

WEEK OF 29TH MAY-4TH JUNE 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: Ascension

PREACHER: Rev. Glen Ashworth

READINGS: Acts 1:1–11 & Luke 24:44–53

SENTENCE: They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” *Acts 1:11*

COLLECT: Eternal God, Between Ascension and the Spirit; Between your going and your coming; we await your purpose. Grant us expectant hearts, and give us the vision of your reign. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

NOTES/ART

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.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, please grant safe passage home to New Zealand for Wayne and Bronwyn Tucker after years of working overseas. We pray they would quickly and easily settle into life back in this their home country. We thank You for their work and faithfulness to Your mission field.

O God, you entered the pain of humankind in Christ Jesus, in whom you were reconciling the world to yourself: Bend our wills, we pray, to rely on your reconciling presence in the resentments and enmities we suffer in families, communities, churches and nations. Nourish our confidence that in your compassion all our wounds are vulnerable to healing. Build our courage to address broken relationships with those from whom we are alienated. Deepen our capacity to listen, repent and forgive. As we journey toward your wholeness, form us in the ministry of reconciliation you have entrusted to us, that others may hear your appeal to be reconciled with God and neighbour through the cross and resurrection of our friend and saviour Jesus Christ.

Father, a time of celebration with fellowship and feasting can mend many a relationship, so with that in mind we pray blessing on plans for the Pentecost services and lunch. May all who attend be aware of Your power working for good. We pray this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our healer. Amen.

Prayer courtesy of one of our prayer facilitators Jan Burrough

NEWS AND EVENTS

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER



Please remember our facilitated forums on 'Moving Forward Together' which are an opportunity to share our experiences with one another, both the highs and the lows.

The second of these will be held on **Saturday the 28th of May in Barnies from 9am** and you will have a final opportunity on the **1st of June from 7pm** in the meeting room upstairs.

They are led by Alex Smith, who has professional expertise in facilitation and dialogue, and are open to all parishioners of Nativity and also for other churches in the diocese. Prayerfully consider attending this as an opportunity to be a part of Nativity moving forward as a church.

NATIVITY NEWS

The latest edition of the Nativity News is now out. Thank you to Miriam Taylor, Raewyn Parkes, Jo Danks and Rosemary Francis for your work on this!

The team are always keen for photos, writing or ideas or advertising for the next edition so don't hesitate to contact them or the office if you have something to contribute.

The next edition is scheduled for August 2022.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

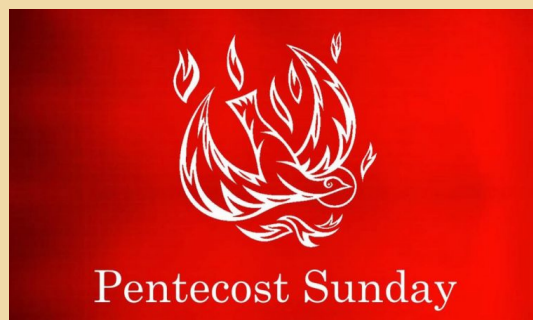
AAW MEETING

The AAW will meet again on **Wednesday 1st June at 1.30 pm** in the Nativity Lounge.

This meeting will include a "Show and Tell" segment. Please bring a treasure you wish to speak about eg. Jewelry, a painting, photograph etc. There will also be a sales table to raise money for our future projects and travels. All women are welcome to attend this monthly gathering supporting women and families locally and beyond!



PENTECOST SUNDAY



Pentecost Sunday

We will be celebrating Pentecost and our ability to fellowship together over a special lunch of Chilli (meat or vegan) and Crumble plus Pizza, salad and breadsticks followed by entertainment **for all and activities for children of all ages**.

When: from 11:45am Sunday, June 5th

Where: Nativity Hall

Food provided: Chilli (meat or vegan) and Crumble plus Pizza, salad and breadstick

Cost: \$5 Adults, 16 and under free

RSVP: via [survey form](#) or to the office Roz by 1st June.

Please note: there will be morning tea, as usual, to follow the 10am service.

COMING UP:

MAY

Fridays

Link

1pm Hall/Lounge

Tunes for Tots

9:30am Hall

Solid Rock

6pm Lee St

Monday 30th

Care and Share

9:30am Hall

Wednesday 25th

Healing Horticulture

7pm Barnies

Saturday 28th

Moving Forward Together Forum

10am Barnies

JUNE

Wednesday 1st

Moving Forward Together Forum

7pm Upstairs in meeting room

Sunday 5th

Pentecost Sunday

Time to celebrate together!!

Services at 8 & 10am followed by special lunch and fellowship for all.

From 11:45am Nativity Hall

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am

Sung Eucharist Service
Church

Sundays 10am

Family Communion
Church

Thursday 10am

Eucharist Service
St Barnabas Chapel
(Barnies)

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Glen Ashworth

"Pentecost"

8 & 10am