



The Church of the Nativity Sunday 8th December 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

GOD'S
reckless GRACE
is our
greatest HOPE. ~♡~

Welcome to our services today! Sunday 8th December 2019

Theme: Compassionate

Readings: *Malachi 3:13-18 & Matthew 24:36-44*

Sentence: Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come *Matthew 24:42*

Collect: Praise and honour to you living God; your coming will be like a thief in the night, like lightning flashing across the sky. Grant that we may be ready, and our hearts answer, Come Lord Jesus. Hear this our prayer for your love's sake. Amen

Items of Interest

Holy Spirit Seminar

Last session this Wednesday 11th December 7:30pm in Barnies

Aglow meeting: Today there will be an Aglow meeting from 1.30pm at the My Space Youth Centre. Cnr Redwood & Kinross St's. The speaker is Annie Cox from Kaikoura. All (men and women) welcome. Contact: Sheryll Gwynne Ph 5776507 or Ph 0210791981

Nativity Foodbank:

As the busy Christmas season takes hold you might like to consider donations of something special for those in need. Donations of Christmas dinner foods like cake, pudding, frozen vegetable mixes or meats would be especially welcome. Donations of shelf-stable goods are always welcome -please just add to the trolley in the foyer as you come into church. If you would like to donate something that requires freezing or refrigerating, please contact Roz at the office to arrange a time to drop in.

Packs of Christmas gift tags for sale \$2 each from the office

Convergence family camp 14th-16th February 2020: Please see the back of church or the office for a brochure.

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

Prayer Request box in the foyer of the church is to write any prayer requests or words for the church 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.

Reflections by Roz:

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him
Give my heart.
-Christina Rossetti



A note from Jan

Dear Nativity people,



Thank you so much for the generosity you have shown to myself and

family. I looked around at the sea of faces and was overwhelmed with gratitude that I had such a wonderful bunch to live life with. It has been tremendous to hear your stories and share ours with you. God has been so good to us. I will see you all as we participate in the many ministries here at Nativity. Many blessings, *Jan*

Christmas Concert: Singing and Piano students of Eileen Guard and Linda Holdaway present their best of 2019. Come and enjoy.

Time: 7pm

Place: Nativity Church

Date: 16th December 2019

Cost: Gold coin entry (also a church fundraiser)

Prayer Chain: Jane Sheat is our Prayer Chain Coordinator Please phone her or Jan on 5783909, with any requests you have.

Holiday hours:

The Nativity office will be closed from Friday the 20th of December until Monday the 13th of January. The phone and e-mails will be regularly monitored so please leave a message if you have a need.

Christmas Services coming up:

Marlborough Christmas in the Park

Sunday 15th December 1-5pm
Pollard Park

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 15th December
7pm in the Church

Christmas Eve -

"Christmas Today"

Midnight Communion

Tuesday 24th December—11pm

Christmas Day—

"Unwrapped Presence"

Wednesday 25th December
8am & 10am in the Church

What's on this week:

- Mon:** 9:30am Care & Share in the lounge
- Wed:** 4pm Prophetic Intercessory Prayer Fyffe St
7:30pm Holy Spirit seminar in Barnies
- Thurs:** 10am Eucharist in Barnies followed by
11am morning tea in Barnies
- Fri:** 1pm LINK in the lounge
- Sat:** 9:30am Coffee Connections at Raupo
- Sun:** 8am Traditional Eucharist Service
10am Family Service
7pm Nine Lessons and Carols

A little reminder for you this Advent:

Blessing for Nativity Community

People of Nativity, we bless you in the name of Jesus to know God, to know His purposes for your lives, and to know His blessings on each one of you, your families and all situations of your lives.

We bless every household in Nativity.

We bless every marriage and we bless the relationships between family members of different generations.

We bless your health and your wealth.

We bless the work of your hands.

We bless every wholesome enterprise you're involved with. May they prosper.

We bless the pupils at your schools; we bless them to learn and to understand what they are taught.

May they grow in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

We bless the teachers and pray that school may be a safe and wholesome place, where belief in God and in Jesus can be comfortably taught.

We speak to the hearts of all these people who are in this community.

We bless them to be open to the wooing of the Holy Spirit and to become more and more responsive to the voice of God. We bless them with the overflow of the Kingdom of Heaven that we experience here at Nativity.

In Jesus name, Amen



Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Priest in charge	Richard Dyer
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