

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020



THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- DRAW people to faith in Christ
- GROW people in their commitment to Christ
- REACH OUT beyond ourselves with the love of Christ



OUR SERVICES TODAY

- THEME:** Questions that work
- READINGS:** *Ephesians 5:8-14 & John 9:1-9*
- SENTENCE:** I am the light of the world," says the Lord: "those that follow me will have the light of life". *John 8:12*
- COLLECT:** God of healing and sight, we long to see with eyes of faith. Heal all that blinds us, renew our vision, and grant us to see afresh all that you are doing; For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray Gods' protection over our country, our community and our loved ones.

Pray for wisdom for all leaders making decisions for our protection again Coronavirus

Pray for the church to be a place of calm amongst the tensions and that the best will be bought out in communities all around the world.

Pray that we can all be prepared but confident in the love and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who knows all our worries and fears.

“God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” - 2 Timothy 1:7

GROW US YOUR CHURCH

Pray that our congregation might build on what Richard and Kaye are sharing so that we can listen to God and share the hope that we have in Him, to those who are the least, the lost and the lonely, particularly women and children as we celebrate AAW this Sunday.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY

7pm **Nativity AGM**
7pm in the church

FRIDAY

1pm Link (Lounge)

WEDNESDAY

4pm Intercessory
Prayer (Barnies)
7pm Choir practice (Church)

SUNDAY

8am Sung Eucharist Service
10am Family Communion
5:30pm Canvas Small Groups (see website for details)

THURSDAY

10am Eucharist Service
1pm School Mums group
(Barnies)

NEWS AND EVENTS

MUSIC TEAM

If you are interested in being a part of our music team at one of our services, have a chat to Roz in the office or see one of the music team.

CANVAS TONIGHT

Tonight, Sunday the 22nd of March, CANVAS will be celebrating together with Susan and Graeme Howarth.

NATIVITY LUNCH

We had hoped to celebrate together for a shared meal when the Bishop visits us. However, in light of the Coronavirus, we have decided not to hold this event.

PRAYER BOOKLET

Pam Neal is about to order copies of a booklet suggesting prayer for the Muslim World during the season of Ramadan (30 days). They are \$8/copy. If you would like a copy please contact Pam on 577 7442 or 021 204 7818 ASAP.

APOLOGY

The text of the apology read in church today can be found as an attached document on the Diocese of Nelson website,

<https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/standards>

NATIVITY NEWS

The March edition of the Nativity News is out today. A big thank you to Miriam Taylor, Heather Murchison, Rose Francis and Jo Danks for their wonderful work. Please take a copy and enjoy the read!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Combined Mens Breakfast. **Saturday 28th March 8am** at the Foundry. Cost \$15pp (U16\$10) Speaker Levi McGrath. Please register your interest at the office before Thursday 26th March. We will advise you if this changes.

HOPE PROJECT

There are HOPE project booklets available at the back of church for you to have readily available (in your handbag, glove box, inside the front door etc.) to allow you to share about New Zealand history, hope and faith with people in the course of conversation. Please take one or two to share with those you interact with day to day to help in sharing the message of hope!

COMING UP:

MARCH

Monday 23rd **Parish AGM** 7pm in the church
Every Thursday **The Blessing Course** (Lenten Studies) - 7:30pm in Barnies
Monday 30th **Morning prayer** - all welcome
Tuesday 31st **Morning prayer** - all welcome

APRIL

Wednesday 1st **Morning prayer** - all welcome
Monday - Friday
more information to come.
Thursday 2nd **Lenten Prayer** - 7:30pm in Barnies
Sunday 5th Visit from **Bishop Steve** and Waitiri
Thursday 9th **Lenten Prayer** - 7:30pm in Barnies
Tenebrae Service - 7pm in main church
Sunday 12th **Easter Sunday Services** 8 & 10am
Easter Sunday Outreach - CANVAS

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COVID-19

From the Tuckers:

"Instead of acting like you are trying to avoid the virus, act like you are trying to avoid giving it to others"

- Professor Graham Medley

OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge
Assistant Priests

Administrator
Parish Nurse
Receptionist
Counselling
Chaplain to the Elderly
Oversight to Care Cells
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden
Prayer Facilitators
Prayer Chain

Richard Dyer
Kaye Dyer
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson
Kathy Taylor
Raewyn Parkes
Rosalind Mundy
Kathy Hammond
Alison Brice
Kaye Dyer
Stephen Sheat
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes