



# 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:** The Great Example

**PREACHER:** Rev. Richard Dyer

**READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-3 & John 13:1-17

**SENTENCE:** “Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.” John 13:1

**COLLECT:** Teach us, Jesus, how to live and worship without being worldly or greedy. Drive from our lives what spoils them and make us temples of the Spirit; for the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

# Welcome

NOTES/ART

## 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

## RECEPTIONIST

We at Nativity are looking for a receptionist (20 hours/week) to administratively support and enable the ministry and mission of our parish. If you would like to know more please see the advertisements on the noticeboards or talk to Glen or the office staff.

## RENOVATIONS

You will notice that the renovation of the Nativity Centre has begun. Please respect signs and fenced off areas throughout the project. We will continue to use some spaces until they are under reconstruction therefore this may change week by week. When other spaces are unavailable children may play out the front of the church or Barnies but **only if they are closely supervised by at least one adult at all times.**

## NATIVITY CALENDAR

Just a reminder that you can see the main events on the nativity Calendar on our website under the "About" tab. We will continue to publish in the pew sheets but you are welcome to check this any time.

Some events that we have coming up are:

- **Ash Wednesday** - 22nd February
- **Harvest Thanksgiving** - 19th March
- **Nativity AGM** - March
- **Healing Horticulture courses 6-9**
- **Holy week 2nd - 9th April**

## HEALING HORTICULTURE

The next Healing Horticulture Course is due to start in Barnies on **Wednesday the 8th of February**. Please consider recommending this to friends or family who could enjoy and benefit this course that teaches important horticulture skills alongside supporting mental and spiritual health.

## CHILDRENS' MINISTRY 2023

Our Children's' ministry groups are due to start back on the **19th of February 2023** after Convergence.

Due to the renovations there will be some changes to the venue for these (NB. Ages given as an indication only).

**First Steps** ( 0-5years) will be in the church foyer/narthex

**Nativity Kids** ( year 0-6) will be in Barnies

**Intermediates** ( year 7-8) and **youth** (years 9+) will meet upstairs in the Nativity Centre.

All groups will be signed in the the church foyer before commencing.

## 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 & meaning for anyone to discover more about the Christian faith in a relaxed setting.

Topics include:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did he die?
- How can I have faith?
- Why and how should I read the Bible?
- Does God heal today?
- How do I make the most of my life

The course will launch with a coffee and dessert evening on **Saturday the 18th of February** with the course starting on Wednesday evenings from the **1st of March** at the Salvation Army Rooms. All welcome with no charge. To find out more please contact the office or see [www.alpha.org.nz](http://www.alpha.org.nz)

## ROSTERS

The rosters for February and March are now out. If you need to make changes please remember to arrange a swap and let the office know ahead of your rostered day. If you are not on the roster but would like to be involved in serving during or services or in the background please let the office know!!

## COMING UP IN FEBRUARY:

Wednesday 1st	<b>AAW</b> <b>1:30 meet at Pollard Park returning to Barnies</b>
Fridays	<b>Link</b> 1pm Barnies
Friday 17th & 24th	<b>Tunes for Tots</b> 9:30am Wesley Centre
Monday 13th & 27th	<b>Care and Share</b> 9:30am Barnies
Wednesday 8th & 22nd	<b>Intercessory Prayer Meeting</b> 4pm Barnies
Friday 10th - Sunday 12th	<b>Convergence Camp</b> Kaiteriteri
Saturday 11th	<b>Coffee Connections</b> 9:30am Raupō Café
Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th	<b>Healing Horticulture</b> 7pm Barnies
Saturday 18th	<b>Alpha Launch</b> 7pm Salvation Army Rooms
Wednesday 22nd	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>

**Resuming  
Sunday 5th  
of  
February!**

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Vicar:</b>	<b>Rev. Glen Ashworth</b> vicar@nativity.org.nz
<b>Receptionist:</b>	<b>Rosalind Mundy</b> info@nativity.org.nz Mon - Wed & Friday 9am - 2:30pm
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*All can also be contacted via the office  
(please see details above)*

## CONTACT US



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am	<b>Sung Eucharist Service</b> Church
Sundays 10am	<b>Family Communion</b> Church
Thursday 10am	<b>Eucharist Service</b> St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies)

**Next week:**

**Rev. Glen Ashworth**

***What's on your heart?***

**8 & 10am**