



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 28th May 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

We've said it before. Of all people on this planet New Zealanders – and especially 21st century New Zealand Christians - should be the most thankful. We are so blessed!

We have experienced this richness first hand during this last month. That advanced surgery such as knee replacements can be accessed is wonderful enough. That when things go wrong like blood clots or reactions to drugs, they can be treated quickly and locally, is doubly wonderful. All this in a world where many millions have to walk for days to a hospital that is less well equipped than the first aid kit in the boot of our car. How thankful are we?

James Koester, Superior of the SSJE (Society of Saint John the Evangelist) writes:

"we should all start every day with a "thank you."... Saying "thank you" is one of the great privileges of life: I have the wonderful opportunity to thank any number of people, for any number of reasons, every day of the week. My daily "thank you" is one part of living that Eucharistic life to which God calls us"

St Paul put it all in perspective when he wrote:

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
(Ephesians 2:8-10)

So with thankfulness for you and all we have, we bless you that you may know the lavishness of God afresh.

Bob and Libby Barnes



Items of Interest

Prayer to Pentecost: A combined churches week of prayer leading to Pentecost. Monday 29th to Saturday 3rd June, 5.30pm - 6pm.

Mon: Nativity,
Tues: St Ninians,
Wed: Baptist,
Thurs: Oasis,
Fri: Salvation Army,
Sat: C3,
Sun: Elim, 5pm, prior to a combined
Pentecost service at 6pm.



www.nativity.org.nz/the-marriage-course.html

Kia ora Nativity Bakers, I am looking for people who wish to bless the community with the gift of baking! We want to look after you, honour your gift, and bless you in return.

If you would like to either be on a term roster, or to give to occasional events, or have questions please email me at rose@nativity.org.nz. Ph 027 727 5888.

If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the code to use is 115.06

Want to keep up with what's on? Look at the website for lots of information about the parish. Ministries and services offered to and by the parish, pew sheets, sermons, giving options and other news.



Garage sale leftovers can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St.
Telephone: 5794353.

Do you want to study the book of Matthew in depth?

Alastair Smith will be running a care cell in Barnies, Tuesday 7pm—8.30pm weekly. As a taster to see if this is what you would like, come and hear his introduction to the book of Matthew this Sunday 28th May, Nativity@7pm in the hall.

Office/Administration Manager - Full

Time: Blenheim Baptist is searching for a skilled, driven and relational individual to join their team. See notice board for more information.

All together equip tour 2017: Tuesday

13th June 5pm at Blenheim Baptist Church. Brought to you by the All Together NZ and Hope Project team. See notice board for more information.

Jan's Joy: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!
1 John 3:1



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

Welcome to our services today! 28th May 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: The Lavishness of God

Readings 8am & 10am : Psalm 23 & Ephesians 2:4-10

Sentence: Lift up your heads you gates! Lift yourselves up you everlasting doors! that the King of Glory may come in. *Psalm 24:7*

Collect: Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension you declared him king. Lift up our hearts to heaven that we may live and reign with him. **Amen**



WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Common courtesy is becoming less common every day. And that's not good because the Bible says "Be courteous...that you may be a blessing." 1 Peter 3:8-9 Here are ten "not-so-common courtesies we should work on every day and teach our children.

Mon. 1. Go out of your way to speak to people "Pleasant words are... healing."

Tues. 2. Try to remember their names – it shows you value them.
3. Smile, it increases your "face value".

Wed. 4. Be friendly and helpful. If you do, people will return it.
5. Show genuine interest. You can find something good in almost anybody if you try.

Thurs. 6. Be generous with your praise and cautious with your criticism.

Fri. 7. Be slow to judge. There are three sides to every story- your side, their side, and the right side.

Sat. 8. Instead of "using others" serve them. "Through love serve one another.

Sun. 9. Start trusting people = it builds lasting relationships.
10. Be humble. Oswald Chambers said, "When a saint becomes conscious of being a saint, something goes wrong.

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) Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Bob Barnes (5783909) & 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 2/22 Eltham Rd
Wed:	5.30pm	Prayer Vigil in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes 4 Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	6pm	Combined Churches Service at Elim



Nativity@7

May 28th: 7pm in the hall
Speaker: Alastair Smith

June 4th: 6pm Combined Churches Service at Elim, Burleigh Road

June 11th: 7pm in the hall



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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Staff Days Off/On

Susan & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Rose, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.