

WEEK OF 22ND - 28TH APRIL



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:** Acts 1. Witnesses
- READINGS:** *Acts 1:1-8 & John 17:1-11*
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- SENTENCE:** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8
- COLLECT:** Eternal God, We believe your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ Has ascended in triumph into your kingdom in heaven; Help us to join our testimony to that of the apostles and so proclaim the gospel in our day.
Amen

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

What
should a
disciple do?

PRAYER FOR ANZAC DAY

Lord God we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- ANZAC memorial committee - AU



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) 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

NATIVITY BUILDING FUNDRAISER

Dry wood available cut split and delivered! All you have to do is decide how much to donate! Please contact David James 021 459 139 to order! All funds raised will go towards our building redevelopments.

LINK

Just a reminder that we have a wonderful group that meets each week in the lounge to chat, play board games and have afternoon tea together from **1pm each Friday**. This is open to all adults for just a gold coin donation. You don't have to be an expert board game player just come and spend time with others!

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER/AUCTION

There is to be a Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner/Auction at the Bamboo Garden Restaurant on **Monday the 21st June** from 6pm. The full multicourse meal will cost \$40 per person. As part of the evening entertainment, there will be an auction to help boost funds. If you are in a position to donate an item or service please contact a member of the Fun, Fundraising & Fellowship Team: Pauline Tisch, Miriam McNamara, Jocelyn Wilkes, Elaine Daines (contact details can be found in the Parish Directory).

BARNABAS FUND

Between 1914 and 1923 - before, during, and after the first world war an estimated 1.5 million Armenian Christians and 2.25 million Assyrian, Greek and Syrian Christians died in one of the worst cases of genocide in history.

There is a petition, supported by the Barnabas Fund, in the Nativity reception asking the New Zealand government to officially recognize the historical Armenian genocide. Please call in during office hours if you wish to sign it.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Mark your diary now - our next prayer breakfast is coming up soon!

When: Saturday, 22nd May 2021 at 8am

Where: Nativity lounge

How much: \$10pp (payable on the day)

Guest Speakers: Reverends James and Julia Coleman from St. Mary's Anglican Church, Silverstream, Upper Hutt

Come along for some lovely food and to hear these inspiring speakers who have a focus on street evangelism and healing prayer. For more information speak to Jan or Jane or contact the office.

Bookings: Please book at the office by phoning 5783909 or email info@nativity.org for catering purposes by **Wednesday 19th May 2021**.

NATIVITY HOSPITALITY

Sharon Thomas our parish nurse would love to have some assistance from the Nativity family with the hospitality to support the Health and Wellness days and Foot care clinics. Please contact her directly or via the office if you would like to know more.

The Health & Well Being Sessions will begin in June and address a different topic each month.

- June will be on Heart Disease,
- July will be on Advance Care Planning.

Date, time, and place T.B.A. These will be open to the parish and beyond therefore a great chance to show our care.

TAIZÉ - STYLE SERVICE

There will be a Taizé - Style Service on **Sunday the 9th of May** from 5pm in Barnies - all welcome to join in this reflective service!

PRAYER WALK

Gail Pickett is looking for a prayer walk partner. Her intention is to walk locally once a month starting on **Wednesday 28th of April**. Time negotiable. Please phone or text Gail 0211799698 if you are keen to know more.

COMING UP:

APRIL

Friday 30th **Link**
1pm - Lounge

MAY

Sunday 9th **Taizé - Style Service**
Barnies - 5pm

Wednesday 5th **Parish Nurse clinic**
9:30 am -12noon Lounge

Monday 10th & 24th **Care & Share**
9:30am - Lounge

Fridays **Link**
1pm - Lounge
Tunes for Tots
9:30am - Hall and Lounge

Wednesday 5th and 19th **Intercessory Prayer Group**
4pm - Barnies

Saturday 8th **Coffee Connections**
9:30am - Raupo Cafe

Sunday 16th **CMS Prayer meeting**
4pm- Lounge

Saturday 22nd **Nativity Prayer Breakfast**
8am - Lounge

Our services will run as usual on ANZAC day with a shortened service at 10 followed by morning tea. This will allow those to join the service in the square if you wish.

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: Rev. Glen Ashworth
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Parish Nurse: Sharon Thomas
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Both can also be contacted via the office 03 578 3909 or info@nativity.org.nz

CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday - Friday 9am - 12noon



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PLEASE NOTE:
The office will be closed on
Monday the 26th of April

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am **Sung Eucharist Service**
Church

Sundays 10am **Family Communion**
Church

Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**
St Barnabas Chapel
(Barnies)