



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 4th August 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

Something to think about –Freedom “Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1)

We are not bound. We are royalty. We are offspring of a King.

We are ...

Free to become, free to breathe, free to live

Free to move, free to walk, free to run

Free to question, free to understand, free to choose

Free to believe, free to accept, free to forgive

Free to love, free to sing, free to dance

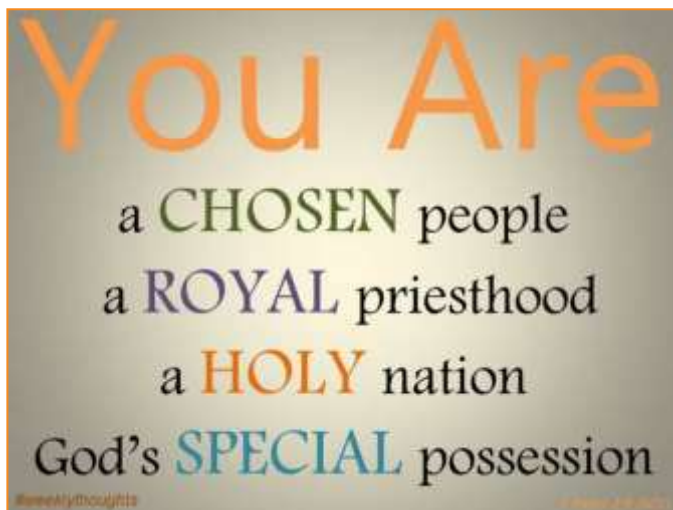
Free to pray, free to praise, free to worship

Free to let go, free to break loose, free to fly

Free to speak, free to serve, free to soar

Lord, let us come to understand fully the great freedom you have placed inside each of us. Let us never let anything or anyone stop us from being free to be who you have called us to be. Let us let go of everything that binds us and holds us back from being free to love you and live fully for you every day.

(Judy Parker)



Today we welcome Peter Olliver as preacher at 8am service and the family service team for our 10am service.

Welcome to our services today! 4th August 2019

Theme: A Christlike Community

Readings: Colossians 3:1-11 & Luke 12:13-21

Sentence: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
Colossians 3:2-3

Collect: Generous God, you give us many gifts to lead us into the fullness of life; keep us from clinging to what is fleeting, and help us to hold firm to all that lasts; through Jesus, the Way, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

The Blenheim Methodist Women's Fellowship would like to welcome all women to morning tea on Tuesday 13th August at 9.45am in the Wesley Centre Lounge.



A Communion Service and reflection led by our Minister, Rev. Alofa Asiata will follow in the Wesley Centre Auditorium.

Suicide Prevention Workshop

Speaker Paul Martin (NMDHB Suicide Prevention Coordinator) will outline some of the issues around suicide and its prevention, the data, risk factors, and some strategies to provide support. Friday 9 August 2019, 1-3pm (90 minute presentation with time for questions) **Marlborough Community College** 65 Scott Street, Blenheim. Cuppa provided.

Please RSVP (numbers limited, however further sessions can be arranged) to Helen McLean 03 9284176 or helen.mclean@nmdhb.govt.nz by 6th August.

Coffee Connections for Women at Saveur, 9.30am Saturday, 9th August.

Come bring a friend and enjoy a coffee, cake and the company of other ladies.



AAW meeting, Wednesday 7th August at 7.30pm. To discuss National Council of Women Remits. (Copy on noticeboard) Also a gold coin donation for Alzheimers Association please. Devotions, sales table, supper. Any enquiries to Heather ph.579 2345

Thank you to all who stayed to enjoy the Soup, savoury and bun lunch last Sunday. Our next lunch will be Sunday 25th August. Come and join us.



Jan's Joy: "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."
Zephaniah 3:17



The Buller Anglican Parish

Karamea—Granity—Westport invites you to The 5th Annual Holy Spirit Conference, 27-29 September 2019, St John's Church, Westport with Andy & Liz Goodacre from Barney's Anglican Church, Launceston, Tasmania "Equipped by the Spirit to be God's Family on Mission"

There will be a children's program to enable parents to attend.

Registration forms are on the table in the church foyer or from the office.



Andy & Liz Goodacre



Planning your Funeral:

**1.30pm Thursday 5th September
Nativity Lounge**

Over the years I have run a seminar on planning your funeral. This may seem a strange thing to do but it can be one of the most wonderful gifts you can leave your family when they have to farewell you.

If you are thinking on coming please let either Jan, Raewyn or Richard know via the Nativity Office.

We need numbers for printing material.

Richard Dyer

What's on this week:

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| Mon: | 2pm | Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge |
| Wed: | 4pm | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies |
| | 6.30pm | Misfits in Barnies |
| | 7pm | Choir practice in the church |
| | 7.30pm | AAW meeting in the lounge |
| Thurs: | 10am | Eucharist in Barnies |
| Fri: | 9.30am | Tunes for Tots in the hall |
| | 1pm | LINK in the lounge |
| Sat: | 9.30am | Coffee Connection at Saveur |
| Sun: | 8am | Traditional Eucharist Service |
| | 10am | Family Service |
| | 5.30pm | Canvas in the hall |



**If you would like to join a care cell, Chris and Susanne Donaldson
are our care cell co-ordinators Phone 5783909**

Pray Big: Week One - Salvation

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' *Matthew 9:36-38*

Pray for....

- The darkness to be lifted off the minds of people you know
- Divine appointments this week to talk about Jesus
- An increasing burden for those who do not know Christ
- An increasing spiritual hunger in our town
- Opportunities to show the love of God in acts of kindness and the power of God in miracle and healings
- Your friends and family who do not know Jesus



"The Church has not yet touched the fringe of the possibilities of intercessory prayer. Her largest victories will be witnessed when individual Christians everywhere come to recognise their priesthood unto God and day by day give themselves unto prayer." John R Mott

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