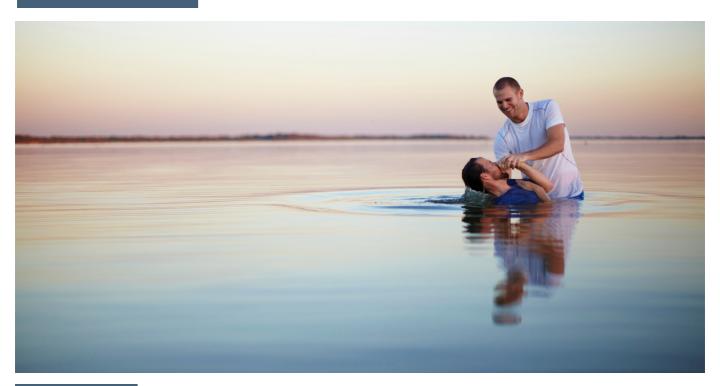


THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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



SERVICES TODAY

THEME: Baptism

PREACHER: Glen Ashworth

READINGS: Acts 8:26-38, Romans 6:1-4, John 3:1-8

SENTENCE: Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into

death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness

of life. Romans 6:4

COLLECT: Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth

and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and for ever. Amen.



NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is asking God to meet our needs. Luke 11:3 - Give us this day our daily bread.

Did you notice the words 'us' and 'our'? Praying for the needs of others is an important aspect of praying for our own needs. We shouldn't make prayer exclusive to our own personal experience, but inclusive by sharing the needs of all humanity - even those we might think cruel, those who wear the name tag 'Enemy'.

God cares about every human being. He wants you to care about every human being. Pray for them and help them whenever you can. The prayer you pray for daily bread connects you to the God who provides - and to the people He loves.

Prayer:

Lord, I've been guilty of emphasizing my own needs and assuming You'd take care of the rest without my personal involvement. Maybe I have been missing the point: my needs are no more important than the needs of others - and You love us all. Amen.

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 will be collected each week to be prayed over. We have an online prayer wall that you can add to or access to pray over at any time. Please contact the office or our prayer chain co-ordinators **Jane Sheat** (578 9004) and **Rosemarie Nicholls** (578 1163) with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS

WATER BAPTISM



On the 14th of May, there will be a water baptism for the youth. If you are interested in getting baptised as well please get in touch with Glen.

CONFIRMATIONS

On Sunday the 28th of March at the 10am service there will be confirmations for the youth with Bishop Steve Maina.

Parish Hui

SHARE AND PRAY INTO WHAT THE LORD HAS BEEN SAYING

Marlborough

MAY 20 | 1-4PM ST CHRISTOPHER'S, BLENHEIM

Nelson

JUNE 8 | 7-9PM ST BARNABAS, STOKE

Waimea

JUNE 24 | 1-4PM ST THOMAS, MOTUEKA



SEASON OF DISCERNMENT

PRAYER REQUESTS



- Alpha participants
- Those preparing for baptism and confirmation
- Glen's sabbatical leave
- Safety and progress of the building development
- Youth ministries

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

On Sunday the 7th and the 14th of May there will be a library book sale in the church fover before and after the 8am and 10am services.



SABBATICAL

Glen will be on sabbatical from the 15th of May until the 5th of June. In case of emergency contact the office, the wardens or Kathy Taylor (021 570 919)



COMING UP:

MAY

Monday 15th

Care and Share

& 29th

9:30am St Barnabas Chapel

Friday 12th, 19th **Tunes for Tots**

& 26th

9:30am Wesley Centre

Link

1pm St Barnabas Chapel

Solid Rock

6.30-8pm - 26 Lee Street

Saturday 13th

Coffee Connections

9:30 am Raupō Café

Sunday 14th

Water Baptisms

10am Church service

Wednesday 17th Intercessory Prayer

4pm St Barnabas Chapel

Saturday 20th

Parish Hui

1-4pm St Christophers

Saturday 27th

Repair Cafe

9:30am John's Kitchen

Sunday 28th

Confirmations

10am Church service

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am

Sung Eucharist Service

Church

Sundays 10am

Family Communion

Church

Thursday 10am

Eucharist Service

St Barnabas Chapel from February 2nd.

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Miriam Taylor "You will be my witness" 8 & 10am

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Parish Administrator: Kathy Taylor

admin@nativity.org.nz Tues - Thurs 9am - 3:00pm