

# 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:** Minds and Parachutes

**READINGS:** Acts 10: 1-23 & Acts 10: 24-36; 44-48

**PREACHER:** Rev. John Neal

**SENTENCE:** In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,

not counting their trespasses against them, and

entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5:19

**COLLECT:** Creator God, you created the world and all that is in

it, you planted us as seeds into that world. May we flourish and grow and in turn sow seeds of love and compassion, justice and truth, hope and faith. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever. **Amen** 



#### **SERMON NOTES**

#### **KIDS CORNER**

A mustard seed story (Mark 4:26-34)

#### **PARISH PRAYER POINTS**

Please pray for:

The next steps for our building redevelopment

- Pray that the engineers, builders, and architects of choice will be available
- All plans and consents will be approved so that building can start as soon as possible

Those in our church family, and their families, who are facing battles with their various health issues.



#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the foyer. A pen and paper are 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**

#### **CHEQUES AND GIVING**

Just a reminder that the church does most of its banking with ANZ who **no longer accepts cheques.** If you are new or have been giving via cheque, please consider giving via direct deposit. Our bank account number is on the back of each pew sheet:

#### ANZ 060705 0429077 00

When you set up this deposit please also include the following:

**Your name: (for tax receipt purposes)** 

and one of the following codes

Direct credit giving1100Building fund donation1160Specific donation1180

(followed by what this is for)

#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

The first of a series of Health & Wellness Sessions begin on **Thursday, 1st July** from 1pm in Nativity Lounge, focusing on the Heart & Advanced Care Planning.

Join Sharon and the team to boost your body, mind, and soul!

Any questions please call me on 022 104 0540.

Thanks, Sharon.

#### MIDWINTER LUNCHEON



All parishioners over the age of 65 are welcomed to join in a time of food, fellowship and entertainment on **Saturday the 3rd of July from 12 noon** with the senior luncheon.

There is no cost but a gold coin donation would be appreciated. Registration of interest must be to Roz at the office **by the 30th of June** 578 3909 or info@nativity.org.nz).

## MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER/AUCTION

We **need** your support to make the fundraising dinner successful. Please get your ticket **now** as there is a limited number. You are welcome to invite family, friends, and neighbours.

It is easy to register and pay online <u>here</u> or at the office.

If you have registered online, please make sure you pick your physical ticket up from reception. Dinner entry by ticket only.

#### PASTORAL CARE AND NATIVITY

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, Prayer groups, 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.

## HELP FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE

Malaita Diocese is part of the Solomon Islands group. Two mission trips from this parish to Malaita have occurred in the past. In 2019, Dean Mike Hawke and Rev Dr Graham O'Brien went across and did some teaching and ascertaining of needs. A diocesan mission trip was planned for last year but had to be cancelled. Recently the Diocesan Overseas Mission Council (DOMC) asked what the Nelson Diocese could do to help. Bishop Sam Sahu has asked for help to fund travel for theology students. If you would like to help, please make your donations to Malaita Appeal via the Nelson Diocese.

Diocese of Nelson 06-0705-0012140-02 (Ref: Donation Malaita)

#### **COMING UP:**

JUNE

**Fridays** Link

1pm - Lounge

Wednesday **Tunes for Tots** 

16th and 30th 9:30am - Hall and Lounge

**Intercessory Prayer Meeting** 

4pm - Barnies

Thursday 17th Sign Language Taster

6pm - Lounge

Monday 21st Care & Share

9:30am - Lounge

**Midwinter Christmas Dinner** 

6pm - Bamboo Gardens

Wednesday

**Nativity Prayer** 23rd 5:30pm - Lounge

Saturday 26th **Movie Afternoon** 

1pm - Hall

#### **CONTACT US**



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



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**Nativity Bank Account** 

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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**

Vicar: Rev. Glen Ashworth

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**Parish Nurse: Sharon Thomas** 

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022 104 0540

**Receptionist: Rosalind Mundy** 

Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm

**Parish Kathy Taylor** 

**Administrator:** Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

> All can also be contacted via the office (please see details above).

### Coming up:

There will be a

Parish Special General Meeting

held at 11:15:AM on

Sunday the 4th of July.

This is a formality required by the properties and faculties statute to allow progress on our building.