

WEEK OF THE 19TH - 25TH FEBRUARY 2023



# 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 Good Life

**PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth

**READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Colossians 3:12-17 & Matthew 28:16-20

**SENTENCE:** "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:2-3

**COLLECT:** Give us, we pray you, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. 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

## 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.

## 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 (BBQs are booked).

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

## ORDER OF ST LUKE

The Order of St Luke healing ministry (OSL) resume their monthly meetings for the year, this **Tuesday 21st February** at St Christopher's Church Lounge (Weld St) 1.15pm - 2.30pm. The guest speaker will be Christina Naseri, the newly appointed National Chaplain. If you have an interest in the Christian healing ministry, we would love you to join us. Everyone welcome. For further info, contact Rev Kevin Gwynne. Ph. 0212697954

## THANK YOU

To my church family,  
I want to express my appreciation for all the love, prayers and support for myself and Roy over the past five months. It was such a support while in Christchurch and we were so pleased to get back to Blenheim for Christmas, and for Roy to finally spend his last two weeks at home.

With loving thanks and blessings, Vivienne James

## ELDERCARE WORKER

We are now looking for someone to join the Nativity team as a paid Eldercare worker (15hours/week). This person will encourage regular attendance in programmes and activities and build on relationships and faith. See the [news and events](#) section of our website, the noticeboard or talk to Glen!

## RECEPTIONIST

Rosalind ( Roz) Mundy finishes as receptionist on **Friday the 17th of February**. You will be introduced to the new person in this role very soon so watch this space!

## 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.

## 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.

## LENTEN CHALLENGE

In our Library, along with books you will find some note books to take as journals.

You are all invited to pick a book from the church library with the aim of reading it slowly over the **six weeks of Lent** (between Ash Wednesday, 22nd February and Easter Sunday, 9th April) and writing what has struck you and what you think God is saying to you (if you are artistic you may prefer to do a collection of art works in your journal).

You are encouraged to share your insights with friends but there is no compulsion to do so, no one will be checking your spelling, grammar etc. but we would love to see any insights or artwork that people wish to share! Your librarians, Miriam Taylor and Raewyn Parkes.

## COMING UP IN FEBRUARY:

Fridays	<b>Link</b> 1pm St Barnabas Chapel
	<b>Tunes for Tots</b> 9:30am Wesley Centre
Monday 27th	<b>Care and Share</b> 9:30am St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesday 22nd	<b>Intercessory Prayer Meeting</b> 4pm St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesdays 22nd & 29th	<b>Healing Horticulture</b> 7pm St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesday 22nd	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> Church 7pm

## 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 from February 2nd.

## 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
<b>Parish Administrator:</b>	<b>Kathy Taylor</b> 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**

Exploring  
our core  
beliefs.