

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



R SERVICES TODAY

THEME: What is your faith?

READINGS: Acts 15:1-11; 12-21, Romans 3:21-25a; 27-31

PREACHER: Rev. Glen Ashworth

SENTENCE: For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and

fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is

in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:22-24

COLLECT: Eternal God, you have given your Son authority in

heaven and earth; grant that we may never lose the vision of his kingdom but serve him with hope and

joy. Amen.



SERMON NOTES

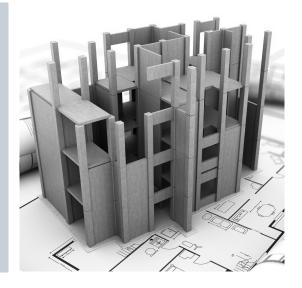
PARISH PRAYER POINTS

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 FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Father, please bless our building project to provide activities for our church family and families in the community that will promote growth, development, relaxation, and enjoyment. Please provide all wisdom, finances, and resources needed for the building - as you did in King Solomons day. We ask for adequate funding, competent professionals, and skilled labourers for the construction. Please give us favour with the surrounding community and town. Stir up our faith so that we walk by faith and not by sight and give to this vision, for Your glory.

Lord teach us to care for our family members and forgive others their mistakes. Stir families hearts to earnestly seek wisdom and develop good judgment. Heal the broken-hearted, the sick, the lonely by Your mighty Spirit we pray in Jesus wonderful name. **Amen** (courtesy of Jan Burrough).

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 giving 1100
Building fund donation 1160
Specific donation 1180

(followed by what this is for)

CORIN FAMILY

Please pray for the Corin family at this time. They are currently in MIQ being closely monitored as close contacts of a fellow arrival with COVID. Pray also for Catherines' father whose health issues confirmed their need to make the trip back to New Zealand. They expect to stay six months over which time we hope to see them. More information with the pew sheet next week!

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).

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 <u>Prayer Chain Coordinators</u>. Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

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 CHRISTMAS DINNER

This fundraiser is on **Monday evening**. Thank you to all who have booked their tickets. Entry to Dinner is by ticket only so please make sure it is in your pocket and you are seated by 6pm. We have a Guess the cake weight competition so please bring some \$2 coins to enter and dress up for an evening of fun together!

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

Tunes for Tots

9:30am - Hall and Lounge

Monday 21st Care & Share

9:30am - Lounge

Midwinter Christmas Dinner

6pm - Bamboo Gardens

Wednesday 23rd Nativity Prayer

5:30pm - Lounge

Saturday 26th Movie Afternoon

1pm - Hall

Wednesday 30th Intercessory Prayer Meeting

4pm - Barnies

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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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.