



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 28th July 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

The two great problems in our society are the breakdown in human relationships and the hold that stuff has over people's lives. The bible has an amazing amount to say about both so offer followers of Jesus a great opportunity to demonstrate something uniquely different.

Consider these three basic biblical principles:

1. How we handle our relationships is a measure of our maturity in God. It is the main test of our Christian maturity.
2. How we handle our physical resources is a measure of our faithfulness (trustworthiness) to God. Jesus said, *'If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?'* (Luke 16:11)
3. Our effectiveness and ministry in the kingdom of God is directly related to our faithfulness, not our giftedness. We can be very gifted and very sacrificial but if love is lacking then giftedness and sacrifice are worth nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Giftedness is a measure of God's grace towards us. Trustworthiness is our gift to God.

In our material resources God has given us a practical test of how trustworthy we are. Material resources are visible, within our grasp and control. They are not hard to measure. God assesses trustworthiness by how we use these resources.

Go well and blessings

Richard



Welcome to our services today! 28th July 2019

Theme: Resources and Relationships

Readings: 1 John 3:11-18 & Luke 11:1-13

Sentence: Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. *1 John 3:18*

Collect: Provident Father, you grant the Holy Spirit to all who call upon you; may we so ask that we joyfully receive, search that we may fully find, and knock that the door of compassion is opened; through Christ our Mediator, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Today Marlborough Singers are presenting 'The Best of Broadway' 4pm at the Wesley Centre. Door sales \$15. Good old songs from good old shows!



Snail mail stamps: don't forget there is a box in the foyer for placing stamps (not kiwi stamps please, as they have no value), but others are appreciated by Anglican Missions and sold for mission funds.

Ordination and installation of Steve Maina as Bishop of Nelson.
9.30am, 31st August 2019 in the Nelson Cathedral.



Expressions of interest in attending this event can be written on the form in the foyer of the church.

Only ten tickets have been allocated to Nativity parishioners so a ballot will be drawn and the winners will attend. We

are planning on arranging a bus— if you would like to travel by bus please tick the appropriate place on the form.

Soup, Savoury & Bun Lunch Today

Cost \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family.

Soup is served in the lounge at 11.30am till midday. Tea & Coffee available as usual.

Vegetarian, gluten and dairy free options available.



The Blenheim Methodist Women's Fellowship would like to welcome all women to morning tea on Tuesday 13th August at 9.45am in the Wesley Centre Lounge.

A Communion Service and reflection led by our Minister, Rev. Alofa Asiata will follow in the Wesley Centre Auditorium.

Care & Share A place for our creatives to meet, encourage and share their skill. Next meeting Monday 12th August, 9.30am to 11.30am in the lounge. Come and join us, bring a friend. 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.

Jan's Joy: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57



Unpacking the Shack

Thursdays 10am-11.30am
At Struthers
(French Fields)

Based on the movie/novel
'The Shack', this series will look at
the themes and life challenges that
underpin the story.
Please see Ruth (ph. 0211452678) if
you would like to come.
We begin Thursday August 1st.

Thank you to all who participated in the
Day of prayer and fasting. Please keep
the prayers going before the Lord over the
next few months.



Thank you to our wonderful, faithful volunteers who are back today with our youth and children in Barnies and the centre. May God direct your paths and bless you.

At the AAW meeting on 7th August at 7.30pm the National Council of Women remits will be discussed at an open meeting. Remits are on the noticeboard. You may wish to read and comment on them.

- * Recognising all Genders, including trans people
- * Transparency of information
- * Period poverty and Sanitary Products
- * Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030)
- * Equality in Early Childcare Education.

The AAW has a Christian voice to Government through NCW
All welcome.

What's on this week:

Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	5.30pm	Misfits in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies followed by
	11am	Morning tea in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	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**

The Examen (Evening Reflection)



Written by St. Ignatius Loyola, the Examen is a daily process for prayerfully reflecting on your day.

1. *Remember God's presence.*

Even after a trying day, God will quiet your soul as you remember His presence and intentionally seek to enter into it. Remember He's with you. Invite Him to make Himself present to you.

2. *Respond to Him with thanks.*

Giving thanks gives God glory and helps us look on the bright side of a bad day. What small blessings can you thank God for?

3. *Reflect on how God showed Himself to you.*

God reveals himself through scripture, but we also see glimpses of him in nature, events, and people. Sometimes He shows up loudly through miraculous, divine intervention. Other times He shows Himself quietly through the beauty of a flower or an earnest conversation. As you look back over your day, can you identify moments where you sensed God's revelation or intervention?

4. *Repent of your failings.*

I don't like recognizing my own sin, but repentance is key to continual renewal in our relationship with God. As you reflect on your day, remember specific points where you failed. Bring your shortcomings before God and ask Him to forgive you.

5. *Resolve to grow.*

God is in the business of changing us, so don't let your failings discourage or define you. His mercies are always new. Accept His forgiveness. Ask Him for grace to change. Is there anything you need to make right or anyone you need to apologize to? What can you do differently tomorrow?

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