



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 2nd July 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

"What would your week look like if you took seriously the dismissal to "*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,*" and did so because you had a mission to do and a message to proclaim and you were so excited you couldn't contain yourself?" (Br. James Koester, *Society of Saint John the Evangelist*)

Just imagine ... if you had the cure for cancer (or any other really serious common disease). What would your week look like? What would your life look like? They're all the same question.

It may not be in nice off-pat 12 steps, but we know the cure for the worst that humanity suffers from, which is the root cause of all the misery and despair. More correctly we know *who* is the Cure. The Cure of Souls. Jesus.

**MISSION
POSSIBLE**

His remedy is not as we or our world would prescribe or even want, but it is vastly more far reaching. It starts with relationship. First with him, then each other. It goes to the core of who we are, and to the ends of the earth. It's God's mission and he has a church to accomplish it - us. We his church, are privileged to be called as his messengers and ministers of that healing and that news.

This month our Bishop Richard will be speaking on his vision for the church in that mission. We'll also meet some of *our* own people who are engaging in that mission overseas, who will be here briefly. We share in supporting them by prayer and finances. There's the Hughes family our newest exports, the Tuckers and then the Corins. Let's link with them afresh, as part of the team!

"Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest are faithful messengers to those who send them; they refresh the spirit of their masters."

Proverbs 25:13

Be blessed!

Bob and Libby Barnes

Items of Interest

If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the account number is ANZ: 060705 0429077 00, code is 115.06



The Marriage Course is an eight-week course designed to help you and your spouse strengthen your relationship.

No group work, it is for you as a couple! You get a share a meal together before watching a DVD of practical talks. There is time for private discussion for you as a couple. July 26th – Sept 13th. Wednesday Nights 7 -9:30pm during the third school term, Venue is Marlborough Vintners Hotel. \$150 per couple covers the 8-week course. **Registration:** Places are limited, so please contact Jonathan as soon as you are able. To ensure your place we ask for an advance payment at the Nativity office.

On 05 July Miriam will undertake her ninth mission trip to Aworor Village, on Gaua Island in northern Vanuatu. Donations towards the purchase of stationery, and building renovations at school and church would be greatly appreciated. Please place in a marked envelope in the collection bag or leave at the office. With grateful thanks. Miriam



AAW Meeting. Wednesday 5th July at Nativity, 7.30pm **SHARP.** Guests: Jenny Andrews and Helen Smart, "High tea at Harrods." Wear your 'Sunday best' and join us for our own 'High tea' meeting 7.30pm **Sharp.** Devotions, notices, sales table. Any finished knitting for Operation Coverup

Mission without Borders Operation Cover Up: Display of knitting will be held at St. Christopher's Hall Saturday 9th July 10am-3.30pm. No entry charge.

Parents: please note that the playground area is shifting. For safety purposes it is important to know where your children are. If they are in the playground area it is your responsibility to supervise them.



Bishop Richard will be here on 16 July. He will celebrate and preach at both morning services, then in the afternoon rededicate Barnies as "St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies)"

Chris & Catherine Corin and their children (5) will be in Blenheim from 26 July & 8th August. They are needing accommodation for one week during their visit, can you help? Please contact Jude 5783909.

Volunteer opportunity: We are needing a person/people to vacuum the hall and lounge on Sunday afternoons (except the first Sunday of the month) when everyone has vacated the rooms. If you can help please contact the office ph. 5783909.

Has anyone got the Ellel Healing Ministry DVD. Please return to Susan Howarth

Jan's Joy: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.
1 Chronicles 16:24



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

Welcome to our services today! 2nd July 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Mission - Overseas Mission

Readings 8am & 10am : Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:1-11

Sentence: O Lord my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress; to you the nations will come from the ends of the earth, and they will know that your name is the Lord.

Jeremiah 16:19-21 (adapted)



Collects: Almighty and eternal God, it is your will to bring the whole creation into unity in Christ; grant that your Church may faithfully proclaim the good news until all people are saved and the earth is full of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS: Deuteronomy 31:6 I couldn't help reflecting on that verse as I watched NZ sailing into victory with the Americas Cup.

Mon. Being courageous means that we have convictions that are stronger than our fears. What a wonderful example we have seen this week – an example for us to follow.

Tues. The Americas Cup team had vision that was clearer than any doubts. Pray that truth into our church, our community, our families.

Wed. We saw on TV the discipline and acceptance of everyone's role. The team work was inspiring.

Thurs. Every person was absolutely committed to his/ her role. Fitness, training, physical strength,

Fri. The role of every person was crucial... management. behind the scene workers. Experts... families... providers... That is something we all should reflect on.

Sat. The potential was reached because of everyone's commitment to the goal. A great inspiration for all of us to think about.

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.

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.

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:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Wed:	7.30pm	Evening AAW in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes 4 Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	9.30am	Coffee Connections at Raupo
	12noon	CMS luncheon with the Hughes at
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Notes from Vestry Meeting on 21 June 2017

Building Restoration Project:

Details for contributions to Building Restoration Fund are in the pew sheet.

A copy of all submissions is now available in the Church foyer.

A Redevelopment Liaison Team has been established to prioritise our wish list.

The team will consist of Bob Barnes (who will be the link between the team, vestry and management) John Briggs, Nicci Leitch and Roz Mundy.

During Mission month in July Bishop Richard will be visiting Nativity along with other guest speakers.

Lighting in the hall is being upgraded with LED light fittings.

Bishop Richard will be rededicating St Barnabas Chapel on 16th July.

Nativity is to be formally represented on the Social Housing committee being established by the MDC.

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

Nativity Anglican Church Office & Centre

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm

Friday - 9am - 12noon

Address: 76 Alfred St,
Blenheim 7201

Phone: 5783909

Email: info@nativity.org.nz

Website: www.nativity.org.nz

Facebook: "Nativity Church Blenheim"



Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.