



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 4th September 2016

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 guests

Happy Father's Day to you all, even if you're not a Dad, haven't got one – or even if you didn't have a Dad you experienced to be a good father.

Father's Day can remind us that despite our faults and failings, there is one in whose image we're made. A song we have started singing this year is called Good, Good Father. Now sung all over the world in different languages, it's about God as our model of true fatherhood.

*"I've heard a thousand stories
of what they think You're like
but I've heard the tender whisper
of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
and that I'm never alone
You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are...
and I'm loved by You
it's who I am..."* –

From "Good, Good Father" (2014 by Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett)

Yes, we call God "father", not because God is like a human father, but because "he" is our model for human fathering. In our parenting and specifically in our fathering we carry an awesome responsibility – responsibility that comes with the privilege of it. In it we also find our identity.

Our big task to learn is how to pass that on.

*"For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ,
you do not have **many fathers**."* (1 Corinthians 4:15)



Bob and Libby

Items of Interest

Connections: You are welcome to bring some finger food and share a time of fellowship, food and gospel story in the lounge tonight at 5.30pm

Nativity @ 7pm: All welcome to join us for a cuppa and worship. All welcome.

The Blue Door: Donations of small appliances in good working order, including video players, stereos, radios, microwaves, blow dryers, DVD players, game consoles, toasters, jugs, cake mixers etc, accepted at The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Raewyn our Parish Nurse has had her operation and is home. Visiting hours are between 1pm and 6pm. Everything was straight forward and she is getting mobile. Please continue to pray for speedy healing.

Operation Christmas Child –Shoe Box Appeal is on again during September and October. Boxes are available the foyer.

Choral Evensong on 5pm, Sunday 11th September at Nativity church. All welcome

It is our Spring Flower Festival next Sunday September 11th please bring along flowers to be distributed to residents in the various rest homes and parishioners who are housebound. If you wish to take some to people you visit, please do so.



Nativity Fundraising: Are you able to make marmalade, jam or pickles? Sugar is available at reception. Small clean jars with lids are required. We have enough marmalade made with **grapefruit**, so it would be appreciated if some could be made with orange, lemon, lime, mandarin or tangelo citrus fruit. If you have surplus citrus fruit (excluding grapefruit) please drop it into the box at reception for those who can do extra cooking. We value your support.

“Is this Church?” Anglican Care Conference. Venue: Elim Christian Centre, 625 Main Rd, Stoke, Nelson Date: 14 and 15 October 2016. An opportunity to be encouraged, challenged, informed and resourced in ministry. For further details or to register www.nelsonanglican.org.nz Early bird discount till 16 Sept. All enquiries to Gerrie Mead 0212771504 or socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz

Planning ahead: If you need offering envelopes for the next six months please contact the office. 5783909

There will be changes to our websites appearance as the new one kicks in sometime during the coming week or so.

AAW meeting, Wednesday 7th September at 7.30pm sharp. Annette Vercoe and her daughter have a presentation on their recent visit to Vietnam. Devotions, sales table, supper. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

She Connects: Ladies, come and enjoy an evening of a dessert demo by Hilary de Bruyn, coffee and dessert, and meet our panel of three women chatting with one of the She Connect team about some life issues they have had to face and how God has helped them through. We will also have a couple of musical items. 7.00 - 9.00pm, Saturday 10 September, at the Baptist church. See Libby for further details. Registration can be made through the Nativity Facebook page click on the blenheimelim.infodoodle.com

Jan's Joy! *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*
Joshua 1:9



Welcome to our services today! 4th September 2016

Theme 8am & 10am: Father's Day



Readings 8am & 10am: Genesis 1:26-27 & Ephesians 5:21-33

Sentence: You, O Lord, are our Father. We are the clay; you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.
Isaiah 64:8

Collect: Loving God, in Jesus you gather us into your family; confidently we call you Father; may your Spirit bring us to share the glorious liberty of your children.

Amen.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Father's Day - These Beatitudes for Parents are a helpful reminder for all parents and care-givers.

- Mon.** Blessed are those who make peace with spilled milk and mud, for such is the kingdom of childhood.
- Tues.** Blessed is the parent who engages not in the comparison of his child with others, for precious unto each is the rhythm of his own growth.
- Wed.** Blessed are those who have learned to laugh, for it's the music of a child's world.
- Thurs.** Blessed and mature are those who without anger can say "no", for comforting to a child is the security of firm decisions.
- Fri.** Blessed is the gift of consistency, for it brings hearts-ease in childhood.
- Sat.** Blessed are the teachable, for knowledge brings understanding and understanding brings love.
- Sun.** Blessed are the men and women who in the midst of the unpromising mundane, give love, for they bestow the greatest of all gifts to each other, to their children, and in an ever-widening circle, to their fellowmen.

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

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

Prayer Chain: Anne Dillon 5782363 & Fay Johnstone 5783763 are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer

**Tuesday Prayer time 4pm-4.45pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.**

What's on this week

Tues:	4pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Wed:	7.30pm	Evening AAW in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the centre
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	9.30am	Coffee Connections at Raupo
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5pm	Choral Evensong in the church
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Stop That Thief: Please be vigilant and keep all valuables hidden out of sight in your car when parked in Nativity carpark. Make sure you lock it and leave no windows down. A car was broken into Sunday evening a week ago and was rifled through. The police ask us to be watchful.

Nativity Needs You! Can you help us please?

Volunteers needed:

Cleaner/s to clean the church and centre on Fridays or Saturdays (2 hours).

Operators for sound desk, data projection.

Communion set up 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Communion servers, sidespeople and readers at the 8am services

Sidespeople for the 10am service.

Training will be given for all volunteer jobs. See Jan at the office.



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Vicar's P/A
Parish Manager
Receptionist
Families/Youth Pastor
Assistant Priests

Parish Nurse
Counselling
Care Cell Coordinators

Women's Ministry
Chaplain to the Elderly
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden
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