

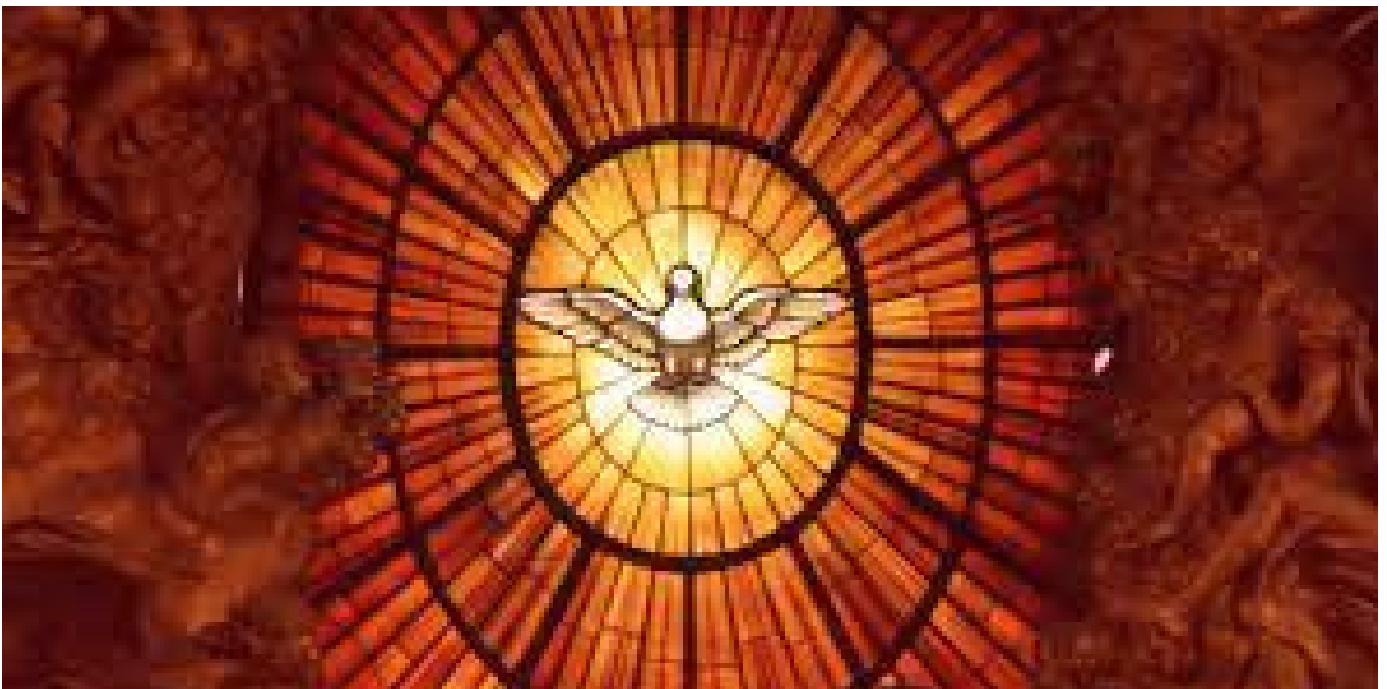
WEEK OF 20TH - 26TH MAY



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:** A Spiritual House
- READINGS:** Acts 6:1-10 & 1 Peter 2:1-10
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- SENTENCE:** Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. *1 Peter 2:4-5*
- COLLECT:** Holy Giver and Receiver of life, Your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

**What is
Pentecost?**

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- The development of Christian youth and planning of a Marlborough- wide youth event.
- The parish of St Christopher's who are still without a permanent vicar - that the Lord will show them a purpose and vision for the future.
- A vision for the parish and vestry for mission and ministry focusses.



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

PASTORAL CARE

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

Please remember that we currently have care available in the form of private and rest home visiting, rest home services, meals, transport, home communion. Pastoral care is also an important part of our regular groups such as care cells, LINK, and Care and Share. If you would like to know more about any of these please speak to Jane Sheat, Alison Brice, or Roz in the office.

LISTEN EVERYWHERE

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



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

CORINS VISIT TO NZ?



Please pray for the Corins as they hope to return to New Zealand for a 100-day visit but need work with MIQ requirements. They have submitted a request for exemption from the need to pay for their full stay in MIQ as they had booked to be in the country before the change to a requirement of 180 days paid by the government.



The first monthly movie afternoon will be held in the Nativity Hall next Saturday the 29th of May from 1pm with the screening of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie.

Come along and have some fun!

Popcorn and other refreshments provided. Open to all age groups, other churches, and the wider community. Add this to your calendar for the last Saturday of the month and email Sharon if you have some movie suggestions for the future!

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

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 or assistance given if needed. Please contact the parish office or Vivienne James 5788985.

COMING UP:

MAY

- Monday 24th **Care & Share**
9:30am - Lounge
- Fridays **Link**
1pm - Lounge
- Tunes for Tots**
9:30am - Hall and Lounge
- Saturday 22nd **Nativity Prayer Breakfast**
8am - Lounge
- Thursday 27th **Pastoral care meeting**
11am now in Barnies!!
- Saturday 29th **Movie Afternoon**
1pm- Hall

LOST PROPERTY

Just a reminder that lost property is collected and held at the office. If you have lost something or have an inquiry and are unable to call in during office hours please leave a message (phone, e-mail, or a note in the box) and Roz will contact you.

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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