



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 30th 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 visitors, returnees and those who are here each week.
Welcome.

We've had cause to say several times in the last few months that we are on a new journey. It won't be a comfortable one for a number of reasons. But it's impossible for us to stay where we are and live.

*"You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it?
From this time forward I make you hear new things,
hidden things that you have not known" (Isaiah48:6)*

Yes, we're on a journey. We've been guided to it. The verse above was one that led the Ministry team to it. We'll need guidance on the way. We'll need to learn how to listen for the Lead Shepherd's voice. Interestingly, just as we get to this early part of the journey, as a community of faith we have two significant examples of God's guidance. They're the start of discerning the way forward about what buildings are needed to serve God's mission here in the future, and the proposed appointment of a youth ministry in 2017. To cap it off, in a way that we could not have planned, the preaching theme is God's guidance.



Think back to ways you have heard God in the past. In the space below write it down. (Ask the greeters for a pen) In our worship, when you hear ideas about how to hear God, write them down. May our God make your ears listen, eyes see, heart feel, and spirit willing.

God bless

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 in the hall.

Tunes for Tots would like some strong boxes of different sizes for the children to use. Please drop them into the office.

Rosters are being prepared for January through to March. If you are going to be away any of this time please contact Jan at the office 5783909

Regional Day AAW AGM: 2 November, at Picton. 9.30am morning tea, 10am Communion Service, 11.30am AGM. BYO lunch. At 1.30pm. Guests Raewyn Parkes, Parish Nurse and Rev. Kaye Dyer will be "Telling Stories." The afternoon is open to anyone who would like to come. Car pooling is available. For more information, please phone Heather 579 2345.

Diary now: Convergence Family Camp 17-19 February 2017. Registration forms at the office or at the back of the church.

Garden Marlborough Weekend: There will be no display in the church this year because of the earthquake risk factor, and health and safety laws. Please note that on Sunday 6th Nativity Carpark will be open for public parking with a fee of \$5 per vehicle space. Church people are encouraged to park at the back of the church off John Street.

There is a Christian based offer of rental in Christchurch for 1st year flatters. Enquiries to Parish Office if you have any one who would be interested, notice is on the board by the hall.

59 Shoe Boxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. Thank you Nativity family, you are awesome.

Nativity Twilight Garden Tour

Wednesday 9th November.

- Tickets \$10 per person @ Nativity Church Office. Get your tickets now. Last day for tickets is 3rd November.
- Meet at Nativity Carpark 5pm leave by 5.30pm



The Early Years Parenting Tools.

0-6 years These are the most important years in your child's development! Learn how to lay the building blocks for a great future.

The Early Years covers:

- Parent types
- Developmental stages
- Tools for engaging cooperation
- Discipline
- Making memories
- Being the parent your child needs

Build a great family team

- Small group course with a trained facilitator
- Six sessions per course
- Tailored to your needs

Positive practical fun

\$75 per person or **\$110** per couple for each six-week group.

Course starting Monday 7-9pm, 7th November 2016. 71 Litchfield Street, Blenheim (Open Home Foundation) Contact Christine on 027 4994077 or book online

Jan's Joy! Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.
Ephesians 5:19-20



Welcome to our services today! 30th October 2016

Theme 8am & 10am: Does God Guide?



Readings 8am & 10am: Psalm 32 & 2Timothy 3:10-4:5

Sentence: For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. *Hebrews 4:12*

Collect: God, You have made known your love through Jesus' life and words. Help us to receive his teaching, grant us grace to walk in his way, to share the fullness of his love, and bring its fragrance to others. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Father, as we go to our homes, our work, our interests this coming week, we ask You to send the Holy Spirit into our lives.

Mon. Open our ears, to hear what You are saying to us, in the things that happen to us and in the people, we meet.

Tues. Open our eyes, to see the needs of people around us.

Wed. Open our hands, to do our work well, to help when help is needed.

Thurs. Open our lips; to tell others the Good News of Jesus and bring comfort, happiness and laughter to other people.

Fri. Open our minds, to discover new truth about You and the world.

Sat. Open our hearts; to love You and our fellow men as You have loved us in Jesus.

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

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care cell in Barnies
	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies followed by
	11am	morning tea in Barnies
	7pm	Choir in the church
Fri:	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Combined Anglican Churches Picnic:- November 27th, 12.30pm. Pollard Park play area. Come and meet with the folk from Spring Creek, Renwick, Picton, and St. Christopher's for fun and fellowship. Bring your own picnic lunch and get to know your neighbours in Christ. All welcome.

We will be holding our annual Memorial Service on Wednesday 2nd November, 7pm at Nativity. If a member of your family or a friend has died during the last year we would like to remember them by name at this service. Please phone Jan at the office with the details by Tuesday 1st November.

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

Susan Howarth's ordination is Wednesday 30th November, 7pm at Nelson Cathedral.

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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
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