

WEEK OF 24TH - 30TH APRIL 2022



# 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:** God - The A and the Z

**PREACHER:** Rev. Miriam Taylor

**READINGS:** Revelation 1:4–8, John 20:19–31

**SENTENCE:** "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." *John 20:31*

**COLLECT:** Alleluia, King Eternal; locked doors or closed minds cannot bar you; let our questions and our doubts lead us to you: let us seek your truth; discern your will; and trust your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# Welcome

NOTES/ART

## PARISH PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, by Your radiant and magnificent resurrection, You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence, and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love! — Saint Gregory the Great

## 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

## CARE AND SHARE

All are welcome to join this special group to learn or share your creative talents and support each others' well being.

This group meet fortnightly on a Monday with the next meeting on the 2nd of May from 9:30am in the hall and lounge.



## REQUESTED RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The sermon preached by Miriam Taylor on Thursday 23rd March - 'Disturbed', as well as the song 'At the Table' from Sunday are now available on both Facebook and our website.

## HEALING HORTICULTURE

The next course of 'Healing Horticulture' commences on **Wednesday 4th May** from **7pm** in Barnies . There is no course fee but a koha is appreciated. For more information or to register, please contact Don Cross at [doncross@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doncross@xtra.co.nz).

## SOLID ROCK

Due to Covid outbreaks in the community, we have decided to postpone our Kids Solid Rock Friday night gathering until further notice. Watch this space!

## FOOD BANK

Just a reminder there are foodbank collection sites at all of the local supermarkets. Please consider buying something extra and adding this to the collections. Our local foodbank always welcome any shelf-stable goods but are particularly looking for milk powder, long life milk, single serve pasta meals, snacks for school lunches and basic staples such as rice and tinned vegetables.

## CAN YOU HELP?

We are seeking volunteers to help us with our children's ministry. Perhaps if you are an 8am attender, you would consider staying on to help serve in one of our programmes a couple of times per term? Or a 10am attender who is willing to help a couple of Sundays per term?

We hope to offer the following programmes next term:

- First Steps (0-5 years)
- Nativity Kids (5-10 years)
- Intermediates (10-12 years)
- Youth (13 -18 years)

Expressions of interest (or if you would like to nominate someone who you think would be great in this ministry) are invited. Please contact Roz- [info@nativity.org.nz](mailto:info@nativity.org.nz)

HOLIDAY  
OFFICE HOURS

9AM - 12PM  
MONDAY-  
FRIDAY

APRIL 18-29TH

*Note that we will be  
checking phone messages &  
emails during this time*



## COMING UP:



## MAY

Fridays	<b>Link</b> 1pm Hall/lounge
Wednesday 4th & 18th	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b> 4pm Barnies
Monday 2nd & 16th	<b>Care and Share</b> 9:30am Hall
Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th	<b>Healing Horticulture</b> 7pm Barnies
Saturday 14th	<b>Coffee Connections</b> 9:30 Raupo
Saturday 28th	<b>Repair Cafe</b> 9:30am - 12pm Crossroads

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Vicar:</b>	<b>Rev. Glen Ashworth</b> vicar@nativity.org.nz
<b>Receptionist:</b>	<b>Rosalind Mundy</b> Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
<b>Parish Administrator:</b>	<b>Kathy Taylor</b> Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

*All can also be contacted via the office  
(please see details above)*

## CONTACT US



Monday - Friday **9am - 12noon**



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am	<b>Sung Eucharist Service</b> Church
Sundays 10am	<b>Family Communion</b> Church
Thursday 10am	<b>Eucharist Service</b> St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies)

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Rev. Glen Ashworth**

**Sunday  
8 & 10am**