



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:** Shedding our Skins?
- READING:** Luke 5:36-39
- PREACHER:** Ven David Hollingsworth
- SENTENCE:** Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. *Matthew 9:35*
- COLLECT:** Holy One of God, as healer and teacher of the faith, your words astound, and transform the lives of many. May we teach your word and be bold in our actions so that your presence will be revealed. 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
wineskins
used for?

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

As we welcome our new Parish Nurse and Vicar please pray that they will settle in well and that they will have a fruitful ministry with us here at Nativity and beyond. Pray that God will lead them into a new and positive future with us all.

Pray also for Susan as she finishes her role with us and for wisdom, peace, strength and good health for Joe as he continues working with Nativity to aid in the transition.



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 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

WELCOME SHARON!



This week we welcome Sharon Thomas, the new Parish nurse for Nativity, Spring Creek, and Picton. Sharon will be commissioned at the service this Sunday the 31st of January by Ven. David Hollingsworth (Vicar General). Sharon will be visiting each of the parishes to get to know you all!

VESTRY ROLES

As you consider nominations for vestry please remember the role of vestry. This includes to:

- **Promote worship, foster spiritual growth and the faith of all ages, and the mission of the church**
- Overall management of the church business affairs, buildings and equipment
- Determine the establishment of any paid position within the parish.

There are booklets giving further information, including nomination forms, in the church foyer. Please take one to consider.

AAW MEETING

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

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 the church or you may contact the office directly to check.

THURSDAY EUCHARIST

A reminder that our Thursday Eucharist services have resumed for the year. It is a short service held in Barnies with a celebration of the eucharist (communion). Anyone is welcome to attend each week. Once a month, on the first Thursday of the month, there is a special morning tea and time of extra fellowship for all.

WELCOME GLEN!

We welcome our new vicar Glen, his wife Sarah, and their children Lily, Finn, and Daisy to our church family. They will begin ministry with us next week.



COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The commissioning service for Glen will be held on **Thursday 4th February from 7pm** in the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend to give them a warm welcome. Please bring a plate to share for supper.

COMING UP:

FEBRUARY

- Monday 1st **Our new vicar begins!**
- Wednesday 3rd **AAW meeting**
7:30pm - Lounge
- Thursday 4th **Commissioning service**
7pm - Church
- Fridays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th **LINK**
1pm - Lounge
- Wednesday 10th **Intercessory Prayer Group**
4pm - Barnies
- Sunday 14th February **Prayer vigil**
4pm - Barnies
- Fridays 12th, 19th and 26th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am - Hall
- Sunday 28th **Combined service** - 9am
AGM -11am approx.
Parish Lunch
Taizé service - Barnies

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)
Morning tea this week
(1st Thursday of the month)

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to join the welcome and commissioning service for our new vicar Rev. Glen Ashworth, his wife Sarah, and children Lily, Finn and Daisy. It would be wonderful to see a full church representing all ages.

The service begins at **7pm on Thursday the 4th of February** and will be followed by a shared supper in the hall.

Please bring a plate to share!