



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 7th April 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



Passiontide

It is the greatness of Thy love, dear Lord, that we would celebrate
With sevenfold powers.

Our love at best is cold and poor, at best unseemly for Thy state,
This best of ours.

Creatures that die, we yet are such as Thine own hands deigned to create:

We frail as flowers,

We bitter bondslaves ransomed at a price incomparably great

To grace Heaven's bowers.

Thou callest: "Come at once"—and still Thou callest us: "Come late, tho' late"—
(The moments fly)—

"Come, every one that thirsteth, come"—"Come prove

Me, knocking at My gate"—

(Some souls draw nigh!)—

"Come thou who waiting seekest Me"—"Come thou for whom I seek and wait"—
(Why will we die?)—

"Come and repent: come and amend: come joy the joys unsatiate"—

—(Christ passeth by . . .)—

Lord, pass not by—I come—and I—and I. - *Christina Georgina Rossetti*

Yours in love and service, *John*

Welcome to our services today! 7th April 2019

Theme: A Moment of Extravagance

Readings: Philippians 3:4b-14 & John 12:1-8

Sentence: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. *Psalm 126:6*

Collect: God, all love comes from you; Mary's perfume on Christ's feet, His blood spent upon the cross, signal your extravagance: warm our hearts with your love; deliver us from all meanness of spirit; make us generous in all we are; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

Seniors Expo 2019 for 60+:

Tuesday 9th April, 10am-2.30pm at the Marlborough Convention Centre, Alfred Street Blenheim.

Information about health and wellbeing of Older People in our community. Free entry and refreshments.

The Blenheim Bus will be operating as usual to Gold Card Holders. The bus stops at the Convention Centre as part of its normal route.

Coming up 11th May: Prayer breakfast with guest speaker Revd. Jo Keighley. Put it in your diary now. All welcome



Wanted: tea towels and dishcloths for the Nativity kitchen. If you happen to have any of the tea towels at home to wash

after events please remember to bring them back. Thank you.

4th -17th April streaming event.

When teaching on hearing God's voice at the Lenten retreat, Mark Virkler's streaming event was recommended by Kaye Dyer.

For Link email jan@nativity.org.nz

After 23 years of faithful service in Nativity Centre, Jude Dell retires this Easter. Discreet contributions to a farewell gift for Jude would help us suitably recognise all she has contributed to our parish life and can be handed to Jan at the front desk or left in the collection plate.



Jude's friends and associates are warmly welcomed to a pot-luck lunch to farewell Jude in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 17 April at 12 noon.

John Neal - Priest in Charge

Hikoi Aotearoa: Rangitane Cultural Centre, 1 Fell Street, Grovetown.

Monday 8th-Wednesday 10th April.

The Hikoi of the Lord is moving from city to city, marae to marae and is town on these dates. Everyone is welcome. More information



is on the board in the hallway.

Jan's Joy: Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
Psalm 119:111





To The Cross And Beyond'

Lenten studies Thursday evenings 7-9pm, or Saturday mornings 9 -11am, in Barnies.
All are welcome.

Week Five: Empty

'Why do you look for the living among the dead?'
Luke 24:5

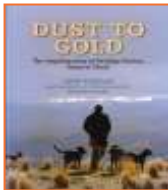
Winter Fellowship: Join us for morning tea in the Parish Hall Sunday 28th April, also available will be soup, savoury and bun lunch (cost \$5.00 per person.) Soup will be served approx. 11.30am onwards. Gluten & dairy free will be available. This is a fund-raising function and the plan is to possibly serve soup once a month over winter. All parishioners are welcome. Put it in your diary now.



Are you on our emailing list? If not and you would like to be kept in touch about things that are going on e.g. advising them of events etc. Please contact Pauline and Roger on aretisch@xtra.co.nz

Found in Church cupboard:

A book "Dust to Gold" by John Perriam. If this book is yours please collect from the office



Easter Services at Nativity

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm - Tenebrae Service

Good Friday 3pm: The Cross - A reflection on the crucifixion with hymns and scripture.

Sunday: Resurrection Day!

8am Eucharist
10am All Age Eucharist
5.30pm Canvas shared meal



What's on this week:

Tues:	7pm	Boy's Group in Barnies
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Lenten Study in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	9am	Lenten Study in Barnies
	9.30am	Coffee Connections at Saveur
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



**Prayer in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM)
Praying for Nativity and our community.**

Prayer Focus

“Getting Serious about God” was an article I read years ago (and saved). If you want to be serious about God, reflect on the early Christians.

- Mon. *They took church seriously.*** “The believers met together every day.” Their encounter with Jesus transformed their priorities. Acts 2:46.
- Tues. *They took fellowship seriously.*** Church is more than a common interest social club. We’re family. As a believer You may survive apart from the church, but you can’t thrive.
- Wed. *They took prayer seriously.*** The New Testament Church was conceived in the womb of prayer. “After ten days of united prayer in the upper room – everyone was present and filled with the Holy Spirit. Matthew 11:28-30
- Thurs. *They took God’s Word seriously.*** Acts 2:42 “They spent their time learning: Research tell us that today exercise, and cappuccinos is replacing serious Bible study.
- Fri. *They took praise and worship seriously.*** They stayed continually at the temple, praising God. Being a spectator at a Sunday service isn’t enough. Psalm 100:4.
- Sat. *They took outreach seriously.*** They took the Word with them and planted new churches. God’s Word enabled them to withstand life’s challenges.



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Fridays off: John, Rose, Jude
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