

# WEEKLY NEWS



## Ascension

*Preacher:* Glen Ashworth

*Collect:*

*Readings:* Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:15-23  
Mark 16:14-20

*Sentence:* “...so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.” Eph 1:18–19

Eternal and gracious God, we believe your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to have ascended with triumph into your kingdom of heaven; may we also in heart and mind ascend to where he is, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen



*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

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## Events

### ONE-OFF EVENTS - MAY

#### Glamorous Gowns

Rehearsal: Fri 10th 7pm

Main Event: Sat 11th

7.30pm

Display & morning tea:

Sun 12th 9am-12pm

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Weekly Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 8.45am

Lounge

#### Monthly Prayer Meeting

13th May 7pm - Hall

#### Tunes for Tots

Fridays 9:30am during term

Nativity Hall

#### Care and Share

8th & 22nd April 9:30am

St Barnabas Chapel

#### Link - Games Afternoon

Fridays 1pm - Lounge

#### AAW Meeting

1st May 1:30pm - Lounge

#### Coffee Connections

11th May 9:30am - Raupo

#### Repair Cafe

27th April 9am - 12pm

Johns' Kitchen

#### Choir Practice

Wednesdays 7pm - Church

#### CMS Prayer Meeting

21st April 3.30pm - Library



## White Windows fund

Nativity Parish received a bequest of \$400 from the Estate of the late Barbara White, a parishioner who lived in York Street and died in August 1956, 68 years ago. This bequest was intended for a stained-glass window to be constructed and installed within the Nativity church building. That money was placed on deposit with the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board. With compounding interest, it has now grown to \$55,000.

The Nativity vestry considers it highly unlikely that the bequest will ever be able or required to be used for that purpose and has requested the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board take the necessary legal steps to vary the trust so these funds can be put towards the cost of earthquake strengthening of Nativity. The Trust Board has prepared a report with the background to go to the Chancellor.

## Order of St Luke

Healing ministry Tuesday 16th April at 1.15pm in St Christopher's Church lounge.

## Choral Evensong

Nativity 4pm Sunday 28th April. All welcome

## Annual Book Sale

Nativity Library Booksale. Sunday 28th April.

## Volunteers Needed

- First Steps and Nativity kids leaders and helpers.
- People to vacuum the hall and lounge after morning tea

A copy of that report is available from the Parish office.

If there is any issue with this proposed change, please notify Kathy Taylor within the next two weeks in writing, giving the details of the concern.

Nativity parish would also like to formally thank **Graham Allan** and **Hans van der Wal** who have both generously donated their time to help Nativity meet all legal obligations in order that these funds be made available for our use.

# VESTRY UPDATE

Our new vestry met together last month. The focus of this meeting was to assign portfolios and examine the results of the City-to-City report. In 2024, Vestry would like to focus on discipleship and spiritual growth within the church, with a particular focus on small groups.

In finance news, offerings have increased in 2024 compared with the same period last year and the budget is looking healthy.

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Jan - Mar 2024

**Operating Income: \$84,063**

*From offertories and regular sources.*

**Operating Expenditure: \$82,235**

*Standard operating costs*

**Trust income: \$10,958**

*Income on funds held in trust*

**Investment income: \$14,526**

*Income from investment properties less expenses.*



Ruth Struthers  
People's Warden



Phillip de Bruyn  
Vicar's Warden



Conway Taylor  
Building  
Redevelopment  
& Investment



Stephen Leitch  
(non-vestry)  
Repairs &  
Maintenance



David Pigou &  
Team  
Fundraising



Dion Mundy  
Ministry &  
Missions



Alastair Smith  
Health & Safety  
& Synod



Kate Bristed  
Vestry Secretary  
& Synod



Rachel Powell  
Synod



TBC  
Finance



**Nativity Anglican Church**

# WE ARE HIRING!

## FAMILY MISSION AND MINISTRY LEADER

Nativity Church is looking for a pastorally and missionally minded person to support, enable and lead ministry and mission amongst families in Marlborough.

The role would involve providing leadership for our Nativity Kids and Intermediates Sunday morning programme, as well as supporting our youth and family ministry and mission. The right person would be able to work alongside a team of parishioners, volunteers, and staff in the overall goal of developing Christian faith in this key area.

Nativity currently has an active children's, intermediate, and family ministry but with the right person, we would like to see this developed, both in terms of supporting current needs and ongoing development as well as identifying and developing missional opportunities. If you would like to be part of an active, mid-sized parish that has a strong core of committed people who are excited about the future of mission, please get in touch.

The hours and scope of the role may be negotiable, depending on the applicant.



**For more info**



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