



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 29th October 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 all need our heroes. And we need to celebrate them. On Tuesday 31 October the Christian church celebrates 500 years since Martin Luther launched The Reformation of the church.

Even he had his heroes who shaped him. Despite being a poor family, the first was his Dad who saw him into law school. When young Martin became a monk, an unknown mentor told him to focus his life exclusively on Christ, and this would later provide him with the guidance he sought. It was powerful advice.

Who shaped you? Who is shaping you now? And who do you shape?

Mentoring is something we can all do. This Parish pioneered the mentoring project called Fresh Perspective which went nationwide. Due to a collapse in funding, the national organisation was unable to continue, but at an informal level some of that mentoring continues. We see families better able to cope with modern life hazards.

If you're "a self-made" man or woman, you're actually just pushing the proverbial water uphill with a rake. We were not created to be independent, nor dependant. We were created to be inter-dependant – to help each other.

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

(Romans 12:4 & 5)

Now, while you're thinking about this, contact someone who has inspired or mentored you, and say thanks! Then celebrate the memory of those who did that but are now in Glory.

God bless

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

Memorial Service: Our annual Memorial Service will be Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm. We will remember those who have died over the past year. If you have had a family member or friend who has died and the funeral was not held at Nativity please phone the office with their name and we will add them to our list.

AAW Meeting: Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm. Guest speaker Rose Newton. Devotions, sales table, supper. If anyone would like to hear Rose and what she does as 24/7 worker at MGC and youth worker at Nativity, come at 8pm. Heather, AAW leader.

CWCI.– Blenheim Committee together with ***SHE Connects***, invite you to attend the Spring Speaker, Sherry Boyd, Wed.1st November, 7.30pm. Supper to follow at the Blenheim Baptist, cnr High St/ Beaver Rd. Door entry: \$5. Inquiries to Pip ph: 578 0930 or Ruth: m.ruth.newman@gmail.com

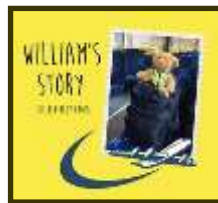
For sale in the office we have packs of 10 small Christmas gift tags at \$2 per pack. Money raised is for the building restoration. These are kindly donated by a member of our Nativity family.

Garden Marlborough Fete Sunday 12th November, Nativity Car Park fund raising.



Approx. 6am to 2pm. We need helpers please, to work a roster system. If you can spare an hour to help it would be very much appreciated. Contact: Pauline 578 7351 or Elaine 578 4331 as soon as possible.

William's Story by Beverley Cross is the observations and reflections of a very special teddy bear as he travelled to the Leprosy Mission Hospitals in Northern India. This children's book costs \$15, and is available from Jan at the Nativity Church office.



Salvation Army Women's Fellowship invite Nativity women to join their Annual Friends and Neighbours Day to be held Tuesday 14th November at 10am for morning tea in their lounge followed by a service in the Citadel at 10.45am. Guest Speaker is Shar Davis. Lunch at 12.15pm in the lounge. Gold coin donation towards costs would be appreciated. More information on notice board by the hall.

There is a working bee in the grounds and carpark of Nativity Saturday 4th



November from 8am – noon. We have a wonderful church and grounds that need maintaining regularly so if you can help it is a great way to meet people from the different services and clean up at the same time.

Bring along any gear you would use. E.g. gloves, secateurs, loppers, fadge bags etc. We will need to have some men who are able to help David James with the heavier side of things, e.g. shredding the branches.

Jan's Joy: The Lord has promised good things. Numbers 10:29



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 October 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Journeying with God

Readings 8am & 10am: 2 Timothy 2:1-7 & Matthew 8:18-22

Sentence: Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread ..., because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.'

Deuteronomy 31:6



Collect: Kind and generous God, you prepare a feast for all people. May we prepare for your banquet by putting on the garment of love that springs from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith. Help us to bring the lost and lonely, the poor and those in need to your feast where all are fed. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Good ideas come from God – so ask Him for one. The world has been blessed by those who did just that.

Mon. James Simpson, a Scottish doctor in 1847 responded to reading in the Bible “And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam.” That led to him experimenting with chloroform – the beginning of general anaesthetic.

Tues. At first, he met with much opposition and prejudice – but that turned when Queen Victoria gave birth to her eighth child under chloroform and she declared she was greatly pleased.

Wed. One God given idea can change so much. In 1824 a Christian, Louis Braille invented a language for the visually impaired. The Bible could now be read by the blind.

Thurs. Did you know that we owe our mobile phone and computer to another Christian – Samuel Morse. His first message sent by cable read “What God has wrought.”

Fri. Louis Pasteur – another Christian introduced sterilisation methods that eventually saved the lives of millions.

Sat. The typewriter was invented by a Christian in 1867 Christopher Sholes was concerned that his pastor had no time to write Sunday sermons. Six years later Remington recognised the typewriter as something that could revolutionise business. It was the Christian Women who started classes to train women to type.

God wants to bless His people – ask for good ideas for your work, family, interests, church and children’s work.

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

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 178 High Street.
	7pm	Alastair's Care Cell in the lounge
Wed:	7.30pm	Evening AAW in the lounge
	7.30pm	Memorial Service in the church
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
Sat:	8am	Working bee at Nativity
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



"In the name of Jesus, I bless you, may the Lord our God be with you as he was with those believers who have gone before us. May God never leave or forsake you. May he turn your heart toward him even more, so you walk in his ways all of your days and know his peace and love."

Adapted from 1 Kings 8:57-58

Nativity@7pm in the hall. Speaker: Vicar Bob Barnes. All welcome

Come & Worship

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
Assistant Priests	Susan Howarth
	Jonathan Wasley
	John Neal
	Miriam Taylor
	Kevin Gwynne
	Rose Newton
Youth/24/7 Worker	Jude Dell
Vicar's P/A	Raewyn Parkes
Parish Nurse	Keith Buck
Parish Manager	Jan Burrough
Receptionist	Kathy Hammond
Counselling	Miriam Taylor &
Care Cell Coordinators	Shirley Ramsay
	Libby Barnes
Women's Ministry	Alison Brice
Chaplain to the Elderly	Stephen Sheat
Vicar's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
People's Warden	

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose and Jonathan:
Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday
mornings only.