



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: Our Calling

READINGS: 1 Peter 2:1-2, 9-10 and Col 3:12-17, Acts 17:22-31

PREACHER: Rev. Glen Ashworth

SENTENCE: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. *1 Peter 2:9*

COLLECT: Healing Jesus, in your touch the sick were healed, and the chains unbound. Set us on a new path of wholeness, deliver us from all that binds us, and turn us to embrace your lifegiving 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 does it mean to be a "chosen race"?

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for Glen, Sarah and family as they settle in to Nativity and the community of Blenheim. Pray for them also as the children start at a new school that they will form good friendships and feel at home in a new area. Pray also for the leaders of our deanery that they will be able to work together as a team to grow Gods' church here in Marlborough.



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.

Jane Sheat (578 9004) is our are our Prayer Chain Coordinator. Please contact the office or phone her with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS

WELCOME GLEN!

This week we welcome Glen, Sarah, Lily, Finn and Daisy Ashworth to our church family. Glenn will be preaching at our Sunday services throughout this month and getting to know us as a parish and community.



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 you and/or pray for you. Contact forms are available at the back of the church or you may contact the office directly to check.

PRAYER VIGIL

Next week, **Sunday the 14th of February** there will be a prayer vigil held in St Barnabas Chapel from **4-6pm** after the Tongan Wesleyan Service. Please see the flyer enclosed for more information.

AAW MEETING

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

COMBINED SERVICE AND AGM

This will be held on **Sunday February 28th, 2021**. There will be a **combined service** held at **9am**, followed by morning tea, and then the AGM. During the AGM there will be childcare available so that families can be involved in the day.

To continue in fellowship we will then have a shared lunch where there will also be BBQ sausages available for a gold coin donation.

Please bring something to share e.g. meat, salads, nibbles, or fruit (no desserts please).

All proceeds to go towards our building redevelopment.

THURSDAY EUCHARIST

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

VESTRY ROLES

As you consider nominations for vestry please remember the role of vestry and prayerfully consider who from within our parish is well suited to that position. There is further information and nomination forms located in the church foyer.

A reminder that we also need nominees to return their profile information to the office. All forms and material are due to the office by **Monday the 15th of February**.

TAIZÉ STYLE SERVICE

February 28th may be a busy day in the parish but you are all invited to take some time and space to spend with God at a Taizé style service in Barnies from **6pm**. Further information to come soon.

COMING UP:

FEBRUARY

Thursday 4th	Commissioning service 7pm - Church
Fridays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th	LINK 1pm - Lounge
Wednesday 10th	Intercessory Prayer Group 4pm - Barnies
Fridays 12th, 19th and 26th	Tunes for Tots 9:30am - Hall
Sunday 14th	Prayer vigil 4pm - Barnies
Monday 15th	Care and Share 9:30am - Lounge
Wednesday 17th	Deanery Ash Wednesday service 7pm - Church
Sunday 28th	Combined service 9am - Church
	AGM 11am approx. - Church
	Parish Lunch Hall and outdoors
	Taizé service 6pm - 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)

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!