



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:** Church and Kingdom
- PREACHER:** Kaye Dyer
- READINGS:** Psalm 47:1-2,6-8, Matthew 6:25-34
- SENTENCE:** The Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. 1 Cor 4:20
- COLLECT:** Come Holy Spirit with new fire; when our prayers seem to fail, when we hear no voice nor any answer, rouse us and light our way. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is acknowledging God's goodness and power.

Matthew 6:13: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

How important is God's kingdom? Jesus said you should make finding it a priority:

'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and it's righteousness.' (Matthew 6:33).

When it comes to God's power, 1 Chronicles declares, "Yours, O, Lord is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O, Lord, and You are exalted as head above all."

And Isaiah 42:8 puts God's glory into perspective: "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory I will not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

That is a snapshot of what it looks like to pray, 'For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.'

Prayer:

Lord, I don't want to give glory to anything besides You. I don't want to believe that anything could be more powerful than You, or settle for a kingdom less worthy than Yours. I honour and acknowledge Your greatness. 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

MISSIONS UPDATE

What do Japan, Cambodia, Middle East, Central and South Asia, Pakistan, Nepal, Uganda, Jordan, have in common? Mission partners from the NZ Church Missionary Society work in or into these countries, some being in very sensitive areas so little information can be published.

In New Zealand CMS also supports the work of the five Māori evangelists. In the 19th century Māori Christians spread the Gospel throughout the country, often arriving before missionaries. This initiative continues that work and they appreciate our support and prayers for protection and grace as they bring much blessing to the areas in which they work.

Howard and Muriel Karaka are working in the Port Waikato area and have many opportunities to minister at funerals, on the Marae and wherever there is an opening.

Keri-Ann Hokianga works in South Auckland, reaching out in many ways, including a weekly half hour radio service in English and Māori.

Fran Hokianga works in the Far North.

The most recent person to join the team is Troy Nathan. Troy loves Jesus and began to follow him while in prison. The person he assaulted brought him a Bible and a chocolate! and that began his journey wanting to learn more and now years later he is delighted to begin this new ministry.

BLANKETS WANTED

There is a huge shortage of blankets and duvets for former refugee families. If you have any you no longer use please consider donating them. Get in touch with Rosimeire Cookson (021 060 6531) or bring them to the office.

ELDERCARE NEWSLETTER

There will be a monthly newsletter that will be sent to the parishioners via email, a hardcopy will be available in the church for those who prefer this type of communication.

Another form of communication will be through the Eldercare Facebook Page.

PARISH DIRECTORY

If you haven't received a copy of the March 2023 directory please collect one from the office.

NBAS MEETINGS



For all those who are part of the Beer Appreciation group, we are meeting next **Sunday 20th August:**

- with a coffee **after the 10am service**, then
- at **3pm at John's** for a garage tour.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alpha Marriage course
- Nativity outreaches: Tunes 4 Tots, Healing Horticulture, Repair Cafe
- Faith sharing opportunities
- Building project, that it may be completed quickly and well.

COMING UP:

AUGUST

- Sunday 20th **NBAS Garage Tour**
3pm John Neal's Garage
- Wednesday 23rd **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 23rd, 30th **Alpha Marriage Course**
7:30pm Salvation Army Hall
- Fridays 25th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 26th **Repair Cafe**
9am-noon Johns' Kitchen
- Sunday 27th **Martin Setchell Organ Recital**
2.30pm Nativity Church
- The Gathering -The Well**
6.30pm St Barnabas Chapel



Fourth Saturday of every month

9am- 12noon

Johns' Kitchen
2 Redwood St, Blenheim

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

- Sundays 8am **Sung Eucharist Service**
Church
- Sundays 10am **Family Communion**
Church
- Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**
St Barnabas Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

Miriam Taylor
God is working his
purpose out
8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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