



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 3rd 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

**Judge a tree by the fruit it bears,
Not by the fruit it talks about.**



For more detail, see Matthew 7: 16 - 20

Yours in love and service.

John

Welcome to our services today! 3rd March 2019

Theme: Moving towards Lent

Readings: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 & Luke 9:28-36

Sentence: My word shall not return to me empty,' says the Lord, 'but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I send it'.
Isaiah 55:11



Collect: God our rock, the solid ground of our being; help us dig deeply into your rich soil, graft us into Christ the good tree, so that we bear fruit that will last; through Jesus who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Items of Interest

Events not to forget:

Help Wanted to join the teams ministering to Nativity Kids, (Mark Rolston ph. 5792263) and First Steps (ph. 5783909)

Blenheim Anglican Parish A.G.M. will be held 7.30pm, Monday 18th March in the Church. Nomination forms for Vestry and Peoples Warden available from the office or the table in the church foyer.

'To The Cross And Beyond' Lenten studies Thursday evenings 7 – 9pm, starting 14th March, or Saturday mornings 9 – 11am, starting 16th March in Barnies. RSVP to Jan at Nativity office by Tuesday 12/03/19 Phone 5783909 or email: jan@nativity.org.nz All are welcome

Nativity News Summer Photo

Competition: Send to jodanks@xtra.co.nz or USB or memory card to Nativity Office. Competition ends this weekend. See notice on board by hall.

Jan's Joy:

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.
Isaiah 55:12



New:

CareCell Leaders meeting: 7.30 Monday 4 March, Barnies. If leaders are unavailable, please send along a representative of your group. This is the first meeting with the new CareCell coordinators, Chris & Susanne Donaldson. Be there or be square!



There will be a farewell shared lunch for Jonathan and Lucy on Sunday 31st March. Details to follow. If you would like to give a monetary gift, please put in a named envelope and put in the offertory bag marked "Jonathans gift" or bring it to the office.

AAW Meeting, Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm. A Report from the Electoral College will be given. Golden Jubilee on 30th March. Subs due, please. Sales table.

Police checks are required for all people working with Children and Youth at Nativity. If you have not yet filled out the forms please call at the office for one.

Ash Wednesday Service: Imposition of Ashes Wednesday 6th March, 7pm in the church. All welcome.



Support The Monarchy: Rose Francis has established a safe haven away from paper wasps for rescued Monarch Butterflies, eggs, caterpillars & chrysalises. She needs branches of swan plant leaves to feed them. Please bring to church on Sunday mornings.

SafeHere Training – Team Leaders, Coordinators, Clergy Blenheim: Saturday 23 March, Nativity Lounge 9.30am-12.30pm. A light lunch will be provided.

The training will be suitable for team leaders, SafeHere Coordinators, clergy and all who are involved in ministry with vulnerable people, i.e. children and elderly. If you have yet to complete your Team Leader SafeHere training or are in need of a refresher, then this training is for you. **Please register with Claire at safehere@nelsonanglican.nz**

Morning Tea After 10am Service: Some of those currently providing this are finding it physically difficult to lift trays of mugs, to clean the coffee maker, etc. Could we please have some younger volunteers to help them? Your turn would only come around every 2 or 3 months and take less than an hour after the service.

Contact Margaret Jarman **ph. 5788805**, before the next roster begins in April, if you can help.



Memories of Greymouth and Kumara Anglican Parish 1990s to 2018

Robin Kingston has written a 100-page booklet containing at least 40 topics and 200 coloured photographs of some of the highlights in the life of the parish and about many of the identities there. The cost of the book is \$20 and \$5.50 extra if posted. Please pay to Holy Trinity Church Westpac 030846: 0012777: 00 and reference as BOOK. Robin's contact is ph.027 0228 7926 and robin@greymouthanglican.co.nz.

Thank you Nativity for your response to the request for tools. Once again you have been so generous. Awesome.



What's on this week:

Tues:	7pm	Boy's Group in Barnies
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Imposition Of Ashes in the church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service



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

Prayer Focus

Continuing using the Alphabet as a prayer prompt this week.

- Mon. *G... Praying with God's Word.*** Jesus is the Living Word of God. The Bible is the written Word of God. If you want to know how much God means in your life, examine the place you give God's Word in your life. Meditate on His Word today.
- Tues. *Prayer and the Holy Spirit.*** While the activity of the Holy Spirit differs in each one of us, there are at least three areas that will always be the same... the Holy Spirit exalts Jesus... reveals our sinfulness...provides guidance and shows the truth. Seek the Holy Spirit in prayer today.
- Wed. *I... intercession.*** The word "intercede" means "to go between." Intercession has been compared to mining. The Spirit's power is released to blast the opposition to God. It can be hard work! But what a privilege to be God's co-worker.
- Thurs. *Praying in Jesus Name.*** If we do not use the name of Jesus with faith, nothing will happen. As we pray using His Name, then we will see miracles and the power of God in our midst.
- Fri. *Untie the Knots.*** Think for a moment of the donkey that was tied up, the disciples released it so that it could carry Jesus into Jerusalem. Pray today that the Holy Spirit will reveal the knots of pride, fear, uncertainty etc. that need to be untied in your life.
- Sat. *Listening.*** God spoke to Elijah, not in the great wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the still small voice. The more we listen to God, the more we will come to know and recognise His voice. The voice of God is always consistent with His written word.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge	John Neal
Assistant Priests	Jonathan Wasley
	Miriam Taylor
Youth/24/7 Worker	Rose Newton
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Women's Ministry	
Care Cell Coordinators	Chris & Sue Donaldson
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

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Staff Days Off/On

Jonathan on leave to 31March
Fridays off: John, Rose, Jude
and Jan