



# The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 29th July 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,

Sometimes in life it seems a lot is happening all at once. That can be exciting. It can be stressful. It can be life-giving and productive. Or it can be just plain tiring. To a significant degree we have a lot of choice about which of those it looks like.

These months are those sorts of times. Along with whatever is happening in your own day to day home and work life, we've also had some good celebrations like the Seniors Mid-Winter lunch, and the "Red Alert" Pot Luck Dinner last night. Starting on 14 August is The Marriage Course – at once both pastoral support for our parishioners, and a mission opportunity to our wider community.

For some of you, your ministry roles at church are making a change. Our Children and youth ministry leaders are commencing Term 3 today. Our Synod Reps are off to the Diocesan Synod on the 9<sup>th</sup>. At the end of this new school term our children's ministry changes as Roz and Dion Mundy, and Robyn and Andy Petrie step down after many years of an imaginative and dedicated service of leadership. We thank you!

This presents new opportunities, which can seem daunting. Be that as it may, God has always led his people, and supplied their needs – usually working through his other people. As they've stepped out in faith, they've usually found a whole new lease on life and new things within themselves they never knew were there.

It takes order and structure. It takes a new dimension of stepping into worship, time to step out of time to just be in the presence of our living God who saves. That gives us a new perspective on what's happening around us. We can savour the excitement. We can marvel at the newness of life. We can harvest what is being produced. Or not. Your choice.

In all the changes before us

*"We have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of everyone, but especially of those who have faith. That's why we work and struggle so hard"*  
(1 Timothy 4:10)



May you marinate in the blessing of his approval upon you,  
good and faithful servants.

Bob and Libby

## Items of Interest

An invitation – to learn and share in the Awesome Power of Blessing. Four weeks – at Grace Petrie's home 25 Burleigh Rd, Tuesdays – August 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, 1.30p.m. – 3 p.m. Phone 578 7860 if further info required.

Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) Praying for Nativity and our community.

**Senior Citizens Concert: Thursday 9th August at the Wesley Centre, 2-3pm.** Come along and enjoy an afternoon of jazz music, tea and biscuits, performed by the best youth musicians the South Island has to offer.

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.

Winter Half Day Retreat  
In Barnies  
Saturday  
4th August  
9am-12noon  
Book at the office 5783909

I am preparing the October, November, December rosters at present. If you know you are going to be away for any dates please let Jan at the office know within the next two weeks.

If you have any spare council rubbish bags you can donate to the church, they would be much appreciated.

AAW Meeting Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm. Remits evening. Gold coin donation may be made to Alzheimers Marlborough.

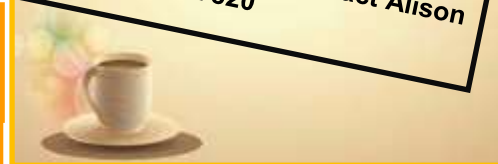
Jan's Joy: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.*  
Romans 15:13



**Alpha Marriage Course**  
The course is 7 weeks. Running Tuesday evenings 7-9:30pm. At Marlborough Vintners Hotel, Rapaura Road. \$200 per couple for the whole course. Limited places - contact Jonathan to confirm a space. Part deposit confirms place on the course. Please talk to Jonathan if \$ is a barrier. Details on the website: [www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz)



Do you enjoy board games and cards, chatting with people over coffee or tea? Don't forget LINK weekly on Fridays at 1pm in the Nativity lounge. Gold coin donation to cover expenses. Contact Alison Brice Ph. 578 7820



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 July 2018

**Theme 8am & 10am: Vision**

**Readings 8am & 10am:** Hebrews 10:19-25 & John 4:21-26

**Sentence:** What does the Lord who has showed you what is good require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8*



**Collect:** God our ruler and guide, when we come to the place where the road divides, keep us true to the way of Christ, alive to present opportunities, and confident of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Weekly Prayer Focus

Psalm 119 we find many rules for clean living in a dirty world.

- Mon.** Seek the Lord on a regular basis. "I seek you with all my heart, do not let me stray from your commands." v.10. Include God in all your decisions, plans, struggles and your fun times.
- Tues.** Hide His precepts in your heart. "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. v.11.
- Wed.** Talk to others about God. "I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. v.13. Something wonderful happens when you begin to talk about the things of God.
- Thurs.** Rejoice in Him. "I rejoice in following your statutes." v.14 Smile – others are watching. Let your delight show!
- Fri.** Meditate on His Word throughout the day. "I meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways." v. 15
- Sat.** Weave into your driving time, your workouts, your quiet time, your meal time, a verse from scripture to remind you of God's presence.

**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.

## What's on this week: 16th Week in ordinary time

<b>Wed:</b>	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
	7.30pm	Evening AAW in the lounge
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	4pm	Taizé Style service in Barnies
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



### Prayers for the People

- Bible in schools programmes
- 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.
- Unsettled political situations in the world.
- Our parishioners in rest homes.



### Missional needs:

- The Corin Family – For wisdom as they help locals establish business.
- The Tucker Family – For wisdom and blessing on their ministry as they support international students.
- Matt Gwynne – his YWAM leadership responsibilities, progress in learning French. Also for the new DTS, Thrive: as they develop training for ministry to women who have been abused or sex trafficked.
- MAF – For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for more support staff.
- Nathan and Rosey – For protection and thanks for the accommodation in K town.

### 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

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### To Contact Us

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### Staff Days Off/On

**Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.**

**Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.**