



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:** One body, many parts
- PREACHER:** Rev. John Neal
- READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a & Luke 4:14-22
- SENTENCE:** "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." *1 Corinthians 12:12*
- COLLECT:** God of Israel old and new, write in our hearts the lesson of your law; prepare our minds to receive the gospel made visible in your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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

THURSDAY SERVICE

Just a reminder that the Thursday service has now recommenced for the year. This service is held from **10am in the St Barnabas Chapel** each week with a short service celebrating the Eucharist. All are welcome to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday will be observed with a service in the church on **Wednesday the 22nd of February, from 7pm**. Please consider joining this service to begin the period of lent and journey to Easter together as a church.

A ROCHA

Peter Harris, the co-founder of A Rocha (the organization that birthed the eco-church) will be in Blenheim on **Saturday, March 4th**. There will be an opportunity to meet with him for some question and answer time **in the church from 10am** on that day.

NATIVITY AGM

Our 2023 AGM will be held on **Sunday the 12th of March** following a **9am service**.

There will also be a shared BBQ lunch at Pollard park to follow.

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the vestry, peoples' warden and SYNOD reps for this year. Nominations and reports are **due 27th February 2023**.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

The world day of prayer will be celebrated on **Friday the 3rd of March** with a morning tea and service from **10am at St Mary's church/Star of the Sea Marlborough**. The service this year comes from Taiwan. All are welcome to attend

ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is due to start 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.

NBAS

The Nativity Beer Appreciation Society will meet at Nativity at **3pm on Sunday the 26th of February** to visit the Marlborough Brewseum. To find out more please see the facebook page or contact Glen.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

This course, specifically designed for churches, is coming to Marlborough soon! This will help participants gain the skills to help those in distress and see the connections between Christian Spirituality and psychology also why, and how, to refer.

Course dates: **4th and 17-18th March 2023 (Friday evening and all day Saturday for both dates)**. Cost: \$250

For more information about HeartSpace see the website: <https://www.heartspace.org.nz> or contact Joe Keighley

office@wairauanglican.org.nz

To register please see:

<https://tinyurl.com/avw3x9ta>

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY:

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| Fridays | Link 1pm Barnies |
| Friday 17th & 24th | Tunes for Tots 9:30am Wesley Centre |
| Monday 13th & 27th | Care and Share 9:30am Barnies |
| Wednesday 22nd | Intercessory Prayer Meeting 4pm Barnies |
| Saturday 11th | Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupō Café |
| Wednesday 15th, 22nd & 29th | Healing Horticulture 7pm Barnies |
| Saturday 18th | Alpha Launch 7pm Salvation Army Rooms |
| Wednesday 22nd | Ash Wednesday Service Church 7pm |



CONTACT US



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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| Sundays 8am | Sung Eucharist Service Church |
| Sundays 10am | Family Communion Church |
| Thursday 10am | Eucharist Service St Barnabas Chapel from February 2nd. |

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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| Vicar: | Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz |
| Receptionist: | Rosalind Mundy info@nativity.org.nz Mon - Wed & Friday 9am - 2:30pm |
| Parish Administrator: | Kathy Taylor admin@nativity.org.nz Tues - Thurs 9am - 3:00pm |

*All can also be contacted via the office
(please see details above)*

Next week:

Rev. Glen Ashworth

"Effective
Congregations"