



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:** Sow and Reap
- PREACHER:** Rev Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** 1 Cor 3:5-11, John 4:27-39
- SENTENCE:** "For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'" *John 4:37*
- COLLECT:** Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service; strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and empower our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is a tale of two forgivenesses.

Luke 11:4 -And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us.

If you think this prayer of Jesus is a mistake, look at 1 John 1:9: 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness'. That takes care of the first part of Luke 11:4 and the second part is in Mark 11:25; 'And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

A lack of forgiveness hurts your relationship with God and with other people. He made you to relate to others-and unforgiveness builds walls where bridges should be.

Prayer:

Lord, there are times when I'm happy to be forgiven, but I don't want to forgive. It's like reviewing a car accident over and over again: it doesn't solve the pain, and it adds to my tension. Forgive me, Father. Help me to forgive others, heal me. 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

MID WINTER FUNDRAISER

Our Mid-Winter Dinner Fundraiser will be held at the Bamboo Garden Restaurant next month.

The event will include a multi-course meal and a food-themed silent auction for you to bid on.

DATE: Monday 19th June
TIME: 6pm
COST: \$40 per ticket
ORDER: Online or via office
PAYMENT: **Cash via office** (*exact amount as no change can be given*)
Bank Deposit
Credit Card

There are a limited number of tickets available so please book in soon.

To purchase your tickets online, visit:
<https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/winter23>

Tickets can be collected at the office

To bid on auction items, visit:
<https://www.nativity.org.nz/news-and-events/bamboo-garden-silent-auction>

MORNING TEA HELPERS

We could use a few more volunteers to go on the morning tea roster for the 10am service. If you are keen to help out in this area, or if you are already on the roster and wouldn't mind doing it 2x month please let the office know.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Vestry meetings
- Newly baptised parishioners
- Safety and progress of the building development
- Repair Cafe
- Eldercare worker - Bianca Shepard

ELDERCARE WORKER



Kia ora I am Bianca, a follower of Christ, originally from Romania (moved here 15 years ago). I have graduated Applied Languages University and work as a translator for Spanish (I studied French, German and Italian as well). I have worked for Alzheimers NZ. I am passionate about the Gospel and sharing the Good News. I look forward to bring glory to God in this role at Nativity Church.

My husband and I have been blessed with 3 wonderful children."

REPAIR CAFE

The Repair Cafe is on next Saturday 24th June 9am -12noon. Contact Gerrie if you would like to help out.



Fourth Saturday of every month
January - November
9am- 12noon

Johns' Kitchen
2 Redwood St, Blenheim

NB. October 2023 date 14th of the month due to holiday weekends.
To find out more please contact Gerrie Mead.

COMING UP:

JUNE

- Friday 16th
23rd & 30th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Monday 19th **Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Monday 19th **Midwinter Fundraiser**
6pm Bamboo Gardens
- Monday 26th **Care and Share**
9:30am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 28th **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 24th **Repair Cafe**
9am-12pm Johns' Kitchen



6 JUL Leadership Camp 2023
Calling those in our diocese involved in church mission, ministry, and leadership to gather as whānau in beautiful St Arnaud!

<https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/events/lc2023>

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: **Rev. Glen Ashworth**
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Friday 9am - 12:30pm

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

CONTACT US



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WEEKLY SERVICES

- Sundays 8am **Sung Eucharist Service**
Church
- Sundays 10am **Family Communion**
Church
- Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**
St Barnabas Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Glen Ashworth
8 & 10am

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Tues - Thurs 9am - 3:00pm