



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:** Riffing the Good News
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** 2 Timothy 1:8-12, Mark 1:14-18, John 20:19-23
- SENTENCE:** "Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God." *Mark 1:14*
- COLLECT:** Holy God, grant us the beginning of wisdom and love to cast out every fear: that we may grow more brave, more ready to hear, more ready to obey; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *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

CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION URGENT APPEAL



Food Crisis in Kenya

People in Kenya are suffering from an evolving food crisis due to a severe drought situation.

Farmers are literally making a choice – whether to plant the seeds they have, in the hope their crops will grow, or give them to their families to eat.

Crops are drying up. Livestock are dying in their droves.

CBM's team is helping people with disabilities gain urgent access to food and water supplies, as well as giving them access to mobility aids needed to survive this crisis, and also the necessary medical supplies to protect them and their families from the effects of malnutrition.

Please will you prayerfully consider sending an urgent gift today to help children and adults caught up in this food crisis?

The fastest ways you can give are:-

- Go to www.cbmnz.org.nz/kenya-drought
- Phone your gift in on 0800 77 22 64

Thank you in anticipation of any support and prayers you can give.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

FUNDRAISER FEEDBACK



A huge thank you to all who were involved in this fundraiser; the organisers, those who contributed prizes and those who came along to the event. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Once all monies have been collected, we will let you know how much was raised.

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

We have six tickets (\$30 each) still available for the Macaron Making event.

Date: Saturday 17th August

Time: 1.30pm

Place: 14 Boyce St, Renwick

Your host: Hilary de Bruyn

If you would like to purchase tickets to this event please see Nativity Reception.



AAW

The next Meeting for AAW will be held on **Thursday 6th July** at St Christophers at 12.30pm. Please bring a small plate of food for a shared lunch. Jaque Hall will follow this with a quiz. A time to catch up with our St Christophers friends.

COMING UP:

JUNE

- Monday 26th **Care and Share**
9:30am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 28th **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Friday 30th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
Link
1pm St Barnabas Chapel

JULY

- Wednesday 5th **AAW**
12.30pm St Christopher
- Friday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th **Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 8th **Coffee Connections**
9.30am Raupo
- Monday 10 & 24th **Care and Share**
9:30am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 12th & 26th **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 19th & 26th **Healing Horticulture**
7pm Renwick
- Friday 21st, 28th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Saturday 22nd **Repair Cafe**
Johns' Kitchen

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
More Good News
8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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