

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



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THEME: The Cost of Discipleship

PREACHER: Rev. John Neal

READINGS: Luke 6:17-26, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20.

SENTENCE: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the

kingdom of God." Luke 6:20b

COLLECT: God of transformation, you heal our troubled spirit;

turn our hearts to follow our way of humility that we may find the blessing of new life; through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

VESTRY REPORTS AND AGM

AGM 11AM SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2022

Due to being in the red setting, our AGM this year will be held via Zoom. We are aware that a number of parishioners will not be familiar with using Zoom, and so we will be providing a couple of meeting spaces (VP and NVP) at Nativity for those who would prefer to gather together to participate.

At this meeting, we will be presenting the annual budget, electing our people's warden and vestry representatives, and presenting reports, such as an update on the building redevelopment project.

All ministry reports and nominations for vestry/people's warden are due to the office by Monday 14th February. Please send to:

admin@nativity.org.nz

Could you also please let us know if you will be attending by completing this short survey: nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/AGM2022



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Blenheim Anglican

Parish

AGM DATE
Sunday
6 March 2022

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray:

- For our church family in this time of change as we continue to meet in small groups, that we retain unity as a church family and grow as individuals and as the family of Christ.
- That we would respond to Jesus' call to be like him, proclaiming the good news and freedom as we reach out in our communities.
- That as we meet for a time in house churches that are more intimate, we may reflect on what it means to be church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the **foyer of the Nativity Centre.** A pen and paper are provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over.

Jane Sheat (578 9004) and **Rosemarie Nicholls** (578 1163) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Would you like to learn the 4 keys to hearing God's voice? You can have free access from your home computer to a 10-part video series livestreamed or recordings with a final replay on the 23rd of February.

It is taught by an internationally recognized teacher Mark Virkler. If you would like to sign up, click here or email Kaye Dyer at kaye@mightymessage.com and the free sign up email will be forwarded to you.

INTRODUCING... "SOLID ROCK"

Come along for an evening of dessert, bible study, music and games. For people in year 6 and up who would like to know more about God. When: **6.30** - **7.30pm on Fridays during term time** @ 26 Lee Street, Blenheim starting **Friday the 4th of March**. For further details, contact: Rebecca and Silas Silva on 02041939393

REPAIR CAFE!!!!

The grand opening of the Repair Café is all set to go for **Saturday the 26th of February from 9:30am** at the Crossroads. Please contact Gerrie Mead (027 303 0762) if you would like to help out with this or come along to support on the day. You can also encourage others to bring clothing/textiles, bicycles, electrical appliances and furniture/wooden objects to be repaired.

SERVING OUR CHURCH

Is there anyone out there that would be willing to help polish the **brass?** It only involves around half an hour once every 2 months (during office hours if possible).

Anyone willing to help with **flower arranging** would also help ease the load on our current volunteers. If you are interested please contact Vivienne James 578 8985 or the office. Thank you.

OUTREACH GUIDING GROUP

We are pulling together a group that will help progress the outreach vision developed last year by Vestry and the wider church. This group with look at current and potential outreach opportunities and how these can pathway for people coming to faith. If you are someone who is not afraid of throwing around ideas, is a team player with management or leadership skills, is interested in seeing the church meet the felt needs of those around us and believe in the good news about Jesus, get in touch with Glen ASAP.

COFFEE CONNECTIONS

Just a reminder that all women are welcome to join in the opportunity to get to know each other at the Raupō Café on the 2nd Saturday of every month. **Next meeting - this Saturday 12th February.**

METAL COLLECTION

Just a reminder that if you have bits of metal that can be recycled these can still be brought to the office. Beverley has been able to raise funds bit by bit for new hall chairs thanks to your donations thus far.

ANGLICAN MISSIONS

You may wish to consider giving regularly to the work of Anglican Missions. It's easy, just set up an automatic payment to Anglican Missions Account 02-0585 0001796-00.

Please let them know if there's a specific project you'd like to support in the reference box, and email accounts@angmissions.org.nz if you would like a receipt.

You may also like to consider giving a bequest to support Anglican Missions for the future.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office is open from **9-12 Monday to Friday.** Please try to keep your visits and enquiries to these hours.

COMING UP:

FEBRUARY

Fridays **Link**

1pm - Hall/lounge (NVP)

Saturday 12th Coffee Connections

9:30am - Raupō Café (VP)

Sunday 13th CMS Meeting with Andy Miller

3pm Lounge (NVP)

Monday 14th, 21st Care and Share

& 28th 9:30am Hall (VP)

Wednesday 9th & Intercessory Prayer 23rd 4pm Barnies (NVP)

Saturday 26th Repair Café

9:30-12noon Crossroads (NVP)

CONTACT US

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WEEKLY SERVICES FEBRUARY

Sundays 9am

Livestream service via website or YouTube

NVP - No vaccine pass required (limit 25)

VP - Please show vaccination certificate

REGULAR SERVICES

Please note that we do intend to resume "normal" 8am traditional & 10am communion services when COVID restrictions ease. Watch this space for any changes coming up.

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: Rev. Glen Ashworth

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Tues - Friday 9-4:30pm

Receptionist: Rosalind Mundy

Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm

Parish Kathy Taylor

Administrator: Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm *All can also be contacted via the office*

(please see details above)

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Glen Ashworth

"The Character of the disciple"

via prerecorded or Livestream