



## **The Church of the Nativity**

**Sunday 6th May 2018**

**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**

**WITHIN EACH  
OF US EXISTS THE  
IMAGE OF GOD,  
HOWEVER DISFIGURED AND CORRUPTED,  
BY SIN IT MAY  
PRESENTLY BE.**

**ALISTER MCGRATH**

*Christianity Today*

*Welcome to Nativity today!*

*Here we enter the presence of God, and each other.*

*May you find strength and healing.*

*Bob and Libby*

## Items of Interest

**Canvas tonight, 5.30pm.**

**Anglican Care Conference**, 16 -17 May at All Saints Church, Nelson. See notice board for more information.

**Women pastors, pastors wives, leaders and future leaders**, gather, store, rest with Pip Batten Friday May 18 at 7.30pm and Saturday May 19th at 9am at Harvest Life Church 22 Nelson Street. See board for more details.

**We now have a Prayer Request box** in the foyer of the church. Please feel free 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.

### **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim**

**World:** 16 May-14 June 2018. Contact Margaret Jarman ( 5788805) if you wish to order a booklet. \$8 each or \$6.50 for 10. Be part of a huge demonstration of God's love for Muslim people.

### **Confirmation - Reaffirmation**

Bishop Richard will be here on Sunday 8 July. We plan to have a big celebration that day. If you would like to be Confirmed, or to reaffirm your baptism and faith in Jesus, please let Bob or Jonathan know as soon as possible. The claims of the Christian faith based on the Catechism, are the basis of this opportunity. These are being made through sermons and parish small groups. Between midday and 12.30pm each Sunday in the lounge, parish clergy and preachers will be available to discuss the sermons and topics.

**Notes from sermon** are on the table in the church foyer and in the hall.

### **Prayers from Prayer board to pray.**

*Please check out the prayer board in the foyer of the church.*

- Safety for the workers and drivers on the roads and the rail, with the highway opened.
- 24-7 youth work at the Girls' College and for its commencement at the Boys' College.
- Work of the agencies who support the persecuted church.
- Unsettled political situations in the world.
- Our parishioners in rest homes.
- The Building Project for the church
- General Synod 8-11 May
- Family First - fight against deregistration as a charity.

### **Missional needs:**

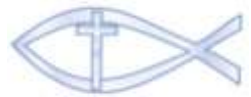
- The Corin and Tucker Families – For wisdom and blessing on their ministry and the local church.
- Matt Gwynne – His YWAM leadership responsibilities, progress in learning French and healing of injuries and asthma.
- MAF – For John Neal and Derek Harding in their roles on the board and for more support staff.
- Nathan and Rosey – For their protection and suitable accommodation when they move to K Town.
- Maori Mission for healing and growth
- Zane & Karen Elliott as they join CMS and head overseas to serve.

**Join** Jan and Raewyn in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) to pray for Nativity and our community.

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

# Welcome to our services today! 6th May 2018

**Theme 8am & 10am:** A Catechism—Who are we?



**Readings 8am & 10am:** Romans 8:14-17 & John 14:1-7

**Sentence:** Jesus said, If you dwell within the revelation I have brought, you are indeed my disciples; you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31,32

**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:

James 1:19 - 25 gives us six practical commands. "Do not merely listen to the Word... do what it says...."

**Mon.** ***"Be quick to listen."*** Pray that as a Church and as individuals we will listen to what God says to us in his Word.

**Tues.** ***"Be slow to speak."*** Thank God for the gift of speech- pray that we will use the gift wisely. Pray for those who cannot speak.

**Wed.** ***"Be slow to become angry."*** Anger is a choice – you can choose to be angry – you can choose not to be angry. Pray for families living with anger.

**Thurs.** ***"Get rid of all moral filth."*** Be sensitive to the evil that bombards us through the media. Pray for discernment for our young folk and families.

**Fri.** ***"Accept the Word."*** This means opening yourself to the Word – reading it, studying it, and above all believing it.

**Sat.** ***"Do what the Word says."*** If you hear the truth. Lord, I get the point. If I don't put things right as soon as You point them out to me, then my time spent reading your Word is of no profit. Help me to develop a deep sense of immediacy in my daily walk with you. In Jesus Name. **Amen**

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



## What's on this week

<b>Tues:</b>	7pm	Alastair's Group in the lounge
<b>Wed:</b>	6.30pm	Boys Group in Barnies
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
<b>Fri:</b>	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sat:</b>	9.30am	Coffee Connections at Saveur
<b>Sun:</b>	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



give thanks  
to the LORD,  
for he is good;  
his LOVE endures  
forever.  
PSALM 107:1

### Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of the Anglican Care Committee I would like to thank all those in our parishes, paid and unpaid, who work tirelessly and dedicatedly to reach out to others with Christ's love through caring service in their communities.

The Committee members have been greatly moved by reading in the recent accountability reports of the hundreds of lives that have been touched in the Diocese. They acknowledge and applaud the massive effort and passion behind the work carried out with the help of social service grants.

The Committee and I wish you every blessing for your ministries in 2018. Thank you, all.

Kind regards, Annie Fraser.

### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
Assistant Priests

Youth/24/7 Worker  
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Parish Nurse  
Receptionist  
Counselling  
Care Cell Coordinators  
Women's Ministry  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden

Bob Barnes  
Jonathan Wasley  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Rose Newton  
Jude Dell  
Raewyn Parkes  
Jan Burrough  
Kathy Hammond

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### To Contact Us

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### Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.  
Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.