



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:** Interpreting the “word”
- READINGS:** Acts 8:26-39 & 1 John 4:7-21
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- SENTENCE:** So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” *Acts 8:30–31*
- 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 and friend.
Amen

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

**Jesus and
Nicodemus
(John 3:1-17)**

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- The next steps for our building redevelopment
- Our church families as they work through the challenges of health and other issues.



A PRAYER FOR US ALL

Lord, bless our journey through this coming week. May its challenges not overwhelm us, circumstances not discourage us, and in all things may we remember you are with us in our journeying, your love our fuel, your word our guide, today and always. Bless the work we do, the words we say, the love we share, and the grace we show, on our daily walk through this beautiful and precious world. For those struggling on their journey, Lord, offer your steady hand over the rough terrain they are facing today and let them drink of your living water, pure and refreshing, soothing, restoring the weariest of souls. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen**

NEWS AND EVENTS

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This **Wednesday, the 2nd of June**, is our 2nd Foot Clinic in Nativity Lounge. Also the first of a series of Health & Wellness Sessions begin on **Thursday, July 1** from 1pm in Nativity Lounge, - focusing on the heart! Join Sharon and the team to boost your body, mind, and soul!

Any questions about either of these days please call me on 022 104 0540. Thanks, *Sharon*



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.

LISTEN EVERYWHERE

A new hearing assistance system has been installed that works with your smart phone to transmit to headphones or your hearing aid. To activate it you must **first** choose (in your settings) the Listen everywhere wifi - this is available in the church and other venues using this system. If you would like assistance please contact the office.

"VISIONS FOR EVERYDAY CHRISTIANS"

If you would like to hear more from the prayer breakfast speaker **James Coleman** you might like to read "Visions for everyday Christians".

This book is available at Manna stores and we hope to have one available in our library soon!

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER/AUCTION

The Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner/Auction will be held at the Bamboo Garden Restaurant on **Monday the 21st June** from 6pm. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new keyboard for the church and new kitchen fittings. There are a limited number of tickets available so please book in soon (\$40pp) -all bookings to be in to the office by the 16th of June!!

AAW MEETING

The next AAW meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30pm**. There will be sales table. All women welcome!

SERMON PODCASTS

If you miss a sermon you now have more options to listen to. Our podcast is now up and running with episodes from Maundy Thursday. These are now being regularly updated on:

- [Podbean](#)
- [Google podcasts](#)
- [iHeartradio](#) as well as our [website](#).

Please click on the links or search Nativity Blenheim to find us!

NEW RESOURCES

"A book of Mark" Lifestyle Guide Bible Studies. This is highly recommended by Kathy T, especially for a small group with varied Christian maturity.

We also have a selection of new Alpha materials and information on how to run a course. Please come in and browse the shelves in the reception for these and more!

COMING UP:

MAY

Saturday 29th **Movie Afternoon**
1pm- Hall

JUNE

Wednesday 2nd **Foot Clinic**
9:30am - Lounge

Intercessory Prayer Meeting
4pm Barnies

AAW meeting
-7pm Lounge

Fridays **Link**
1pm - Lounge

Tunes for Tots
9:30am - Hall and Lounge

Thursday 17th **Sign Language Taster**
6pm - Lounge

Saturday 12th **Coffee Connections**
9:30am -Raupo

Care & Share
9:30am - Lounge

Monday 21st **Midwinter Christmas Dinner**
6pm Bamboo Gardens

Saturday 26th **Movie Afternoon**
1pm- Hall

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)

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