

WEEK OF 4TH-10TH MARCH 2021



# 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:** Creation Ruins
- READINGS:** Jeremiah 22:13-17 & Isaiah 5:8-10
- PREACHER:** Dion Mundy
- SENTENCE:** This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. *Ezekiel 36:33*
- COLLECT:** God of Heaven and Earth, descend on us, we pray, in this season of Lent; strengthen us in the face of temptation so we may proclaim the Good News and reveal your ways. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, **Amen**

# Welcome

## SERMON NOTES

### KIDS CORNER

**Who is the Holy Spirit and how does he help us?**

### CREATION CARE

As we follow the sermon series "Rebuilding the Ruins", ask God for guidance in how we can be caretakers, stewards, *kaitiaki* of our world, his creation. Pray that he will speak to us through this series to honour him and all that he has made.

Do you truly know the answer to the kids question this week - "Who is the Holy Spirit and how does he help us?"



### 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

### CARE CELL LEADERS MEETING

There will be a meeting with our vicar Glen for care cell leaders at approximately **11:30am this Sunday the 7th of March**. We hope that all care cells will be represented.

### PARISH AGM



### NATIVITY CHURCH AGM

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH  
11:30AM  
FOLLOWING THE 8 & 10AM SERVICES  
76 ALFRED ST, BLENHEIM

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

The Parish AGM has been postponed until **Sunday 14th of March** from approximately 11:30am. This will follow the 10am service and the 8am service will run as usual. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend the AGM but only those on the electoral roll will be eligible to vote. There will be childcare available during the meeting.

### TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE

A Taizé-style service scheduled for **Sunday 14th of March 6pm in Barnies**. All are welcome.

### REBUILDING THE RUINS

Over the season of Lent we are following a study series called, 'Rebuilding the Ruins'. Please note the ruins you see around you, whether they are physical or societal, in the local neighbourhood, workplace or in our own lives. Find a way to record them either through photos or a note, keep them anonymous if you wish, and then bring them into church. We will look at some of these later in our series.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

Nativity will be holding health and safety training sessions in the Nativity Lounge on **Monday 15th March at 7pm** and **Sunday 21st March** after the 10am service (from **11:30am** onwards).

These are for anyone involved in or considering volunteering in ministries with children, youth, vulnerable adults and the elderly. They are also valuable for all of our vestry and church leaders as they encompass **all of church life and events**. To register for one of these training sessions, either complete a form online by clicking the link: [Health & Safety Training](#) or see Roz at the Church Office.

### PARISH NURSING

Next week in the Pew Sheet there will be some information regarding all things Parish Nursing e.g. Seniors Expo Tuesday March 30 at Stadium 2000 – 10am until 2.00pm. Sharon's contact details can be found on the back page of our pew sheet. Her hours are Tuesday to Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm, but you can leave a message at any time and she will respond.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Next week, **Sunday the 14th**, is also Harvest Thanksgiving. You are invited to bring extra produce to contribute to the festival. It will then be donated to Johns' Kitchen.

### EASTER STORY

Much better than an Easter Egg! Give your loved one a life-changing account of That Amazing Week culminating in the death and resurrection of our Lord. Rosemary Francis has written this liberally illustrated book to guide our walk through the pain and joy of Holy Week.

The price of \$25 per book includes a professionally produced CD to read along with. All money pledged to support the work of CMS missionaries Tess & Nick Laing in Uganda. Books available in the foyer on Sunday - cash only.

## COMING UP:

### MARCH

- Friday 5th      **World day of prayer**  
10am - Nativity church
- Sunday 7th      **Care cell leaders meeting**  
11:30 - Lounge
- Monday 15th &  
29th      **Care & Share**  
9:30am - Lounge
- Fridays      **Link**  
1pm - Lounge
- Tunes for Tots**  
9:30am - Hall and Lounge  
(During LEVEL ONE only)
- Wednesday 10th  
& 24th      **Intercessory Prayer Group**  
4pm - Barnies
- Saturday 13th      **Coffee Connections**  
9:30am - Raupo Cafe
- Sunday 14th      **Harvest Thanksgiving**  
Nativity Church services
- Parish AGM**  
11:30am Nativity Church
- Taizé style 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)

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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