



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 6th November 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 friends

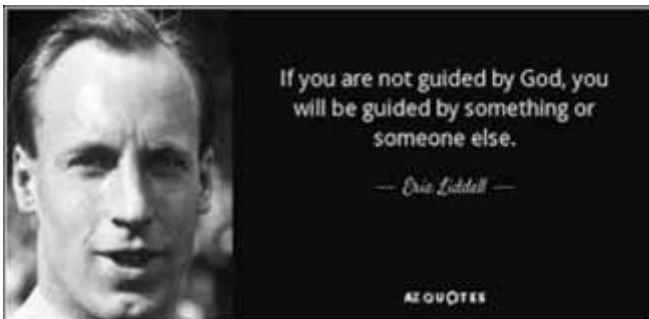
Welcome, especially to visitors here for Garden Marlborough. We're glad you're with us today.

*"So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people, trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight."*

(Proverbs 3:4,5)

To let God guide us in his favour and in good repute, we need to look for the signs he provides that are very tangible, like understanding the Bible. Like prayer. But there are also two more intangible things that our own insight won't cover.

Knowing the peace of God that passes all (human) understanding is like seeing our holy Father's approving smile and feeling his embrace. Sensing the suitability of a situation and discerning the council of other saints (believers) is the 4<sup>th</sup> part of being able to be safely guided by our God.



Last week many of you wrote out prayer responses from the listening silences in our worship. Thanks! They are being referred to our intercession groups as we discern through them, what God is saying to us as a church. There will be a box in the church foyer to receive more today.

God bless you and yours.

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 in the hall.

**Rosters** are being prepared for January through to March. If you are going to be away any of this time please contact Jan at the office 5783909

**Diary now:** Convergence Family Camp 17-19 February 2017. Registration forms at the office or at the back of the church.

**A parishioner** is looking for a ride to Nelson to see her son who is having chemotherapy. If you can help please contact Jan at the office ph 5783909.

**Garden Marlborough Weekend:** Please note that today Nativity Carpark is open for public parking with a fee of \$5 per vehicle space.

**Ladies,** Coffee Connections at Raupo, 9.30am, the second Saturday in the month is a time to connect with other women in the parish, for a coffee, food and fellowship. Bring a friend and connect with us.



**For families in need or crisis** we try to have a few readymade meals in the foodbank deep freeze. Our supply has almost run out. If you are able to help by cooking an extra portion or family meal and can drop it at the office to freeze it would be much appreciated. We will provide some containers if needed.

**Secret Sisters Big Reveal** date is Sunday 20th November at 2pm in the Nativity Centre.

**Le Vai Ola Retreat Open Day:** A Christian based retreat providing for— individuals, couples, small groups. Come and find out who we are, where we are, what we offer, our service, how we help, who we can help. Contact Nanai & Christine Naseri, ph 03 5452409, 027 256 9968, email: levaiolarettreat@gmail.com

**The Early Years Parenting Tools.**

**0-6 years** These are the most important years in your child's development! Learn how to lay the building blocks for a great future. See the notice board for more information. **\$75** per person or **\$110** per couple for each six-week group. Course starting Monday 7-9pm, 7th November 2016. 71 Litchfield Street, Blenheim (Open Home Foundation) Contact Christine on 027 4994077 or book online.

**House to rent.** Three bedrooms, nonsmokers, no dogs. Contact Kaye Dyer, Ph 573 6466 or 021 175 8563.

**Marlborough for Fun:** Senior Citizens Variety Concert, Tuesday November 22nd, Wesley Centre at 2pm. For more information ph. 577 8935

**Ladies,** you are invited by the Salvation Army's Women's Fellowship to their Annual Friends and Neighbours Day on Tuesday 15th November, 10am for morning tea followed by a service at 10.45am in the Citadel, and lunch in the lounge. A gold coin donation towards costs would be appreciated. See notice board for more information.

**Susan Howarth's** ordination is Wednesday 30th November, 7pm at Nelson Cathedral.

**Jan's Joy!** *It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. Psalm 18:32-33*



## Welcome to our services today! 6th November 2016

**Theme 8am & 10am: Does God Guide-Peace & Guidance**

**Readings 8am & 10am: Genesis 24:1-5, 26-27 & Acts 16:6-15**

**Sentence:** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.  
*John 14:27*



**Collect:** Come, Holy Spirit, with new fire; when our prayer seems to fail, when we hear no voice or answer, rouse us and light our way. **Amen**

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Our Father God, we worship you as the one who has given us life, and ask that you will help us to live it to the full.

**Mon. At home** – help us to spread the warmth of our home life to everyone we encounter.

**Tues. At school** – Help us to develop the discipline that true adventure requires.

**Wed. At work** – Help us always to give our best to be workers who need not be ashamed.

**Thurs. In our games and recreation**- Help us to win without boasting and to lose without making excuses,

**Fri. In our pleasure** help us not to choose things we would rather hide or someday bitterly regret.

**Sat.** We ask that in every part of our life You will help us to widen our knowledge, deepen our love, and strengthen our service.

**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 chain.

**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

<b>Tues:</b> 4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
<b>Thurs:</b> 10am	Eucharist in Barnies
7pm	Choir in the church
<b>Fri:</b> 1pm	LINK in the lounge
<b>Sat:</b> 9.30am	Coffee Connections at Raupo
<b>Sun:</b> 8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
10am	All Age Worship Service
5.30pm	Connections in the hall
7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



**Combined Anglican Churches Picnic:-** November 27th, 12.30pm. Pollard Park play area. Come and meet with the folk from Spring Creek, Renwick, Picton, and St. Christopher's for fun and fellowship. Bring your own picnic lunch and get to know your neighbours in Christ. All welcome.

## Youth Ministry in Marlborough - Two new positions beginning 2017

1. A full time role incorporating Nativity Youth Co-ordinator (25 hours/wk) and 24-7 Youth Team Leader (15 hours/wk) for the local colleges. The successful applicant will be able to show relevant experience in youth work and have the ability to work in both church and school environments.
2. 24-7 Youth Worker (10hrs/wk). The successful applicant will be able to relate well to youth and have a desire to engage with young people and staff in a school environment. Applicant will already be connected to a Marlborough church or be willing to become involved with one.

For information about either of these positions please contact:

[24-7youth@nativity.org.nz](mailto:24-7youth@nativity.org.nz) or Jonathan Wasley at Nativity Anglican Church (03 578-3909)

## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
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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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John Neal  
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Kevin Gwynne  
Raewyn Parkes  
Kathy Hammond  
Miriam Taylor & Shirley Ramsay  
Libby Barnes  
Alison Brice  
Stephen Sheat  
Pauline Tisch  
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## To Contact Us

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