



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 8th September 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

### Spring Festival.

From time to time I take a meander through some web pictures and I did that as I thought about today's Pew News looking at pictures of Spring Festivals. What struck me was the colours and the freshness of it all. Everything was bursting with new life.

In the northern hemisphere Easter coincides with Spring – we lose something of what this means for Easter down here – it was a festival of New Life – so it little surprise that the Christian community took it over to celebrate new life in Christ and the resurrection hope that we have. The empty grave has been broken open; the light of the world has broken out never to be contained by the death or winter. Hope is secured. Life is now full of wonderful possibilities. This is what we celebrate. This is what we carry to bless our homes and communities.

*“You were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead” (Colossians 2:12, NLT).*

Go well and celebrate - Richard



# Welcome to our services today! 8th September 2019

**Theme:** One of the family

**Readings:** Philemon 1-21 & Luke 14:25-33

**Sentence:** Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple. *Luke 14:27*

**Collect:** God of gentleness, you give up all to be with us; enable us to love, obey, and hold fast to you alone, so that we may complete what we have started, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## Items of Interest



**Today** is our annual Spring Festival. If you would like to take some flowers to bless someone who is housebound or in a rest home please do so.

**Christmas Services:** If you are available to serve during Christmas Eve or Christmas Day please let me know as I am starting the November and December rosters. Thank you. *Jan*



**Missing Book** Last year Sheryll Gwynne lent a 10am parishioner a book entitled Walls of my Heart, by Dr Bruce Thompson. However the book has never been returned. If you have it, please contact Sheryll on Ph 5776507 or Cell Ph. 0210791981 or return to the Nativity Office for Sheryll to collect. She is very keen to get this book back.

**Care & Share** A place for our creatives to meet, encourage and share their skill. Next meeting Monday 9th September 9.30am to 11.30am in the lounge. Come and join us, bring a friend. 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.

**Are you going ?** Have you registered to go to the 5th Annual Holy Spirit Conference, 27-29 September 2019, St John's Church, Westport ? "Equipped by the Spirit to be God's Family on Mission" A program for children will run to enable parents to attend. Registration forms are on the table in the church foyer or available from the office.

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

**Kaye Dyer and Kathy Hammond will facilitate a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Wednesday evenings early in the next school term.**

**Individuals or care cells interested please contact Jan at the office**



**Jan's Joy:** *Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.*  
**Philemon 1:7**



## August Vestry bullet points:

- We have returned our annual Health & Safety compliance to the diocese.
- The meeting focus was the Nativity Management Plan and our future development. A copy of this document is available today.
- We are exploring how we might improve the heating of Barnies
- We received a letter from Don Cross re a scheme for 'healing horticulture' he is pioneering in conjunction with this work at NMIT. Vestry agreed to support this initiative in principle. Mental Health is a serious issue facing New Zealand society and this course has the aim of **Helping people build a fence at the top of their cliff**. We are exploring how our partnership may work out and how we might secure funding to assist students attend the course.
- The parish car has been sold
- On Saturday 21 September there is to be a combined parishes of Marlborough shared tea and service at which our new bishop Steve Maina will be preaching. Diary from 5pm and watch out for details.

### Nativity Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 19th October

8am in the Nativity lounge

Guest Speaker  
Reverend Victoria Askin

\$10 per person at the door  
Contact Jan at the office 5783909  
for catering purposes



### Men's Breakfast

Saturday 12th October

8am at the Foundry

\$15 per person at the door  
Sign up sheet at the back of the  
church



This is a BCMA event



The recording of Bishop Steve's installation is now on the Website. This is the link which takes you straight to the page:

<https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/11th-Bishop-of-Nelson>

## What's on this week:

<b>Mon:</b>	9.30am	Care and Share in the lounge
<b>Wed:</b>	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	6.30pm	Misfits in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
<b>Thurs:</b>	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
<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	Family Service
	4pm	CMS prayer meeting in the lounge
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



## Pray Big: Week six - Children and Young People

*One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering him. Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Luke 18:15-17*



Pray for.....

- Protection of children from the plans of the evil one
- Children in violent, abusive homes
- All who work with children: carers, teachers, aides, social workers
- Your local schools
- Children from Christian homes who have walked away from faith
- Children in foster care and the need for more foster parents
- Young people who are struggling with anxiety and depression
- Children you know personally

*There is no chasm in society that cannot be firmly and permanently bridged by intercession; there is no feud or dislike that cannot be healed by the same exercise of love."*

*Charles H Brent*

### Our Staff and Parish Leaders

**Priest-in-Charge**  
**Assistant Priests**

**Richard Dyer**  
**Kaye Dyer**  
**John Neal**  
**Miriam Taylor**  
**Kevin Thompson**  
**Kathy Taylor**

**Administrator**  
**Youth Worker**  
**Youth Intern**

**Rose Newton**  
**Jody Jansen van Vuuren**

**Parish Nurse**  
**Receptionist**  
**Counselling**  
**Chaplain to the Elderly**  
**Care Cell Coordinators**  
**Vicar's Warden**  
**People's Warden**  
**Prayer Facilitator**

**Raewyn Parkes**  
**Jan Burrough**  
**Kathy Hammond**  
**Alison Brice**  
**Chris & Sue Donaldson**  
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