



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: Character and Competence

PREACHER: Glen Ashworth

READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-4, 1 Thess 5:16-24, John 1:6-9

SENTENCE: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me. *Isaiah 61:1*

COLLECT: Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand in confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. Amen

Welcome

SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY 24th December

9am Sunday Worship
4pm Children's Service
10pm Christmas Eve Service

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY 25th December

9am Christmas Service



REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer admits that God is incomparable.

1 Samuel 2:2

There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside Him: neither is there any rock like our God.

Your prayers should reflect the truth that : God is not like you. He never breaks His law (2 Timothy 2:3). His truth is absolute and yours cannot always be trusted (John 1:14).

He chose to love you while you chose rebellion (Romans 5:8)

Compare yourself any way you want and you will be found lacking.

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Prayer:

Father, You're a great big God with big plans and a perfect track record. You're worth following because there's no one better, your faithfulness is flawless. Your truth absolute. Where You lead let me follow. May I gain perspective when I compare my imperfect self to Your perfection. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the **foyer of the church**. A pen and paper are provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over. We have an online prayer wall that you can add to or access to pray over at any time. Please contact the office or our prayer chain co-ordinators **Jane Sheat** (578 9004) and **Rosemarie Nicholls** (578 1163) with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS



RESTORATION STATION



Nativity will be running The Restoration Station Holiday Programme for children aged 5-11. This will run **9am - 12pm** from the **18th - 21st of December**. There will be crafts, games morning tea and lots of fun!

WANTED FOR RESTORATION STATION

Rebecca Silva has a few requests for the holiday programme. We need baking for 4 morning teas for 40 kids. Donations of fresh fruit would also be helpful. If you can offer to provide a plate of baking for any of the days of the 18th, 19th, 20th or 21st please contact Rebecca Silva at families@nativity.org.nz.

Also, we are looking to borrow hammers for DIY crafts. These will be labelled with the owner's name with tape used for building craft and returned promptly. If you are willing to lend a hammer/s please could you drop them at the Nativity office before the 15th of December. Will be returned to office on the afternoon of the 21st.

THURSDAY SERVICES

Our last Thursday service for the year is on the 21st December, the services will recommence on the 18th January.

COMING UP:

DECEMBER

Monday 18th-
Thursday 21st

Restoration Station
9am-12pm
St Barnabas Chapel

Sunday 24th

Sunday Worship
9am Nativity Church

Children's Service
4pm Nativity Church

Christmas Eve Service
10pm Nativity Church

Monday 25th

Christmas Service
9am Nativity Church

JANUARY

Sundays

Combined Service
9am Nativity Church

CONTACT US



Monday - Thursday **9am - 12noon**



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am **Eucharist Service**
Church

Sundays 10am **Family Communion**
Church

Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**
St Barnabas Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

Glen Ashworth
9 am
4th Advent Sunday
Christmas Eve
10pm

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the office for an
appointment for:

Vicar **Rev. Glen Ashworth**
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Sun-Thurs

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