



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: Romans – Paul’s Spiritual Trumpet

PREACHER: Miriam Taylor

READINGS: Romans 1:1-17 ; Acts 16:25-34

SENTENCE: “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.” *Romans 1: 16*

COLLECT: God of nations, help us to reflect and share the goodness that surrounds us. Help us to win justice for poor and rich alike, and bring trust and friendship to all our different races; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer can bring dread.

Genesis 3:10. (Adam) said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid.

The first humans' conversation with God led to dread, because they had to admit that they had broken the only command God gave. Adam delivered his "prayer" with an equal mixture of blame and defiance rather than sorrow and repentance.

Job on the other hand lost everything, and wanted to know why. After allowing Job to complain at length, God replied. When Job heard what God had to say, he responded, "Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I will lay my hand upon my mouth." (Job 40:4-5)

Job had a different perspective to Adam and Eve. He recognised the majesty and glory of God—and instead of being defiant, Job displayed humility and awe. That would have served Adam and Eve well. It would look good on you too.

Prayer:

Lord, may I be honest when I blow it. Help me never to blame others for my choice to disobey. And when I read a response from Your Word, help me to accept it with humility and awe. May prayer be a key part of my relationship with You. 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

BARNABAS AID

Next Sunday Richard Drury from Barnabas Aid will be with us to present on some of the projects they are involved in and some of the biblical texts that drive their work. This will take place in Barnies following Morning Tea (approx. 11:45am) - food provided. Barnabas Aid works to provide hope and aid for suffering Christians - <https://www.barnabasaid.org/nz/>

CARECELL LEADERS MEETING

Glen would like to meet with the care cell leaders on Sunday 5th November after the 10am service.

If you are not currently in a Carecell and would like to be, contact the office or email carecells@nativity.org.nz.

PARISH PICNIC



The parish picnic is scheduled for the **26th November** at Christine's Smith place, 609 New Renwick Road.

COUNSELLING

Thank you for your donations to our counselling services. We still have a shortfall so consider if you are able to give to this important ministry.

SOLID ROCK

On **Wednesday 25th October** Solid Rock (age 10 and up) will be meeting at the St Barnabas Chapel at **3.30-5pm**.



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

Volunteers are needed for our Christmas Fundraiser. If you can provide help with any of the following, please contact Janet Guard at dunn.guard@xtra.co.nz or phone (027) 579 4210.

- **Parking attendants** (12 people)
- **Sales Teams:** Ticket sales/tour pack collection/raffle—minimum two teams of 4 needed with at least one person per team very familiar with using EFTPOS:
 - Friday 5—8.30pm
 - Saturday 9—10.30am
- **Hosts for Barnies:** Friday night 5:00pm—8.30pm.
- **Assembling Tour bags** (5 people) —6 tour tickets cut and stapled, map put in bag, info sheet and fridge magnet put inside each Christmas bag (sometime during the week prior to event weekend).
- **Event sales-table helpers** (up to 12) for 1 or 2-hour shifts at two house venues in either Renwick or Springlands.
- **Floral decorations** on tables at Barnies — to be set up on Sat morning.
- **Christmas baking** for sales tables: spice biscuits, shortbread, Christmas mince tarts etc.
- **Plants** (eg herbs) potted up and presented for gift-giving sold on sales table) — ongoing work over the next couple of months.
- **Cherry picking** – a group of people to pick Cherries at Tyneys on Friday 1 December during the day.

COMING UP:

OCTOBER

Wednesday 25th **Solid Rock**
3.30-5pm St Barnabas Chapel

Wednesdays 25th **Healing Horticulture**
7-9.30pm St Barnabas Chapel

Fridays 13th,
20th, 27th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre

Link
1pm St Barnabas Chapel

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 26th
November **Parish Picnic**
609 New Renwick Road

Saturday 2nd &
Sunday 3rd
December **The Joy of Christmas House
Tours**

Saturday 9th
December **Seniors' Christmas Luncheon**

18-21st
December **Restoration Station
Holiday Club**
9am -12noon

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

Rev. Glen Ashworth
Sabbath and fasting

8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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Some Gems from Paul's letter to the Romans

1:12 ...that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

1:17 The righteous will live by faith.

