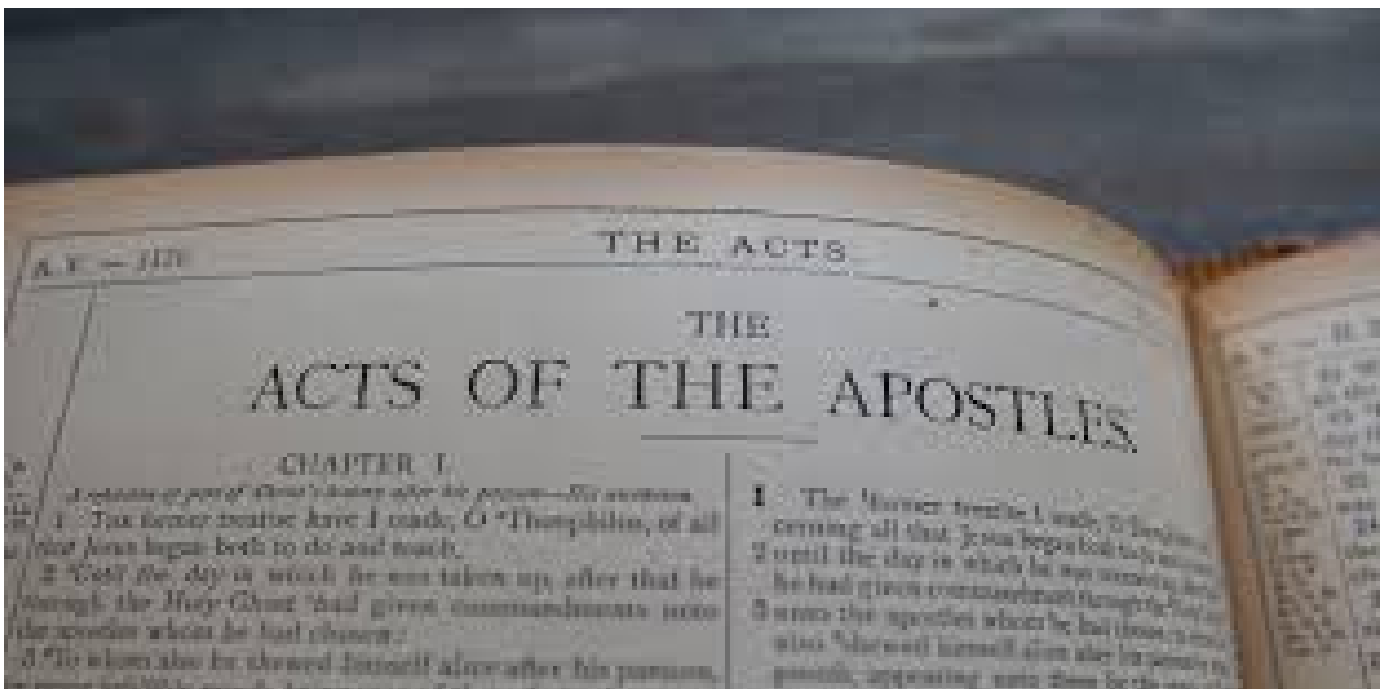




THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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:** Acts Themes
- READINGS:** *Ephesians 1:15-23, Acts 1:1-5 & Luke 24:44-49*
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- SENTENCE:** I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him. *Ephesians 1:17*
- COLLECT:** Eternal God, you have given your Son authority in heaven and in earth; grant that we may never lose the vision of his kingdom but serve him with hope and joy; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. **Amen**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

How does Jesus show us how to love others (including our mothers)?

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- The children as they return to their ministries this week
- A vision from within the church for missional ministries
- Development of new care cells within the parish



A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS DAY

Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. **Amen**

NEWS AND EVENTS

TAIZÉ - STYLE SERVICE

There will be a Taizé - Style Service on this **Sunday the 9th of May from 5pm in Barnies** - all welcome to join in this reflective service!

PASTORAL CARE

Jane Sheat and Alison Brice invite you to join a Pastoral care meeting on **Thursday the 27th of May from 11am** in the lounge. This is an open meeting to acknowledge all pastoral care currently happening, bring new ideas and discuss any concerns. All welcome.

ENGAGE CONFERENCE

"Local churches together enabling national change" this workshop is coming up in Nelson on **29th May** run by Dave Mann and ShiningLights Trust including discussions on prayer and outreach. **Cost:** \$20pp or koha plus many free online resources see the office for more information.

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER/AUCTION

The fundraising team are hosting 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. 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).

Registrations are available on-line and from the office from the **12th of May**. All tickets must be collected from the office (see insert for more information).

All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new keyboard for the church and new kitchen fittings.

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.



CHURCH FLOWERS

Wanted please: volunteers to assist with flower arranging in the church. This would only entail a duty about 5 times a year. Flowers can be provided and support/assistance given if needed. Please contact the parish office or Vivienne James 5788985 if you can help!

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Register your interest now - open to all in travelling distance!

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.nz for catering purposes by **Wednesday 19th May 2021.**

COMING UP:

MAY

Saturday 8th	Coffee Connections 9:30am - Raupo Cafe
Sunday 9th	Taizé - Style Service Barnies - 5pm
Monday 10th & 24th	Care & Share 9:30am - Lounge
Fridays	Link 1pm - Lounge
	Tunes for Tots 9:30am - Hall and Lounge
Sunday 16th	CMS Prayer meeting 4pm- Lounge
Wednesday 19th	Intercessory Prayer Group 4pm - Barnies
Saturday 22nd	Nativity Prayer Breakfast 8am - Lounge
Thursday 27th	Pastoral care meeting 11am - 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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