressions of interest are invited for the job of Minute Secretary to the Vestry. This will involve taking notes during the monthly Vestry Meetings (3rd Wednesday of each month) then writing and distributing the Minutes. No other duties are envisaged except for the need to keep strictly confidential the proceedings of each meeting. If this is a ministry that you could fulfil, the Priest in Charge or either of the Wardens would be glad to hear from you.

Winter Fellowship: Join us for morning



tea in the Parish Hall today, also available will be soup, savoury and bun lunch (cost \$5.00 per person.) Soup will be served approx.11.30am onwards. Vegetarian, gluten and dairy free will be

available. This is a fund-raising function and the plan is to possibly serve soup once a month over winter. All parishioners are welcome. Put it in your diary now.

From our Parish Nurse: It is time to visit your GP for your winter flu injection



Taylor River Walk – You are welcome to join this group when you are able. We

walk for up to 45 mins on Thursdays starting at 8.30am from the carpark by the Henry Street footbridge off Nelson Street. Contact Pam Neal 5777442 or Fay Johnstone 5783763.



Jan's Joy: Some cool thoughts from my desk calendar.

Wisdom is a blessing – walk in it Joy is a gift – be generous with it. Prayer is a privilege – act on it. Love is a miracle – be God's messenger. Are you close to God and fulfilling His purpose?

Can the Church be effective in this world and age?

Are you prepared for change?

Are you concerned for your community and this nation? If so?

Come and see a six-part DVD teaching series by Rev. Dr.

Alistair Petre being screened at St Christopher's Church. Commencing on Friday 3rd May at 10 am and continuing on the following five Fridays.

Subjects include. What on earth is happening for Heaven's sake; a time of change seen through the Holy Spirit; anointed leadership and healing the land; authentic transformation; from breakdown to breakthrough; rediscovering the fear of the Lord; spiritual firewalls and the power of choice.

This series is the most important I have come across, truly transformational. All are welcome Rev Dale Pomeroy

AAW Meeting: Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm at Nativity. Remembering Mothers. Please bring a story, photo, maybe an apron, or memorabilia to speak about. Devotions. Reports. Sales Table. Supper.

Church Mice

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What's on this week:

Tues: 7pm Boy's Group in Barnies

Wed: Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies 4pm

> 7pm Choir Practice in the church 7.30pm AAW meeting in the lounge

Eucharist in Barnies Thurs: 10am Fri: 9.30am Tunes for Tots in the hall LINK in the lounge 1pm

Sun: 8am Traditional Eucharist Service

Family Service followed by 10am 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

Francis of Assisi well known prayer is our focus for this week. With the world situation we need to pray this prayer every day for our homes, church, community and world.

Mon. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Tues. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.

Wed. Where there is despair – hope. Where there is darkness, light. and where there is sadness, joy.

Thurs. O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console.

Fri. To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

Sat. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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) 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 and for the week following.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge Richard Dyer Assistant Priests Kaye Dyer

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> > Stephen Sheat

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