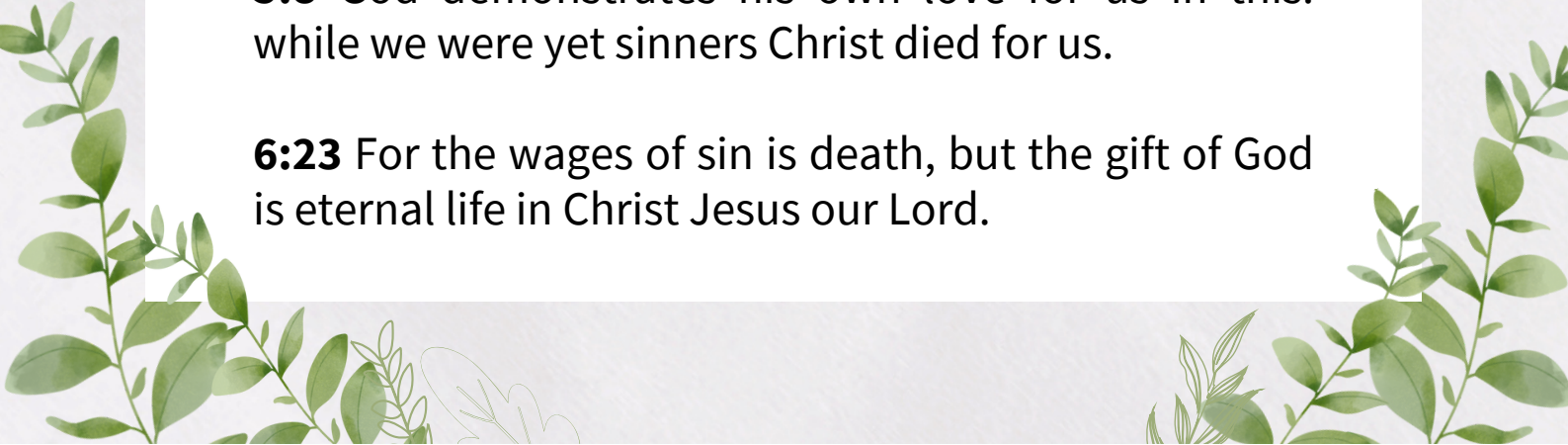
3:22 The righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came through Christ Jesus.

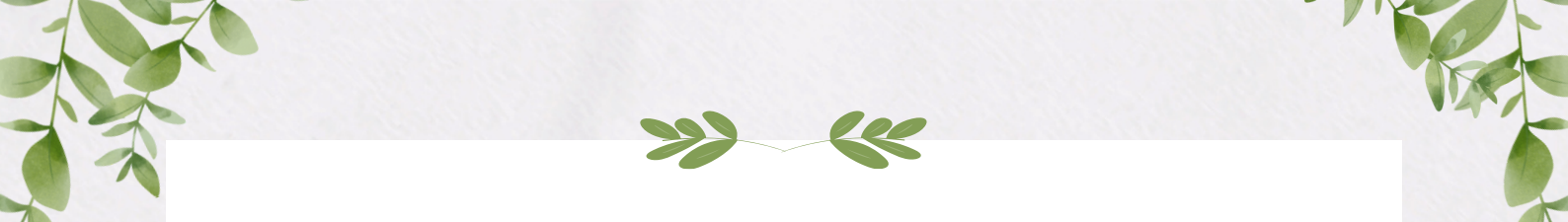
4:3 Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.

4:20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had the power to do what he had promised.

5:8 God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.





8:1 There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and who have been called according to his purpose.

8:31 If God is for us who can be against us?

8:35 Who can separate us from the love of God, shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine, or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

10:10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.'

12:2 Do not conform any longer to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

13:14 Rather clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.

14:8 If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die we belong to the Lord.

