



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 2nd October 2016

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 friends

Welcome to Nativity faith community to those who are visitors. May you sense real peace from God as you worship our Lord Jesus today.

One of the most remarkable things to do is find peace with someone we've been at enmity with.

*"... this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18)*



And equally one of the hardest things to do is step up to someone who you feel has hurt you badly and offer the hand of friendship. Maybe that's why it is so satisfying when it works out well, and peace is established.

A long time ago a young man saved the bacon of another man on many occasions. He did it politically and during times of battle. He used his musical ability to soothe the older man when he was deeply troubled. He honoured the older man's position and stood shoulder to shoulder as absolute best buddies with the man's son.

Strangely the older man became more and more unhinged and tried on numerous occasions to kill the young man. Somehow the young man had the grace to do everything possible to make peace. Sometimes it just doesn't work. But we have to work and pray that it will work.

That older man was King Saul. The younger man was David who later became king. God bless you as you seek to be a peacemaker.

***'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'***  
(Matthew 5:9)

Bob and Libby

## Items of Interest

**Connections:** You are welcome to bring some finger food and share a time of fellowship, food and gospel story in the lounge tonight at 5.30pm

**Nativity @ 7pm:** All welcome to join us for a cuppa and worship. All welcome.

### **The Blue Door:**

Cleaning out the garage or shed?  
Unwanted garden tools, mowers, hand and power tools, bikes, sporting equipment etc in working condition will be gratefully received at The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353



**Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal** is on again during September and October. Boxes are available the foyer. Please return boxes to the Nativity office when completed by October 23rd

**Paper Plus are stocking Bibles** since the closing of the Christian Book Room. They are able to order in any version you would like if they do not have what you want.

**Is this Church?** Anglican Care Conference. Venue: Elim Christian Centre, 625 Main Rd, Stoke, Nelson Date: 14 and 15 October 2016. An opportunity to be encouraged, challenged, informed and resourced in ministry. For further details or to register [www.nelsonanglican.org.nz](http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz) All enquiries to Gerrie Mead 0212771504 or [socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz](mailto:socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz)

**Secret Sisters Big Reveal** date is Sunday 20th November at 2pm in the Nativity Centre.

**Street Intensive:** Clean up day at Rata Place coming up October 15th. Please let us know if you are coming by 10th October. Come and serve your community by helping.

## **Nativity Twilight Garden Tour**

**Wednesday 9th November.**

- Three beautiful gardens to visit all owned by our parishioners
- Meet at Nativity Carpark 5pm onwards - leave by 5.30pm. Due to limited parking at properties we need to make sure all cars have their seats full.
- \$10 per person - ask your family, friends and neighbours if they would like to join you.
- Sales table at each venue with jams, marmalades, pickles.
- Cold drinks available at each venue

**Pickles and Jams** If you require jars, sugar & citrus fruit, pop into Jan @reception. We appreciate your help and support with whatever you are able to contribute. Contact Pauline 578 7351 or Elaine 578 4331



**Bishop Richard** is pleased to advise that at the Ordination service on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at 7pm, Nelson Cathedral, Luke Shaw (Parish of Stoke and Youth Coordinator) will be ordained Deacon; and Revd Susan Howarth (Parish of Blenheim) and Revd Victoria Askin (Parish of Cobden-Runanga) will be ordained Priests in the Church of God. Please pray for our ordinands.

**AAW, Annual General Meeting.** 7.30pm Wednesday 5th October, at Nativity. Bob and Libby will be attending. Devotions. 'Cuppa for a Cause' gold coin donation, please. Sales Table. Supper.

**Jan's Joy!** A happy heart makes the face cheerful.  
*Proverbs 15:13*



## Welcome to our services today! 2nd October 2016



**Theme 8am & 10am:** David & Saul

**Readings 8am & 10am:** 1 Samuel 24:8-22 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Sentence:** Where does my help come from? My help comes from the maker of heaven and earth. *Psalm 121:1,2*

**Collect:** Almighty God, You show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return to you. Help us to welcome the light and walk in it always. **Amen**

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Let us thank God this week for the Bible.

**Mon.** The wonder of its formation – the way in which it grew is one of the mysteries of time.

**Tues.** The wonder of its unification – a library of books, yet one book.

**Wed.** The wonder of its age – most ancient of all books.

**Thurs.** The wonder of its sale – best seller of any book.

**Fri.** The wonder of its interest – only book in the world read by all classes.

**Sat.** The wonder of its language – written largely by uneducated men, yet the best from a literary standpoint.

**Sun.** The wonder of its preservation — the most hated of all books, yet it continues to exist. “The word of our God shall stand forever.”

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

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

**Prayer Chain:** Anne Dillon 5782363 & Fay Johnstone 5783763 are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

**Tuesday Prayer time 4pm-4.45pm**  
**This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.**

## What's on this week

<b>Tues:</b>	2pm	Afternoon care cell in Barnies
	4pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir in the church
<b>Fri:</b>	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sat:</b>	9.30am	Coffee Connections at Raupo
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



**Ladies,** Coffee Connections at Raupo, 9.30am, the second Saturday in the month is a time to connect with other women in the parish, for a coffee, food and fellowship. Bring a friend and connect with us.

## Nativity Needs You! "Some Ministry Opportunities available now"

### Volunteers needed:

Operators for sound desk, data projection.  
Communion set up 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. (Urgent)  
Communion servers, sidespeople and readers at the 8am services  
Training will be given for all volunteer jobs. See Jan at the office.



## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
Vicar's P/A  
Parish Manager  
Receptionist  
Families/Youth Pastor  
Assistant Priests

Parish Nurse  
Counselling  
Care Cell Coordinators

Women's Ministry  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden  
Prayer Facilitators

Bob Barnes  
Jude Dell  
Keith Buck  
Jan Burrough  
Susan Howarth  
Jonathan Wasley  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Kevin Gwynne  
Raewyn Parkes  
Kathy Hammond  
Miriam Taylor & Shirley Ramsay  
Libby Barnes  
Alison Brice  
Stephen Sheat  
Pauline Tisch  
Kevin & Sheryll Gwynne

## To Contact Us

### Nativity Anglican Church Office & Centre

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday** 9am-- 4pm  
**Friday** - Office is Closed

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