



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 9th July 2017

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

Life is for living, in rhythm with the cycles God sets out in creation. Too often we try to balance life, with lots of plates spinning and we get exhausted thinking we're serving God.

Sometimes church can be like that too. So we're trying to keep the rhythm right between our outward facing mission and what's happening on home base, in phase. It's harder to keep the rhythms when our situations get extreme. Today we're honoured to have a young family, who are stepping out into a sensitive area of mission, who will be working doubly hard on their rhythms. We can't name them or the country they're going to. They're speaking at our morning services, and meeting people, especially our young families. Already known in our youth work, he has been Youth facilitator for the Diocese. Soon they're heading away to serve in Asia, in a role that liberates women from terrible slavery. It's a genuine gospel call, but entails spiritual battle as well. As a parish we'll be supporting them financially as well as in prayer, as we do the Tuckers and Corins.

In the meantime back here on the home front, we have put new LED lights in the hall - needed maintenance. They came at a good price, are creation friendly and less expensive to run. The long-term possibilities for what we might build are being established with the Redevelopment Liaison Team. The team who will work with Bob are John Briggs, Nicci Leitch and Roz Mundy.

When Jesus started his public ministry he did so by reading:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' (Luke 4 :18-19)

This holistic faith is our calling too. Last Sunday evening a message was given in tongues, and interpretation was given. The message was that we are royal children of God – princesses and princes. We are heirs. We are loved. So too are all God's children throughout the world, the downtrodden and oppressed. With our brave mission partners, we are privileged to share this task of release, of healing and proclaiming. Of life with blessing, in rhythm.

Bob and Libby Barnes



Items of Interest

If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the account number is ANZ: 060705 0429077 00, code is 115.06



The Marriage Course is an eight-week course designed to help you and your spouse strengthen your relationship.

No group work, it is for you as a couple! You get a share a meal together before watching a DVD of practical talks. There is time for private discussion for you as a couple. July 26th – Sept 13th, Wednesday Nights 7 -9:30pm during the third school term, Venue is Marlborough Vintners Hotel. \$150 per couple covers the 8-week course. **Registration:** Places are limited, so please contact Jonathan as soon as you are able. To ensure your place we ask for an advance payment at the Nativity office.

Parents: please note that the playground area is shifting. For safety purposes it is important to know where your children are. If they are in the playground area it is your responsibility to supervise them.



Bishop Richard will be here on 16 July. He will celebrate and preach at both morning services, then in the afternoon, 2pm, rededicate Barnies as "St Barnabas Chapel"

NZ CMS prayer meeting Sunday 16 July 4pm at Nativity Church. All welcome.

Chris & Catherine Corin and their children (5) will be in Blenheim from 26 July & 8th August. They are needing accommodation for one week during their visit, can you help? Please contact Jude 5783909.

Volunteer opportunity: We are needing a person/people to vacuum the hall and lounge on Sunday afternoons (except the first Sunday of the month) when everyone has vacated the rooms. If you can help please contact the office ph. 5783909.



Throwing it out?

Give us a shout. Unwanted furniture and household items in good condition can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Important—If you have recently joined the Nativity Church family please give us your contact details to be added to our parish roll. Phone Jan at reception 5783909 or e mail jude@nativity.org.nz

Want to keep up with what's on? Look at the website for lots of information about the parish. Ministries and services offered to and by the parish, pew sheets, sermons, giving options and other news

*Jan's Joy: Praise the Lord,
O my soul. I will praise the
Lord all my life; I will sing
praise to my God as long
as I live. Psalm 146:2*

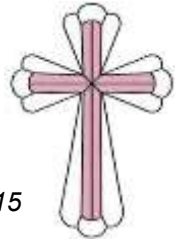


If you would like to know about the many vibrant Care-cells that make up Nativity please phone 5783909

Welcome to our services today! 9th July 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Mission

Readings 8am: Isaiah 25:1-10 & Luke 4:14-21
10am : Luke 4:14-21



Sentence: Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, ... began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone *Luke 4:14,15*

Collects: Almighty God, in your Son Jesus Christ you have created a people for yourself; make us willing to obey you, till your purpose is accomplished and the earth is full of your glory **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

I BELIEVE IN MISSIONS

- Mon.** Because the greatest mission ever known was when God sent his only son into the world to save it.
- Tues.** Because the world will never be brought to Christ until men bring Christ to the world.
- Wed.** Because Jesus himself taught us that missions was the only way to make disciples.
- Thurs.** Because I am a disobedient lover of Jesus if I do not obey his command when He said "Go"
- Fri.** Because if salvation means everything to me, I cannot be happy unless I share it with others.
- Sat.** Because a Christian who does not believe in missions gets narrow and loses his world vision.
- Sun.** Because the missionary is the greatest hope of the world in its present crisis.
Charles M. Shaldon.

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, Jane Sheat (5789004) or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Bob Barnes (5783909) & Raewyn Parkes (5783909) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

Tuesday Prayer time 4.30-5.15pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Tues:	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Wed:	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes 4 Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Nativity@7pm

7pm in the hall
Speaker Raewyn Parkes

Prayer for the Church Building Project

Dear Lord,

The highest heaven cannot contain you, and your dwelling place is among your people who do need shelter and places to meet.

Grant us wisdom that what we build may be for the blessing of all your people.

Grant us courage to let it be your tool to further your mission in this community through us.

Grant us humility that what we build may be to your glory alone.

These things we pray Holy Father, through Jesus our Lord who lives in us by your Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Assistant Priests

Bob Barnes
Susan Howarth
Jonathan Wasley
John Neal

Youth/24/7 Worker
Vicar's P/A
Parish Nurse
Parish Manager
Receptionist
Counselling
Care Cell Coordinators

Miriam Taylor
Kevin Gwynne
Rose Newton
Jude Dell
Raewyn Parkes
Keith Buck
Jan Burrough
Kathy Hammond
Miriam Taylor &
Shirley Ramsay

Women's Ministry
Chaplain to the Elderly
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden

Libby Barnes
Alison Brice
Stephen Sheat
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows

To Contact Us

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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.