



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 2nd June 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

Over the past three weeks we have been exploring a sermon series "Living Below with the Saints we know." We began with Jesus' prayer in John 17 that contains his passion and purposes for the church community. It is summed up in one word: Unity. We saw that what is really on the heart of God is unity and healthy relationships. We have come to understand that the depth and quality of relationship within the Trinity, the community of God, is the pattern of how God wants us to be with him and one another. We heard that it broke the heart of God when relationships became dysfunctional and that he was not prepared to leave it that way, paying the ultimate price for the restoration of relationships. Jesus came and died our death and in doing so he bridged the biggest relationship gap imaginable – that between God and fallen people. All other divides can now be bridged – cultural, age, gender, socio-economic etc. God intends that his people demonstrate this to a watching world, a world that is longing to see someone make some sense out of all the relationship mess we are in. As I try to understand the heart of Jesus from his prayer in John 17, I have been coming to the conclusion that God's view of relationships is very different from ours. He calls us to see beyond ourselves, to love first and then trust him with the differences. Keeping the relationship is his priority. If this is so, then surely we need to carefully reconsider our choices.

This week we will be having a break from the series and Kaye will be preaching at the 8am service on the Lord's Prayer. The 10am service is an all age family service "Dramatic Release". Thanks again to the team that has put this service together.

Go well and blessings,
Richard

"Lord,
teach us to
pray..."



Welcome to our services today! 2nd June 2019

Theme: Dramatic Release

Readings: Acts 16:16-34 & John 17:20-26

Sentence: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.
Acts:16:31

Collect: Eternal God, between Ascension and the Spirit; between your going and your coming; we await your purpose: grant us expectant hearts; give us the vision of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



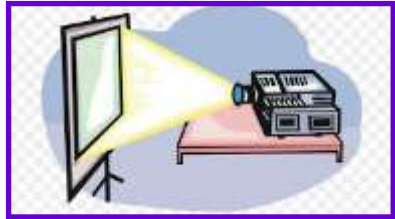
Items of Interest



The Parish car is for sale.

It is in good going order and no longer required by the parish.

Offers of interest can be made to the wardens or Richard Dyer.



New data projector for in the church.

A fundraising Dinner at the Bamboo Garden is planned for Tuesday 2nd July. \$35p.p. Seats are limited. Be in quick. Tickets will be available from Reception during office hours from Tuesday 4th June. Please bring correct amounts of money.

Thy Kingdom Come: The Diocese is joining together with a worldwide prayer initiative. From Ascension Day (30th May) to Pentecost (9th June) we will be praying for worldwide evangelism and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the unsaved. So please diary these dates, put on your walking shoes and pray as you go. If you need some ideas how to prayer walk there are some pamphlets available at the back of the church.



AAW Meeting Wednesday 5th June 7.30pm (sharp) Guest, Rev Kaye Dyer. Meeting includes devotions, reports, sales table, supper. 50th Jubilee pens \$5.

She Shops June 15th to Elim Centre 26 Burleigh Road. Clothes drop off Mon 10th-Thurs.13th June 9am-5pm. Women's clothing, shoes and accessories only. \$2 entry, \$1 per item. All proceeds go to Marlborough Migrant Centre.

Taizé Service in Barnies today at 4pm. All welcome.



Jan's Joy: I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfils His purpose for me. Psalm 57:2



Winter Fellowship. “Soup, Savoury, Bun Lunch”

The next soup day will be Sunday 23rd June. \$5pp or \$15 per family. Diary it now and we will see you there. Come and join your church family for conversations of eternal value.

The church is growing! We are delighted to celebrate with Rose and Jeremy as they prepare to welcome a new arrival in November! Congratulations!



22 Hilton Place / Nativity Courts

At the 15th May Vestry meeting it was agreed to sell the 22 Hilton Place property. This decision has been made for several reasons.

- For the foreseeable future we only need the Andrew Street home for a Vicar.
- The funds received will be used to repurchase the Nativity Courts units as they become available.
- The asset value will not be used for church operating expenses but will be reinvested in the Nativity Courts property. Nativity will then receive a regular rental income which can be used to maintain assets.
- We do not have the personnel or resources to manage multiple properties and property management is not our core business.
- Retirement village legislation places onerous compliance requirements on Nativity.
- Should Nativity again require additional accommodation for staff there may be a Nativity Court unit available, or an accommodation allowance can be paid for the duration of the need.

Approval from the Diocesan office is being sought.

What's on this week:

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| Tues: | 2pm | Afternoon Care cell in the lounge |
| Wed: | 4pm | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies |
| | 7pm | Boys' Group in Barnies |
| | 7pm | Choir Practice in the church |
| | 7.30pm | AAW Meeting in the lounge |
| 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

Prayer Focus

For the next two weeks our Diocese is joining a world-wide prayer focus for evangelism and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

- Mon.** Pray for our Diocese – our future Bishop elect Steve – pray for a fresh outpouring of evangelism and outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Tues.** Pray for current events and concerns – National needs here in NZ and international needs.
- Wed.** Intercede for local and provincial government needs. Pray for a 'Holy Spirit Revival' nationally and internationally.
- Thurs.** Pray today for the poor, hungry, oppressed, persecuted and needy. Pray for those in control of world and national resources.
- Fri.** Pray today for peace among nations. Peace in war-torn countries. Peace in our homes and in the world.
- Sat.** Intercede today for our local church, other churches in our area, evangelism, discipleship, missions and ministries.

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: Jane Sheat is our Prayer Chain Coordinator while Raewyn is away. Please phone her on (5789004), or Jan on 5783909, with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge
Assistant Priests

Richard Dyer
Kaye Dyer
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson
Kathy Taylor
Rose Newton
Jody Jansen van Vuuren

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Youth Worker
Youth Intern

Parish Nurse
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Chaplain to the Elderly
Care Cell Coordinators
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden
Prayer Facilitator

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