

# WEEKLY NEWS



## Discipleship and the Individual.

*Preacher:* Glen Ashwood

*Readings:* Ephesians 4:20-5:2  
Luke 14:26-33

*Sentence:* “Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.” 1 Corinthians 8:6

*Collect:* Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness; give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit; and as you know our weakness so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.



*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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## Events

### ONE-OFF EVENTS

#### Lenten Season Hymns

24th March 2pm - Church

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Weekly Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 8.45am

Lounge

#### Monthly Prayer Meeting

8th April 7pm - Hall

#### Tunes for Tots

Fridays 9:30am during term

Nativity Hall

#### Care and Share

25th March 9:30am

St Barnabas Chapel

#### Link - Games Afternoon

Fridays 1pm - Lounge

#### AAW Meeting

3rd April 1:30pm

St Barnabas Chapel

#### Coffee Connections

13th April 9:30am

Raupo Cafe

#### Repair Cafe

23rd March 9am - 12pm

Johns' Kitchen

#### Choir Practice

Wednesdays 7pm - Church

#### CMS Prayer Meeting

17th March 3.30pm

Library



## Giving to Missions

For the past several years, Nativity has been unable to issue donation receipts on behalf of missionary organisations. Therefore, parishioners have been instructed to give directly to these organisations.

When preparing for the 2024 budget, to avoid a deficit, the Vestry decided to focus on local mission in 2024, with the view that we will increase our giving to overseas mission in the coming years. Therefore, the budget for giving to overseas missions was reduced to \$1,000.

If you would like to support Nativity in giving more funds to mission agencies and still receive a donations receipt for taxation purposes, you can give funds by coding it as follows:

Code: 1180

Description: Mission

Our finance team will ensure these funds will be directed to mission activities and agencies.



## Prayer Partners

Seeking God in prayer is fundamental to being part of the mission and ministry we are called to. Gathered corporate prayer is on the 2nd Monday of the month, 7-8pm, now on the 4th Monday of the month, we will be gathering in prayer partners to pray. A prayer partner can be anyone but likely someone that is close by and easy to connect with. It can be more than two but finding one other person might be easiest. You don't have to pray on the Monday but find a time that works for you during that week. Pray for anything that comes to mind but the Nativity prayer bookmark is there as a start. Let us know if you are looking for a prayer partner and we will try and put people in touch.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

- Matthew 18:20



# LENTEN SEASON HYMNS

**SUNDAY  
24TH MARCH  
FROM 2PM  
NATIVITY CHURCH**

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Praying. Fasting. Almsgiving.  
Please join in the singing of a  
selection of favorite hymns  
accompanied by our  
talented Nativity organists.

**AFTERNOON TEA INCLUDED  
ENTRY BY DONATION**

For God so loved the world  
He gave His one and only Son



## EASTER SERVICES @ NATIVITY

**THURSDAY 28 MARCH**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
7PM **Nativity Church**

**SATURDAY 30 MARCH**  
**EASTER VIGIL**  
7PM - 8PM  
By the big olive tree

**FRIDAY 29 MARCH**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
10AM **ASB Theatre**

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK  
THROUGH**  
9AM - 3PM **Nativity Church**

**SUNDAY 31 MARCH**  
**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**  
8AM & 10AM  
**Nativity Church**

**Nativity Anglican Church**  
**76 Alfred Street, Blenheim**