



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 13th August 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

Welcome today to our Mission Order Service.

It is our hope that we can reflect an essence of the journey we have been on these last months, a journey expressed well in an article by Henri Nouwen called "From Solitude to Community to Ministry", an upside-down journey for many of us. You can read the article at:

www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/1995/spring/51280.

The wonderful thing is that we are encountering an invitation most unexpected.

A.W.Tozer expressed it this way: "God formed us for His pleasure, and so formed us that we as well as He can in divine communion enjoy the sweet and mysterious mingling of kindred personalities."

Isn't that a stunning thought, that we are kindred personalities with God and each other?

The quote continues "He meant us to see Him and live with Him and draw our life from His smile." Can you remember God's smile?

It is our prayer that today you get the sense afresh that you are His 'beloved' and that He delights in you.



Rich Blessings

Susan



Items of Interest

The Marriage Course: Please pray for the 15 couples who are participating. There is still opportunity to donate, if you are able. Please contact the office or pay to ANZ Bank account 060705 0429077-00 code 185.06, reference: marriage.

Quiz Night Friday 25th August, Nativity Hall. 7.15pm registration, 7.30pm start. Fundraising for the new Marlborough Anglican Care Emergency Fund. Helping families and individuals in need. Entry \$10 per person. Register a team of six or come make a team on the night. Register your team before 23rd August at Nativity Office 5783909. Bring a plate of food for supper.

Suitable furnished accommodation for approximately seven to ten weeks is required for a retired Salvation Army Officer couple who are coming to Blenheim for a short-term official Salvation Army appointment. They have a small dog, a poodle I think. A 'self-contained' unit rather than a boarding situation, would be preferred, although they are willing to house-sit as an option. If you can help please contact Deane Goldsack, Captain, **The Salvation Army Blenheim**.

Equip 2017 Marlborough:

The Big Story of the Bible (Kate Dugdale)
Renwick Anglican: Wednesday 20th and 27th September. 7-9pm. All welcome.
Handling the Bible: (Kate Dugdale)
Nativity Anglican: Wednesday 18th and 25th October. 7-9pm. All welcome.

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

Writing to "secure" mission partners.

We do want people to write to our three families on mission. For their safety and also, the safety of those they work with, a guide is available with do's and don'ts. It can be sent online or printed. Ask at the office.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year needs a local coordinator, and somewhere to store the boxes until end of October, as people bring in their filled ones.



Donations of small appliances in good working order, including video players, stereos, microwaves, radios, blow dryers, dvd players, game consoles, toasters, jugs, cake mixers etc, will be accepted. Still in good condition but you no longer use it? Unwanted furniture and household items can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Jan's Joy: You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words. Psalm 119:57



Contact: kate@bishopdale.ac.nz

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

Welcome to our services today! 13th August 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Mission Order of St Paul Service

Readings: 8am: John 15:1-9,11 & Matthew 5:1-9,13-15 (Message Bible)
10am: John 20:24-29

Sentence: Proclaim God's glory to the nations, God's marvellous deeds to all the peoples. For the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

Psalms 96:3,4



Collect: Jesus, incarnate God, good news for all who have ears to hear; thank you for all who bring the gospel to those who have not heard. Hasten the time, we pray, when the earth is filled with your glory as the waters cover the sea. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Jesus said "I tell you not to worry about your life. Look at the birds in the sky.

Mon. Canadian geese fly united. They don't fly separately. They fly in V formation. Let us encourage one another.

Tues. Stay in fellowship with one another and enjoy the uplift it promotes. We are not called to fly solo.

Wed. Occasionally a goose strays off on its own, but soon becomes exhausted, and loses altitude. "Look at the birds." Pray today for solo leaders.

Thurs. Every goose formation has to have a "point goose" out front who leads and sets the pace for others. Pray today for our ministry team.

Fri. In the world of geese, the aged, the very young and the sick are kept protected in the rear of the formation. They become the "honking section." and cheer on the leaders. Thank God for the "honkers" in our church.

Sat. Lost and stray geese are always welcomed into the formation. It's not an exclusive club. Birds separated from other formations are never turned away. "There shall be one flock and one shepherd." "Come unto me all who are weary."

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) and 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:	2pm	Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge
	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Wed:	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
	7pm	Vestry meeting in the lounge
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for 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



Don't look for
God in the sky;
search His
presence within
your heart...



Please remember to use the prayer card to pray for the Church Building Project.

If you do not have a card pick up one from the back of the church.

Nativity@7pm

Tonight: 7pm in the hall

Speaker: Alan Wright

Theme: Healing the Orphan Spirit

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 Burroughs
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 and Jonathan:
Mondays off.

Bob, Jude and Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday
mornings only.