



# The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 30th September 2018

Our Mission is ...

To draw people to faith in Christ

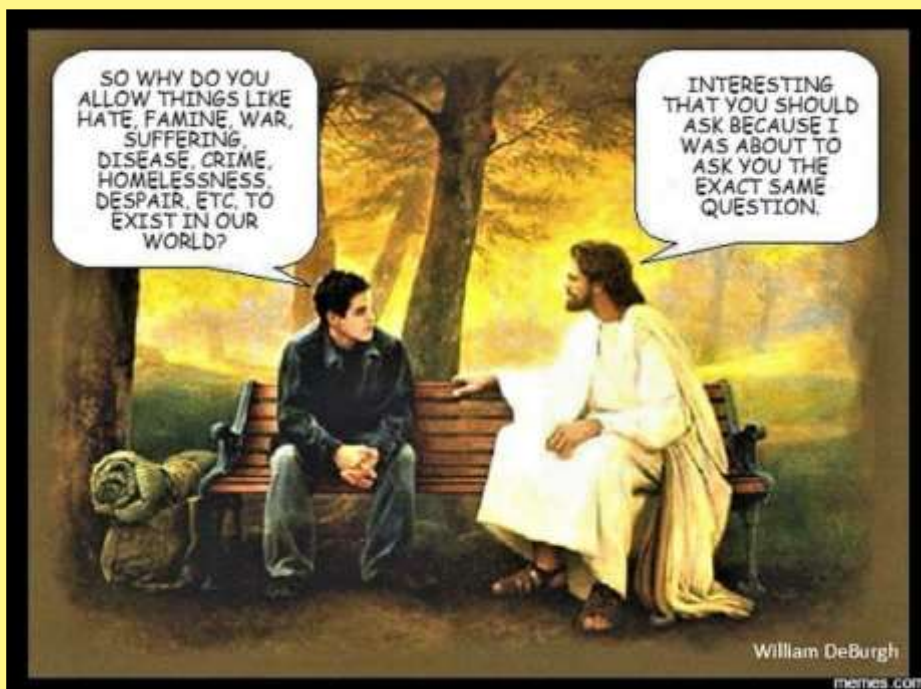
To grow people in their commitment to Christ

To reach out beyond ourselves with the love of Christ

Dear Nativity family and friends,

Welcome into each other's presence, and into the joy and presence of the Lord!  
"What do you think God expects from you? Just this: Live in his presence in holy reverence, follow the road he sets out for you, love him, serve God, your God, with everything you have in you, obey the commandments and regulations of God ..." (Deuteronomy 10 v12-13)

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth. ... Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world..." (Jesus in Matt 5 v13-16, The Message)



All this is to find your greatest joy, and your greatest good. May His joy and favour rest upon you and bless you.

Bob and Libby

## Items of Interest

Thank you to all who made last Sunday go so well, particularly the catering crew headed by Jenny Tyney and Pauline Tisch.

**AAW Regional Day AGM Thursday 4th October.**  
Morning Tea 9.30am. Eucharist 10am  
Barnies. AGM 11.15am  
Lunch 12.15. Guest Speaker Marion Rowe, Nurse, Councillor, Celebrant

Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, 6th October at 8am \$10per person  
Guest speaker is Revd. Chris Donaldson, Wairau Hospital Chaplain. Register at the office for catering purposes. Come and connect with God in prayer. Love to see you there.

Pet Service on 14th October, 10am. Bring your pet and join us for a celebration of the joy they bring to our lives. Pets must be controlled and cleaned up after them. Toy pets can be bought in lieu of a live pet .

Christopher Cookson is launching his new book on Tuesday 2nd of October at 7.30pm, at the Library. It is a gold coin entry fee to cover the cost of refreshments.  
This book is the sequel to "Wind on the Withers" and is called "Tails of the Taylor".



*Jan's Joy: "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." Habakkuk 3:18*

Are you going to be here for Christmas Eve service or Christmas day?

We need people to be communion assistants for Christmas Eve. If you can help please contact Jan at the office asap. Ph. 5783909.

The Prayer Request box in the foyer of the church is to write any prayer requests on the paper provided and pop it into the box. We will collect them and they will be prayed through every Tuesday.

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are in the foyer of the church. Make a child's Christmas, grab a box or two and bring them back filled to give away. Don't forget the \$10 postage fee to be enclosed. Boxes need to be back by 28th October to Nativity or Star of the Sea office in Maxwell Road.

Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM)  
Praying for Nativity and our community.

The Marriage Course finished superbly last Tuesday evening. It was a real blessing to the 10 couples who attended. Thank those who supported this outreach and ministry and invite any who would like to contribute to costs.  
Marriage Course, 060705 0429077 00 code 185.06

Check out the prayer board in the foyer so you can pray for your church. Updated regularly.

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

# Welcome to our services today! 30th September 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: Beacon of Hope

Readings 8am & 10am: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 & Matthew 5:13-16

Sentence: You are the light of the world. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:14 & 16*



Collect: We praise you, O God, that the light of Christ shines in our darkness and is never overcome; show us the way we must go to eternal day and to be a beacon of hope for your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Weekly Prayer Focus

Do you have an important decision to make? *James 1:5* tells us “If any of you lack wisdom – ask God.” (Word for Today Bob Gass)

- Mon. Don't ask God to bless your plans. Ask Him to show you His. They are already blessed.
- Tues. Make sure your goal is to glorify God. Sometimes pride masquerades behind feigned humility. The human body is amazing – pat a man on the back and his head swells!
- Wed. Use your brain. God doesn't remove your mind. He renews it. So, pray then put it to work. *Romans 12:2*
- Thurs. Seasons aren't meant to be ignored. If it isn't God's timing – wait. In the right season, the plan will be clear.
- Fri. Never act without facts, but never limit God to them. Faith connects you to the power of God.
- Sat. Faith is the key. *James 1:6* “Let him ask in faith, with no doubting.” (A Christian is like a tea bag – no good until it has been in hot water!)

**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:** Bob Barnes (5783909) and Raewyn Parkes (5783909) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

## What's on this week: 26th Week in ordinary time

Tues:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
Wed:	7pm	Vestry Meeting in the lounge
	7pm	Boys group in Barnies
Thurs:	9am	AAW Regional Day in the lounge
	10am	Eucharist in Barnies followed by
	11am	morning tea in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
	8am	Prayer Breakfast in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



The Order of St. Luke ( OSL ) is holding its National Conference at the Wesley Centre from 10th - 12th October.

Anyone interested in the Healing Ministry is welcome to attend, the evening prayer and ministry sessions at 7pm.

Barbara McBride from San Diego will be the guest speaker each night. She is a retired computer scientist with the US Navy, and the current North American Director of OSL.

For further info contact Rev. Kevin Gwynne. 0212697954



### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
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and Jan