



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 8th April 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

Dear Nativity family and friends,

So what was that all about? Easter that is. Sure we know the story. Or at least the major bits. But so what?

In short, Easter is about a hope and a future. It's about a confidence beyond what we can see now.

Songwriters Gloria and Bill Gaither wrote this song in the 1960s.

*God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my saviour lives
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives
And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns*

Easter is also about learning to walk through life in a way that differs from the way much of the world's population walks. We walk to the beat of a different drum, in the footsteps of a different leader - Jesus.

As we considered in the weeks before Easter, many would regard us as fools for doing so, but that's their problem. In the coming months we are going to consider how we follow this Jesus and be his disciple. Then on 8 July Bishop Richard will be here to Confirm (or re-confirm) in the faith of Christ, any who want to make that step into discipleship.

Grace and the greatness of Easter joy be yours

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

A huge thank you to those who bought food and who helped in the kitchen for Tuesday funeral refreshments. It was a wonderful act of kindness to Alison's family. Bless you all.

Senior Citizens Concert 2018

Wednesday 11th April 2-4pm at the Wesley Centre. Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, cuppa, and biscuits with the music of 30's, 40's and 50's sung by Wayne Love.

Offertory Envelopes: if you need more envelopes please contact Jan at the office ph. 5783909.

NZ CMS prayer meeting Sunday 15th April 2018 at 4pm in the counselling room. All welcome

A special "Nations Bless Israel" event will be held at Harvest Life Church in Blenheim at 6:45 pm on Sunday 29 April. It will be a similar event to the gathering last April. There will be 'Live Streaming' from the Victory Christian Centre in Auckland. Please check out www.nationsblessisrael for more details

Drive-in movie evening Saturday 14th April Aerodrome Road Omaka. Ferdinand 6pm –8pm
Hunt for the Wilder people 9pm-11pm
Tickets available at Redwoodtown School Office.

Jan's Joy: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6



Prayers from Prayer board to pray.

Please check out the prayer board in the foyer of the church. Maybe you could take away a sheet of prayer points to pray at home.

- Safety for the workers and drivers on the roads and the rail, with the highway opened.
- 24-7 youth work at the Girl's College and for its commencement at the Boy's College.
- Work of the agencies who support the persecuted church.
- Unsettled political situations in the world.
- Bread of Life, for its legacy in the community.
- Our parishioners in rest homes.
- The Building project for the church
- General Synod 8-11 May
- Mexted and Wain families as they mourn the loss of Alison and Maxine

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.

Don't forget to join Jan and Raewyn in the church daily (Monday to Thursday 8.45-9AM) to pray for Nativity and our community. Love to see you there.

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

Welcome to our services today! 8th April 2018

Theme 8am & 10am: Easter-So What!

Readings 8am & 10am: Philippians 1:3-11 & John 20:19-31 &

Sentence: Let us give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Alleluia! *Colossians 1:12*



Collect: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light; grant that we who have been raised with him may triumph over all temptation and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Here is a Bible First Aid Kit – use it – it works!

Mon. If you find yourself in sudden trouble or sorrow, apply instantly Hebrews 12:5 – 11 and saturate your heart in Psalm 23.

Tues. If you have slipped down and hurt yourself, Psalm 91 will be a great help to you.

Wed. When you are feeling very lonely, Matthew 11:28 – 30 will be a great help to you.

Thurs. Should you be suffering from loss of memory and cannot recall all your blessings, try a good dose of Psalm 103.

Fri. If you are feeling unwell, and lacking strength or energy, try two or three applications of 1 John 5:13 – 15

Sat. Whenever you find that bitter taste in your mouth and cannot speak lovingly of others, take a good dose of 1 Corinthians 13 and Psalm 34: 12,13.

Sun. Some days when your faith is weak try the tonic found in Hebrews 11.

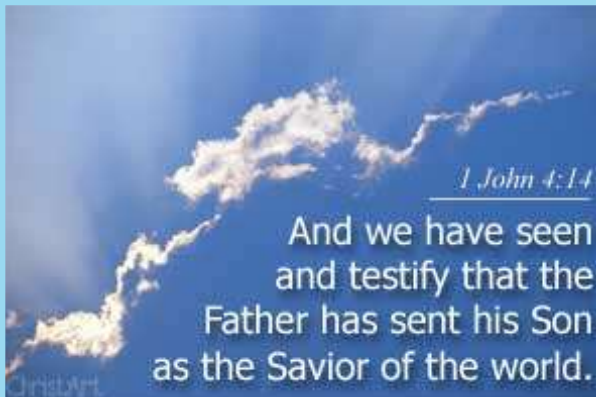


Prayer Ministry: We have people willing to meet with you outside of church service times. If you are in need of more in-depth prayer ministry, speak to any of the clergy, or Jane Sheat (5789004) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

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

Tues:	7pm	Alastair's Group in the lounge
Wed:	7pm	Boy's Group in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	9.30am	Coffee Connections at Saveur
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	4pm	CMS prayer meeting in the counselling room
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



He is alive !

*Praise God
from whom
all blessings
flow!*

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar	Bob Barnes
Assistant Priests	Jonathan Wasley John Neal Miriam Taylor
Youth/24/7 Worker	Rose Newton
Vicar's P/A	Jude Dell
Parish Nurse	Raewyn Parkes
Receptionist	Jan Burrough
Counselling	Kathy Hammond
Care Cell Coordinators	Miriam Taylor & Shirley Ramsay
Women's Ministry	Libby Barnes
Chaplain to the Elderly	Alison Brice
Vicar's Warden	Stephen Sheat
People's Warden	Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Rose and Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.