



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 28th August 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 Nativity family, and guests

*“Everyone needs compassion
Love that’s never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations”*

From Hillsongs “Mighty To Save” (2006 by Ben Feilding and Reuben Morgan)

It’s good we are able to come, openly, to worship God, to learn of him and his ways of grace, to pray for others and grow deeper in fellowship with one another.

So welcome to the gathered presence of God and his people, for we all have need of that. No matter if you have been the most dedicated follower of Jesus, or you are coming out of curiosity for the first time today, we all have need of God’s ongoing grace for ourselves and for others.

What do you think was the only real difference between Peter and Judas? Both had followed Jesus from the beginning of his public ministry. Both were disciples of him. Both betrayed Jesus. The only real difference between them is that Peter didn’t give up on the hope of forgiveness. That meant the way was open for his restoration, even if he wasn’t consciously aware of that possibility in those dark days following Jesus crucifixion.

As Jesus restored Peter to the levels of promise that had been beyond Peter’s imagination, so he can restore us too. Don’t ever give up on God.

*“So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender”*



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. Alastair Smith is speaking. All welcome.

The Blue Door: Cleaning out the kitchen cupboards? Baking tins, small kitchen appliances, crockery, cutlery, pot and pans in good condition can be donated to The Blue Door, 46 Seymour St. Telephone: 5794353.

Urgent attention: 2nd September. Friday Fun & Fellowship Night – 5.30pm arrival. Your attendance will make this night a success. People young and old are very welcome. Ask a friend to come with you. Get your tickets from the office by 4pm Wednesday 31st August. Confirmation of numbers for catering necessary. If you are able to lend a hand on the night, please contact Pauline: 578 7351 or Elaine 578 4331

Raewyn our Parish Nurse has had a left hip replacement on the 25th of August, she is a patient in Churchill Trust till Monday. Your prayer for Raewyn's recovery and all who care for her during this time would be appreciated.

Evangelism is not a dirty word. Making evangelism good news again Saturday September 3, 9.30am-4pm St Christopher's, Blenheim. All are welcome – BYO lunch Presented by Rev. Graham O'Brien. Contact graham@bishopdale.ac.nz



Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal is on again during September and October. Boxes are available at the back of the church today.

Choral Evensong on 5pm, Sunday 11th September at Nativity church. All welcome

“Is this Church?” Anglican Care Conference. Venue: Elim Christian Centre, 625 Main Rd, Stoke, Nelson Date: 14 and 15 October 2016. An opportunity to be encouraged, challenged, informed and resourced in ministry. For further details or to register www.nelsonanglican.org.nz Early bird discount till 16 Sept. All enquiries to Gerrie Mead 0212771504 or socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz

The Marlborough Singers are presenting Handel's Messiah in early December this year, and invite any latent choristers, who might like to join in singing this wonderful work. Previous choral experience or ability to read music would be an advantage. We practice on Tuesday nights from 7pm-9pm at the Wesley Centre. If you are interested turn up and present yourself to Sarah Henderson, or ring Margaret Hastings 578 1401.

Consideration is being given to re-opening the Parish Reception on Friday mornings on a volunteer basis. Expressions of interest are invited. Please contact The Parish Manager, Keith Buck

Volunteers needed: Cleaner/s to clean the church and centre on Fridays or Saturdays (2 hours). Operators for sound desk, data projection, and communion set up 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Communion servers, sidespeople and readers at the 8am services and sidespeople for the 10am service. Training will be given for all volunteer jobs. See Jan at the office.

Jan's Joy! *You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11*



Welcome to our services today! 28th August 2016

Theme 8am & 10am: Peter's Restoration



Readings 8am & 10am: Genesis 40:9-14 & John 21:12-19

Sentence: Jesus said to Peter, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.'
Luke 5:4

Collect: God of grace, your Church is built on Peter's faith; grant that we, like him, forgiven and restored, may overcome our weakness and serve you without wavering, now and forever. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS We can think of God's throne as a huge spiritual generator of power – as we praise God we plug into that generator and power (life) flows through us.

- Mon.** JUDAH means praise and we read in 1 Chronicles 4 that Judah had five sons – Perez, Hezon, Carmi, Hur, and Shobel. With praise in mind, we will think and pray about the meaning of their names.
- Tues.** PEREZ – “breakthrough” Praise cuts away at the bondage that holds us – bitterness, heavy burdens, depression, oppression, loneliness. Try praising today.
- Wed.** HEZON – “A wall of protection.” Praise builds a wall, a hedge, a shield, a surrounding of angels. Make this your prayer today.
- Thurs.** CARMI – “My vineyard.” Praise produces fruit and miracles. Make this your prayer emphasis today.
- Fri.** HUR – “Noble, to grow white.” Praise produces holiness. You can't praise God and sin at the same time.
- Sat.** SHOBEL 'Shoe, a traveller, a pioneer, a pilgrim” Praise gives a path of escape from generational bondage. We are products of our past, but we don't have to be prisoners of it.

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

Tues:	4pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies followed by
	11am	morning tea in Barnies
	7pm	Choir in the church
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the centre
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
	5.30pm	Soup & Pizza fun night in the centre
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	5.30pm	Connections in the hall
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



Stop That Thief: Please be vigilant and keep all valuables hidden out of sight in your car when parked in Nativity carpark and make sure you lock it up and leave no windows down. A car was broken into last Sunday evening and was rifled through. The police ask us to be watchful.

Vestry Notes

At the recent Vestry meeting among its usual business of the governance of the Parish

- reports were received
- the future direction of youth ministry was considered. Particularly 24-7, a ministry into Secondary Schools, was considered. In the coming weeks this will be worked through more closely.
- A Strategic Plan for the parish which has been developed since June was further refined. We focused particularly on the use and care of buildings to enable us to be "A Beacon of Hope" into our community.

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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