

WEEK OF 11TH-17TH FEBRUARY 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:** The Word
- READINGS:** Deuteronomy 4:4-8, 1 Samuel 17:41-47 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- SENTENCE:** That all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's. *1 Samuel 17:47*
- COLLECT:** Exalted God, you care for all who suffer, remind us of our shared humanity, move us with your compassion to the outcast and lost. May we never turn away from those in need, but share with generosity and joy the love we have received. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

What is your
favourite
bible verse
or passage?

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

Please pray for our young families as they begin a new school year and prepare for our Children's ministry programmes to begin next week.

Pray also for the Convergence camp in Kaiteriteri this weekend, where there will be a number of our families represented, that it will be a safe environment to be refreshed and inspired in the Spirit.



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 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

PARISH NURSE

Sharon Thomas is the new Parish Nurse for Nativity, Blenheim, St Luke's, Spring Creek & Holy Trinity, Picton. If you have any concerns or enquiries please contact her via the office 03 578 3909 or directly via

Email: parishnurse@nativity.org.nz or

Work cellphone: 022 104 0540

PRAYER VIGIL

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



BISHOPDALE COLLEGE

Bishopdale College is offering a range of Bible study and training opportunities for the year 2021 from free courses thorough to a Level 7 Bachelor of Theology.

The first of the free courses is "The Big Story of the Bible" with Bishopdale College. This will be on six Tuesday evenings from 23 February –30 March with other topics later in the year.

These courses are open to anyone who can access the internet—form a group and do it together—maybe even with your care cell or just sign up and join in!

Register at: <https://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/affirm-registration>

VESTRY REPORTS AND AGM

Our AGM is coming up soon! Nomination forms are available through the office or in the church foyer. These and all reports are due back to the office by **Monday 15th February**.

BETHEL OLD TESTAMENT COURSE

Is the Old Testament a mystery to you?

This course opened up the Old Testament to me and remains the best overview I have seen. It is based on 20 pictures which act as memory aids for the key points. The course is divided into 4 units, each about 7 weeks. Notes cost \$30 per unit.

People can commit to one unit at a time. Several indicated interest last year. We need to find a time.

Please contact me directly if you would like to join us. Kaye Dyer 577 5975 or 0211758563 kaye@mightymessage.com

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

Fridays	Tunes for Tots 9:30am - Hall
	LINK 1pm - Lounge
Saturday 13th	Coffee Connections 9:30am - Raupo Cafe
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)

AGM 2021

The AGM will be held after a combined service at
9am on **Sunday the 28th of February.**

The service will be followed by morning tea, and the AGM.
During the AGM there will be childcare available. To continue in fellowship we
will have a shared lunch with BBQ sausages available for a gold coin donation.

Any profit will go towards our building redevelopment.

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