



# 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:** Housing Ruins

**READINGS:** *Jeremiah 22:13-17 & Isaiah 5:8-10*

**PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth

**SENTENCE:** He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the Lord. *Jeremiah 22:16*

**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

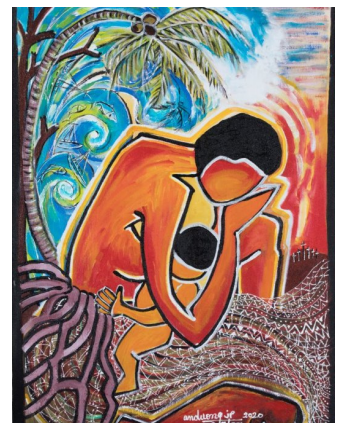
If we are saved  
by grace  
through faith in  
Jesus, do we  
still need to do  
good works and  
obey God's  
word?

## VANUATU

Please join others in the world day of prayer this week to pray for the people of Vanuatu.

The prayer of the organizers this year is that the relationship experienced by groups from different churches working together will lift up the voice of Vanuatu woman across the world.

The Committee wishes to develop initiatives to assist young, rural women by creating employment and educational opportunities. They also wish to help with health programmes focusing on maternal concerns, children's health and cancer.



## 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

## COMBINED SERVICE AND AGM

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

The service will be followed by morning tea, and then AGM. There will be childcare available during the AGM so that families can be involved. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend the AGM but only those on the electoral roll will be eligible to vote.

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).

## TAIZÉ STYLE SERVICE POSTPONED

The Taize style service scheduled for this Sunday has been post-phoned to the 14th of March 6pm in Barnies.

## 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.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Nativity is hosting the Ecumenical World Day of prayer service from **10:30am on Friday the 5th of March**. There will be a morning tea in the church foyer (narthex) **from 10am**. All are welcome to attend!

## ANGLICAN MISSIONS

To donate to Anglican Missions for the Lenten appeal or at any time please use:

### Internet banking:

Account Name:	Anglican Missions Board
Account Number:	02 0585 0001796-00
Particulars:	Your name or organisation
Code:	Specific Project or otherwise 'General'
Reference:	(any other details)

Email your contact details, and any further information about the purpose of your donation to [accounts@angmissions.org.nz](mailto:accounts@angmissions.org.nz).

You can also see there website to donate via **credit card** or look out for a Lenten appeal **envelope** on the end of a pew near you!

## LENTEN APPEAL

The Anglican Mission Lenten Appeal 2021 is supporting:

- St Luke's Hospital, Diocese of Jerusalem.
- Youth leadership training for the province of Alexandria, Egypt.
- Increasing the rainwater harvesting but the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACoM).

Any additional funds raised will support the Christian Care Centre in Honiara, which provides short term shelter for vulnerable women and children.

## 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:

### FEBRUARY

Fridays

#### Tunes for Tots

9:30am - Hall

#### LINK

1pm - Lounge

Sunday 28th

#### Combined service

9am - Church

#### AGM

11am approx. - Church

#### Parish Lunch

Hall and outdoors

### MARCH

Mondays 1st, 15th  
and 29th

#### Care & Share

9:30am - Lounge

Wednesday 3rd

#### AAW

7pm - Lounge

Fridays

#### Link

1pm - Lounge

#### Tunes for Tots

9:30am - Hall and Lounge

Friday 5th

#### World day of prayer

10am - Nativity church

Wednesday 10th  
and 24th

#### Intercessory Prayer Group

4pm - Barnies

Saturday 13th

#### Coffee Connections

9:30am - Raupo Cafe

Sunday 14th

#### Harvest Thanksgiving

Nativity Church services

#### Taizé style service

4pm - 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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