

WEEK OF 29TH APRIL - 5TH MAY



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:** Building God's Team – the Church
- READINGS:** *Acts 2:38-47 & John 15:1-8*
- PREACHER:** Rev. Richard Dyer
- SENTENCE:** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5*
- COLLECT:** Gracious God, you call us your own and love us beyond measure; in the rising of your Son we are made a resurrection people, free us from the old ways, make us faithful disciples, so that we can share with others what you have freely given to us, Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

What questions do you have about what we do in church?

Ask an adult near you!

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for

- Progress on our building redevelopment
- The children as they return to their ministries next week
- A vision for missional ministries
- Development of new care cells within the parish

Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your Spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen.**

- *Dr. Charles Stanley.*



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.

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).

CARE AND SHARE

Just a reminder that we have a wonderful group that meets **fortnightly on Monday mornings from 9:30am** in the lounge to share in their crafts, learn from others, and support one another. All are welcome to come and join this group. Their next meeting will be the 10th of May.

PARISH NURSE - FOOT CLINIC

The first Nativity Foot Clinic for over 65's will be on **Wednesday 5th May** approx. 9:30-noon in Nativity lounge.

The choice is yours... of any or all of the below: Nail Clipping, Foot & Lower Leg Massage, Nail Painting, Refreshments, a quiz to do plus most of all togetherness & a prayer room for those who would like prayer. Enquiries to Sharon or the office (Contact details on the Pew Sheet).

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!

THANKS FOR THE GOSPEL IN NZ

Bible society New Zealand was founded 175 years ago just 6 years after the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi! The first scripture in Maori was printed in 1827 and from there it has spread across the country.

Pray that there will be a revival and many more New Zealanders will come to know Jesus Christ through the spread of the Gospel message in this country!



AAW MEETING

The next AAW meeting will be at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 5th May** in the Nativity lounge. This will include a play and reports from the Diocesan AGM. Sales Table.

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**.

COMING UP:

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 & 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

CONTACT US



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



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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)

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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