



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 5th May 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

Today our 10am service will be an all age celebration. It is great when the family of God can worship together. My thanks go to the Harper and Mundy families for organizing this service.

As promised last week, there is a clipboard at the back of the church for you to make an appointment to see me either at your home or in my office. I will turn up at the designated time and place unless you hear otherwise.

The picture below is a memory aid to help us tell God's Story. I will explain this at the 10am service. This image contains the essential elements of the Gospel message in a simple and easy to remember format. When we are asked – what is God all about? - we will be able to answer confidently. All we need is a pen and paper. Sharing the gospel can be as simple as talking about the picture we are drawing.

Go well and blessings - Richard



Believe

Repent

Receive

Welcome to our services today! 5th May 2019

Theme: Fish and Forgiveness

Readings: Acts 9:1-6,(7-20) & John 21:1-19

Sentence: To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever.

Revelation 5:13

Collect: Alleluia, King Eternal; Jesus restored disheartened friends at breakfast on the beach: alert us to your presence; restore us when we falter or despair; and let us always hope in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Please wear your nametags to help Richard and Kaye know who we are. If you have not got a tag please contact the office.



Taizé Service in Barnies today at 4pm.
All welcome

From our Parish Nurse: It is time to visit your GP for your winter flu injection



Richmond View School Mothers Day Fundraiser.

How about a gift of a breakfast hamper for mum.

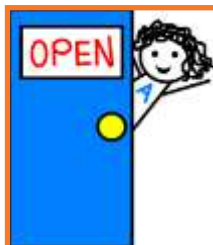
Go to www.rsv.school.nz/breakfasthamper fill in on line by 5th May. Deposit payment into the account listed on the page. \$45, with over 30 spot prizes to be won.

Free delivery within Blenheim on Sunday 12th May between 7.30am and 8.30am or pick up from Richmond View School on Saturday 11th May between 11am and 1pm.

Jan's Joy:
The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.
Galatians 5:6



Volunteers are needed to join The Blue Doors great team of workers. All



proceeds from sales go back to the community so if you are interested in being part of this awesome project please contact Kathryn Nicholls, 46 Seymour Street, Blenheim. Telephone: 03 5794353.

<http://www.thebluedoor.nz/> <https://www.facebook.com/TheBlueDoorInc/>

Flower Arranging Demonstration

We once again have Barb Higgins coming and show us flower arranging. This will be held in St. Christopher's Hall on Thursday 30th May, demonstration from 2pm till 4pm, followed by 'have a go', then afternoon tea.

This year it will be about arranging in the winter with availability of plant material. Plant material provided - bring a vase to arrange in.

Come and have some fun.
\$2 per person,
All welcome – bring a friend. Ring Viv Peters, 578 7685 for more info or RSVP.



Nativity Prayer Breakfast:

Saturday 11th May

8am in the lounge.

\$10per person at the door.

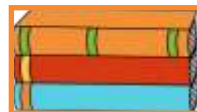
Register at the office (5783909)

for catering purposes.

Guest speaker is Revd. Joe Keighley.

All are welcome.

New Books in the Bishop Sutton Library



Echoes of Exodus : Tracing A Biblical Motif by Bryan D. Estelle
Downers Grove, Illinois : IVP Academic, c2018.

Estelle discusses the Exodus motif throughout the Bible. This “master image” of deliverance shapes the telling of the story of Israel and the gospel.

Landscape as Sacred Space: Metaphors for the Spiritual Journey by Steven Lewis
Eugene, Oregon : Cascade Books, c2005.

Lewis explores the metaphors of mountains, deserts and valleys as aspects of our spiritual journey. “Each landscape offers lessons that, when combined together, lead us to a maturing faith and into a deeper relationship with God.”

What's on this week:

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| Tues: | 2pm | Afternoon Care Cell in Barnies |
| Wed: | 4pm | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies |
| | 7pm | Boy's Group in Barnies |
| | 7pm | Choir Practice in the church |
| Thurs: | 10am | Eucharist in Barnies |
| Fri: | 9.30am | Tunes for Tots in the hall |
| | 1pm | LINK in the lounge |
| Sat: | 8am | Prayer Breakfast in the lounge |
| Sun: | 8am | Traditional Eucharist Service |
| | 10am | Family Service followed by |
| | 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**

Prayer Focus

Father God, as we go to our homes. our work. activities this coming week, we welcome the Holy Spirit into every aspect of our lives.

- Mon.** Open our ears to hear what You are saying to us in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.
- Tues.** Open our eyes to see the needs of people around us. To see the needs in our community and our world.
- Wed.** Open our hands: to do our work well, to help when help is needed.
- Thurs.** Open our lips to tell others the Good News of Jesus, and to bring comfort, happiness, hope and laughter to other people.
- Fri.** Open our minds that we may discover new truths from your living Word. Open our minds to discover new truths about our Saviour and Lord.
- Sat.** Open our hearts to love you and our fellow men as you have loved us in Jesus.

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) Prayer Facilitator, or ring the office and they can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Jane Sheat is our Prayer Chain Coordinator while Raewyn is away. Please phone her on (5789004), or Jan on 5783909, with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

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.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest-in-Charge
Assistant Priests

Richard Dyer
Kaye Dyer
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson

Youth Worker
Youth Intern

Rose Newton
Jody Jansen van Vuuren

Parish Nurse
Receptionist
Counselling

Raewyn Parkes
Jan Burrough
Kathy Hammond

Chaplain to the Elderly
Care Cell Coordinators
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden
Prayer Facilitator

Alison Brice
Chris & Sue Donaldson
Stephen Sheat
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
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