

WEEK OF 21ST - 27TH JANUARY



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:** Gratitude, Grace and Glory
- READINGS:** Psalm 1 & 1 Thessalonians 1-10
- PREACHER:** Rev. Susan Howarth
- SENTENCE:** Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. *Psalm 1:1*
- COLLECT:** God of Good News, Bearer of the Gospel, call us to repentance, call us to belief, so that we may fish for people in our generation and draw them to your love. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

What
are the
3 G's in the
sermon
today?

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

As John and Jean reminded us last week please continue to pray for the persecuted church worldwide particularly as they face extra persecution in the face of trials associated with the COVID-19 virus.



CONDOLENCES

Our prayers are with the Hawkes family of the Nelson Cathedral as they mourn the loss of their son Peter and also with the Thompson family as they remember Putiputi who passed away before Christmas.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the foyer. A pen and paper is provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over.

Raewyn Parkes (578 2511) or 022 0786902 and Jane Sheat (578 9004) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH LIBRARIES

Please come and visit during office hours to take a look at our resources. There is something for all ages - care cell resources, general library and more for families. Extra viewing times can be arranged - just contact the office!



COME AND SEE!

This Sunday 24th January from 11am to 12noon there will be an opportunity for all parishioners to view the vicarage grounds and peek through the windows. After our working bees the property is looking a picture. Special thanks to all those involved, and our sincere appreciation to John Ealand who has coordinated numerous contractors over the past month, and to David James and his team who have done the tree work/shredding and supplied the mulch. John Ealand will be on duty to answer your questions. **Please note the entrance to the property is via 8 Andrew Street only.**

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

We hope to update the parish directory in the next few weeks. Please check that your contact details are correct at the office and that you have given permission for them to be published in the new parish directory for 2021 so that others can contact and pray for you. Contact forms are at the back of church or you may contact the office directly to check.

FUN AND FUNDRAISING 2021

The Fun and Fundraising team have some dates to add to your calendar before it fills up!

- **Thursday 4th February 7pm** Welcome and Commissioning service for Glen Ashworth and family. Please bring a plate to share for supper.
- **February 28th 9am** Combined Service • AGM • Parish Picnic shared lunch with BBQ. Gold coin donation box for sausages.
- **March 2021** Some type of fellowship/social gathering/entertainment to be arranged - suggestions welcome.
- **June 21st** Bamboo Garden Theme: Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner & Auction. \$40 per person.
- **September/October** Proposed trip - Cape Campbell Expedition (date to be confirmed). \$20 per person.

AAW MEETING

Next meeting **7.30pm Wednesday 3rd February**, Nativity Lounge. To discuss the arrangements World Day of Prayer on 5th March.

WHO IS JESUS?

Ridely College has released its latest course on the historical Jesus. With Dr John Dickson's help, you get to examine the core claims of Christianity, and evaluate what the evidence tells us about the Jesus of history: his teaching, miracles, death, and resurrection.



You can access this course as part of our Diocesan license which has been extended for 2021.

<https://nelsonanglicans.com/resourcesblog/freeridleycertificate>

COMING UP:

JANUARY START DATES

Fridays 22nd & 29th **LINK**
Lounge - 1pm

Wednesday 27th **Choir**
Church

FEBRUARY

Monday 1st **Our new vicar begins!**

Wednesday 3rd **AAW meeting**
Lounge - 7:30pm

Thursday 4th **Comissioning service**
Church - 7pm

Fridays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th **LINK**
Lounge -1pm

Wednesday 10th **Intercessory Prayer Group** Barnies -4pm

Fridays 12th, 19th and 26th **Tunes for Tots**
Hall- 9:30am

A big thankyou for the offering on Christmas Eve, \$300.00 was gifted to the Hospital Chaplaincy

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY

Nominations are now open for vestry 2021. Please spend some time prayerfully considering who you feel is called for these roles.

Nomination forms are available through the office or in the church foyer from this week and are due back to the office by **Monday 15th February**.

Please remember that the AGM will be held after the combined service on **Sunday the 28th of February** and will be followed by a shared BBQ lunch for all!

CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday - Friday 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
(Barnies) - from 28th Jan.
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