



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 31st March 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



Thank God
for Mums!

Indeed,

Let us thank God for our Mums,

For without them

Who or where would we be?

Yours in love and service,

John

Welcome to our services today! 31st March 2019

Theme: Coming Home (AAW Mothering Sunday)

Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 & Luke 15:11-24

Sentence: God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:18*

Collect: God our Father, faithful and loving, though we lose our way you seek us and call us back: give us the courage to face our faults; help us to repent, reconcile, and amend our ways that we may find our peace through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Farewell for Jonathan and Lucy today is a BYO picnic lunch. If you would like to give a monetary gift, please put it in a named envelope or in the offertory bag marked "Jonathans gift" or bring it to the office.

Coming up 11th May: Prayer breakfast with guest speaker Revd. Jo Keighley. Put it in your diary now. All welcome.

Expressions of interest are invited to fill the post of Parish Administrator after Jude Dell's resignation takes effect at Easter. Details are available either from Jude or from John.

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 and for the week following.

Taylor River Walk – You are welcome to join this group when you are able. We walk for up to 45 mins on Thursdays starting at 8.30am from the carpark by the Henry Street footbridge off Nelson Street. Contact Pam Neal 5777442 or Fay Johnstone 5783763.



Seniors Expo 2019 for 60+:

Tuesday 9th April, 10am-2.30pm at the Marlborough Convention Centre, Alfred Street Blenheim.

Information about health and wellbeing of Older People in our community. Free entry and refreshments.

The Blenheim Bus will be operating as usual to Gold Card Holders. The bus stops at the Convention Centre as part of its normal route.

AAW Meeting Wednesday, 3rd April at 8.30pm. Easter theme. Report from 50th anniversary celebrations. Sales table.

If you would like to go to a midweek Communion service to worship our God, don't forget the Thursday 10am service in Barnies. All welcome



Jan's Joy: *"So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away."*

Isaiah 51:11





To The Cross And Beyond'

Lenten studies Thursday evenings 7-9pm, or Saturday mornings 9 -11am, in Barnies.
All are welcome.

Week Four: Rolling stones

'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?' *Mark 17:1-13*

The following information is from the Ministry of Health website.

"If over the following days and weeks, distress or stress symptoms are escalating, or you feel you are not coping, early access to help and professional support is important. Your GP is a good starting point, or for support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can call or text 1737 – free, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – to talk it through with a trained counsellor."

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.



Don't forget LINK weekly on Fridays at 1pm in the Nativity lounge. Gold coin donation to cover expenses. Contact Alison Brice Ph. 578 7820



Prayer Chain: Raewyn Parkes (5783909) is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. Please phone her with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

What's on this week:

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| Tues: | 2pm | Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge |
| | 7pm | Boy's Group in Barnies |
| Wed: | 4pm | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer 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 |
| | 7pm | Lenten Study in Barnies |
| Fri: | 9.30am | Tunes for Tots in the hall |
| | 1pm | LINK in the lounge |
| Sat: | 9am | Lenten Study in Barnies |
| Sun: | 8am | Traditional Eucharist Service |
| | 10am | Family Service |
| | 5.30pm | Canvas in the hall |



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

Prayer Focus

2 Kings 4:8 says Elisha went to Shunem where there was a notable woman who gave him food, shelter, and built a small room where he could rest.

- Mon.** That small room had a bed. We all need times when we can rest. If we don't slow down we will break down.
- Tues.** A table was in that room. We must have time for spiritual food - reading God's Word. We can't give out to others without taking in fresh food and insight.
- Wed.** A chair. This speaks of study. Study to present yourself to God.
- Thurs.** A lamp to give light to the room. Even after studying long and hard, we need the Holy Spirit to reveal truths to our heart.
- Fri.** Because of the woman's generosity to Elisha, she experienced miracles- she had a child when she wasn't expected to.
- Sat.** Later Elisha raised that child from death when sickness claimed him. When you make room for God in your life, you make room for unexpected blessings. Thank God for all the blessings in your life.

Kind words are sweet to the soul

Speak Kindness

Speak Sweetness

Speak Love...



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