



## The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 9th October 2016

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 friends

Welcome to Nativity Church to our visitors, and to our Nativity family, it's good to be together again at each of our services today.

Public worship is a time of the week when we can get sorted and reconciled within ourselves at a level and in a way we can't anywhere else. So here are some questions to mull on as you start to worship.

**\* Why do we need reconciliation with God?**

**\* What must we do to be reconciled with God?**

**\* How should our need to be reconciled with God shape our actions?**

As you consider these questions, think about what reconciliation is. It's when former enemies make peace with each other. Yes – we have been at war with God.

It's when we finally give in and agree with something we had rejected. Yes – we have often had very different ideas about what's good for us, than what God has.

It's when something becomes compatible. Yes – we have not always lived in ways that were compatible with God's intentions for us.

So look again at those questions. In the sermon today they will be central. In prayer talk it through with God. At the invitation to Communion come and share a common union with God and his people around the world. Then go to the prayer ministers and ask them to pray for full reconciliation for you.

And as you leave, go into the world in peace.

*“... if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life  
(Romans 5:10)*

Grace and peace to you from God

Bob and Libby



## Items of Interest

**Connections:** You are welcome to bring some finger food and share a time of fellowship, food and gospel story in the lounge tonight at 5.30pm

**Nativity @ 7pm:** All welcome to join us for a cuppa and worship. All welcome.

**Men's Health night:** This Tuesday 11th October Dr Dave Baldwin at Lansdowne Park (Jim Fraser Room). No charge. Light refreshments. Take another bloke!

**The Reverend Steve Maina,** CEO of NZ Church Missionary Society will preach on Sunday evening 23 October, at our 7pm service in the Parish Hall. From Kenya, Steve is an exciting and Godly preacher, not to be missed. All welcome.

**Steve's "Teapot tour":** Steve Maina, NZ CMS National Director, will be talking about sharing Jesus in a changing world at 3pm on Sunday 23 October in Nativity Lounge. All welcome.



**Operation Christmas Child**  
–Shoe Box Appeal Boxes are available the foyer. Please return boxes to the Nativity office when completed by October 23rd.

**Please note the change of time for the prayer meeting for the parish at Elaine Bignell's (178 High Street) is now 4.30pm to 5.15pm.**

**Street Intensive:** Clean up day at Rata Place coming up October 15th. Please let us know if you are coming by 10th October. Come and serve your community by helping.

**Pickles and Jams** are still required if you are able to make some. We do appreciate your help and support with your contributions. Contact Pauline 578 7351 or Elaine 578 4331

### **Nativity Twilight Garden Tour Wednesday 9th November.**

- Three gardens owned by Nativity parishioners
- Tickets \$10 per person on sale from 10<sup>th</sup> October @ Nativity Church Office. Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm. Please bring the correct denomination of money.
- Meet at Nativity Carpark 5pm onwards - leave by 5.30pm. Due to limited parking at properties we need to make sure all cars have their seats full. *(property addresses & instructions for health & safety will be issued to the drivers on the night)* invite family, friends and neighbours too.
- Sales table at each venue with jams, marmalades, pickles. Remember to bring some cash with you.
- Cold drinks available at each venue

**Ladies:** Life in Marlborough is more exciting and diverse than ever, so it's time to celebrate! Whether you are a migrant or the descendant of a migrant, you are warmly invited to come along to the International Women's Night at the Marlborough Convention Centre at 7pm this Friday, October 14 for an evening of entertainment, food, laughter and inspiration. Come along and meet the world on your doorstep -- national dress encouraged! Entry by a plate of food to share, or koha. Enquiries, ph Marlborough Migrant Centre 579 6416.

**Secret Sisters Big Reveal** date is Sunday 20th November at 2pm in the Nativity Centre.

**Diary now:** Susan Howarth's ordination is Wednesday 30th November, 7pm at Nelson Cathedral.

**Jan's Joy!** *The cheerful heart has a continual feast.*  
Proverbs 15:15



## Welcome to our services today! 9th October 2016

**Theme 8am & 10am:** Restoration: David & Nathan

**Readings 8am & 10am:** 2 Samuel 12:1-7 & Matthew 5:21-24

**Sentence:** Wash me and I will be whiter than snow. *Psalm 51:7*

**Collect:** Restore our hearts grant us inclination to your ways, Oh Lord; renew our passion to serve you, forgive us our many wrongs, and renew our lives; that we may act in a way that gives you honour. **Amen**



### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Here are a few ideas that may help with your daily prayer thoughts.

**Mon.** Give God your **waking** thoughts. Offer God the first few thoughts of the day. Thank God for the night's rest – "Today belongs to You."

**Tues.** Give God your **waiting** thoughts. When you are in the supermarket or traffic queue – in fact any time of waiting.

**Wed.** Give God your **whispering** thoughts. Brief prayers can be whispered anywhere in any circumstance. Let your kitchen become a cathedral.

**Thurs.** Give God your **working** prayers with a brief prayer for your colleagues and your work situation.

**Fri.** Give God your **watchful** prayers whenever a family member or friend comes into your mind, offer a brief prayer of thanks and protection.

**Sat.** Give God your **waning** thoughts at the end of the day, conclude the day as you began it- remember His promise "He who watches over you will neither slumber nor sleep." Psalm 121:4

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

**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, Kevin or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

**Prayer Chain:** Anne Dillon 5782363 & Fay Johnstone 5783763 are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

**Tuesday Prayer time 4pm-4.45pm  
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.**

## What's on this week

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| <b>Tues:</b>  | 4.30pm | Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street |
| <b>Thurs:</b> | 10am   | Eucharist in Barnies                     |
|               | 7pm    | Choir in the church                      |
| <b>Fri:</b>   | 1pm    | LINK in the lounge                       |
| <b>Sun:</b>   | 8am    | Traditional Eucharist Service            |
|               | 10am   | All Age Worship Service                  |
|               | 3pm    | CMS meeting in the lounge                |
|               | 5.30pm | Connections in the hall                  |
|               | 7pm    | Nativity@7 in the hall                   |



**Parish Information Meetings: Next Sunday 16 October, there will be a short information sharing meeting after the services. It will be about the process we'll use to discern what to do about earthquake strengthening our buildings.**

**Anglican Care Conference.** Venue: Elim Christian Centre, 625 Main Rd, Stoke, Nelson Date: 14 and 15 October 2016. Register [www.nelsonanglican.org.nz](http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz). Enquiries to Gerrie Mead 0212771504 or [socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz](mailto:socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz)

## Nativity Needs You! "Some Ministry Opportunities available now"

### Volunteers needed:

Operators for sound desk, data projection.  
Communion set up 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. (Urgent)  
Communion servers, sidespeople and readers at the 8am services  
Training will be given for all volunteer jobs. See Jan at the office.



## Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar  
Vicar's P/A  
Parish Manager  
Receptionist  
Families/Youth Pastor  
Assistant Priests

Parish Nurse  
Counselling  
Care Cell Coordinators

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

Bob Barnes  
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Keith Buck  
Jan Burrough  
Susan Howarth  
Jonathan Wasley  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Kevin Gwynne  
Raewyn Parkes  
Kathy Hammond  
Miriam Taylor & Shirley Ramsay  
Libby Barnes  
Alison Brice  
Stephen Sheat  
Pauline Tisch  
Kevin & Sheryll Gwynne

## To Contact Us

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