

WEEK OF TH 28TH JANUARY- 3RD FEBRUARY 2024



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: Nativity Vision

PREACHER: Glen Ashworth

READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-6; Ephesians 4:7-16; Mark 4:26-29

SENTENCE: But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. Ephesians 4:15

COLLECT: Jesus, you spoke with passion, you acted without fear, and we remember. Help us when we have to speak out, to speak the truth and without malice to speak. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen.

Welcome

NOTES/ART

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

HEALING HORTICULTURE

The next Healing Horticulture Course is due to start in Barnies on **Wednesday the 7th of February**. Please consider recommending this to friends or family who could enjoy and benefit from this course that teaches important horticulture skills alongside supporting mental and spiritual health.

ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is due to start here in Marlborough soon so please consider those that you might like to invite to take part. This course is a chance to explore life, faith and meaning for anyone to discover more about the Christian faith in a relaxed setting.

The course will launch with a coffee and dessert evening on **Saturday the 17th of February** at 7pm at the Salvation Army Lounge. The course is starting on Wednesday evenings from the 28th February at the Salvation Army Rooms. All are welcome with no charge. To find out more please contact the office or see www.alpha.org.nz

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is now open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday mornings.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice is starting up again on **Wednesday 31st January** at 7pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Completion of the building project
- Convergence Camp
- Students starting back at school

YOUNG AT HEART MOVIE AFTERNOON

MONDAY 5th of February - 2pm.

"Whisky Galore"(2016) is a remake of the 1949 comedy based on a true event. Scottish islanders attempt to plunder cases of whisky from a stranded ship during WWII.

This is an initiative of the Nativity Outreach team. You are invited to the lovely home theatre (26 seats) of a brother in Christ. Please bring a friend. RSVP by either calling or emailing the office. When you RSVP you will be given the address.

LENTEN SERIES

Over Lent (18th Feb -24th March) we will be running a sermon series on discipleship. As part of this, we will provide a six-week study series for Carecell meetings. If you are not currently in a Carecell and would like to be or you would like to do this series with others, get in touch with Glen or the office today.

CONVERGENCE CAMP

Sam Harvey from Bay Vineyard Napier is our speaker this year. We'll be diving deep into topics from 1 Corinthians 12, exploring unity and diversity in the Body of Christ, spiritual gifts, and how love is indispensable through it all. Please book online:

<http://stbarnabas.co.nz/convergence-camp/>



COMING UP:

FEBRUARY REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Mondays** **Care & Share 12th & 26th**
9.30am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesdays** **AAW - 7th**
1.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Healing Horticulture**
Starting Feb 7th (for 6 weeks)
7:00-9.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Fridays** **Tunes for Tots - 9th - weekly**
9:30am Nativity Hall
- Link - weekly**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday** **Coffee Connections 10th**
9:30am Raupo Cafe
- Repair Cafe - 24th**
9am-12 noon
Johns' Kitchen

FEBRUARY

- Fri-Sun 9-11th** **Convergence Camp**
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- Saturday 17th** **Alpha Launch**
7pm Salvation Army Rooms

**Regular
services
resuming
Sunday
Feb 4th!**

CONTACT US



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

Glen Ashworth
Nativity Vision
8 & 10 am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the office for an appointment for:

- Vicar** **Rev. Glen Ashworth**
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