

WEEK OF 1ST-7TH MAY 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:** Called to Mission

**PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth

**READINGS:** Acts 9:1-6, Revelation 5:11-14 & John 21:1-19

**SENTENCE:** "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" *Rev 5:12*

**COLLECT:** We praise you God, that the light of Christ shines in our darkness and is never overcome; show us the way we must go to eternal day through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# Welcome

NOTES/ART

## PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- The filling of the role of 'Family Mission and Ministry Enabler'.
- The Healing Horticulture course and its participants.
- Wisdom and vision for the church leadership as the new vestry work together to serve and support our church body and beyond.

## 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



## LENTEN APPEAL

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Anglican Missions 2022 Lenten Appeal. We will let you know the amount that has been raised shortly. The funds will be used to support Uganda's Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation to care for children with special needs, build sanitation facilities in the Solomon Islands, and improve the health of mothers and their children in Egypt.

## CHURCH HEATING

Please make sure that you bring some extra layers when you come to church. We will be heating the church but also keeping windows open to allow for extra ventilation while COVID and other winter bugs are in our midst. Cushions and blankets are also at the back of the church for added warmth and comfort.

## AAW MEETING

The next AAW meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th May at 1.30pm** in the Nativity Lounge.

Please bring a book you have read or a recipe you would like to share. The meeting will include reports and a sales table.

## 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 on participating or assisting, please contact Don Cross at [doncross@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doncross@xtra.co.nz).

## 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)

## THURSDAY EUCHARIST

Due to the funeral of a fellow parishioner there will not be a Thursday Eucharist this coming week ( Thursday the 5th of May). You may wish to attend the funeral in the church at this time.

## COMING UP:

### MAY

Fridays	<b>Link</b> 1pm Hall/lounge
Wednesday 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

## DONATIONS RECEIPTS

Your end of financial year donations receipt from Nativity has either been emailed or posted to you. If you have not yet received your donations receipt, please contact Kathy in the office either at [admin@nativity.org.nz](mailto:admin@nativity.org.nz) or phone 03 578 3909.

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Vicar:</b>	<b>Rev. Glen Ashworth</b> <a href="mailto:vicar@nativity.org.nz">vicar@nativity.org.nz</a>
<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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### Nativity Bank Account

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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) 5th May CANCELLED

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Rev. Glen Ashworth**

**Sunday  
8 & 10am**