



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 4th June 2017

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

It's the birthday of the church. Not Nativity. That's in December. So too is the birthday of the NZ church. This Sunday marks the beginning of the church, being the people who follow Jesus.

Pentecost is what we call it. It's the Greek for 50, being 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Jesus knew it by the ancient Hebrew name Shavot.

Just as we are all born, equipped for a purpose, so too is the church. We have an ancient purpose that brings hope to the world, beginning with those closest to us, but extending globally. Our living it out won't always be popular, and often it may be misrepresented. This last week the Bishop and Diocese of Christchurch has come in for some very naughty press by some high-powered people. Overseas Jesus followers suffer much worse. While the Manchester bombing was bad, little attention was paid to the men, women and children shot by Islamists in Egypt at about the same time.

"We are your church. We are the (God's) hope on earth."

(Rend Collective 2011)

That line of a song we sing is very telling. Since we introduced it to our 10am and 7pm worship several years ago, it has really struck a chord with many of us because we glimpse our purpose in its words.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the **Holy Spirit**.*

(Romans 15:13)

Bob and Libby Barnes



Items of Interest

6pm tonight: A combined churches Pentecost service at the Elim Centre, Burleigh Road. You are welcome to join the prayer meeting, 5pm, prior to the service at 6pm.

If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the code to use is 115.06

Want to keep up with what's on? Look at the website for lots of information about the parish. Ministries and services offered to and by the parish, pew sheets, sermons, giving options and other news.



www.nativity.org.nz/the-marriage-course.html

Do you want to study the book of Matthew in depth?

Alastair Smith will be running a care cell study in the lounge, Tuesday 7pm—8.30pm weekly.

AAW meeting for members at Tea Pot Valley, Brightwater, Thursday & Friday 8th -9th June. For more information please contact Heather, 5792345 before 1st June.

Nativity AAW monthly meeting
7th June 7.30pm Guest speaker Helen Ayers, 'Christmas in Jerusalem'
Devotions. Sales Table. Supper. All ladies welcome.

All together equip tour 2017: Tuesday
13th June 5pm at Blenheim Baptist Church. Brought to you by the All Together NZ and Hope Project team. See notice board for more information.

Seniors Soup and Buns Luncheon: An invitation to join us for the Senior Members Luncheon in the Nativity Centre on Saturday 24th June at noon is extended to you..

Come and join us for a great time of food, fun and fellowship. Pauline's catering team are planning the fare which will be served, then following lunch we will be entertaining you.

Please phone Jan in the office before Thursday 22nd June to RSVP (phone 5783909). Let her know if you require transport and we will arrange that for you.

If you don't ask for transport, we will assume that you are coming under your own steam!
Raewyn Parkes,
Parish Nurse



Are you shifting house? Unwanted furniture and household items in good condition can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353

*Jan's Joy: And after they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.
Acts 4:31*



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

Welcome to our services today! 4th June 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: God's Anointing: Holy Spirit

Readings 8am & 10am : Genesis 12:1-3 & Acts 10:1-8, 34-35, 44-48

Sentence: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*



Collect: Father, you have filled your people with the Spirit who rested first on your Son and united us in your Church: open the channels for your Spirit that we may freely work together, and your kingdom and your rule increase. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Today is Pentecost Sunday. We think of the disciples sitting and waiting behind closed doors for the new thing Jesus had promised them. We imagine them thinking... what did Jesus really mean when He said "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon You..." what was this new thing they were being promised?

Mon. We all have new things that we long to see happen in our homes, community church and nation. This week we will pause to lift those things in personal prayer.

Tues. Think of a new thing you pray that God will do in your family. Thanks be to God.

Wed. Think of a new thing that you long to see happen in our community. Thanks be to God.

Thurs. Think of a new thing that you ask the Holy Spirit to do in Nativity – a mighty rushing wind of God's presence.

Fri. Think of a new thing that you long to see happen in our country- the fiery evidence of His cleansing power over our nation.

Sat. Thank God for His promise "Behold I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth. I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert"

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) Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

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

Tuesday Prayer time 4.30-5.15pm
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 the lounge
	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 2/22 Eltham Rd
Wed:	7.30pm	Evening AAW in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes 4 Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	9.30pm	Coffee Connections at Raupo
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	6pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Nativity@7

June 4th: 6pm Combined Churches Service at Elim, Burleigh Road

June 11th: 7pm in the hall

June 18th: 7pm in the hall



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
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Parish Manager
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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.