



# 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

## HISTORICAL BOOKS



Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I II Samuels, I II Kings, I II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

## OUR SERVICE TODAY

- THEME:** Judges and Ruth/Trinity Sunday
- READINGS:** *Judges & Ruth*  
Lectionary: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20
- SENTENCE:** Righteousness makes a nation great. Sin is a disgrace to any nation *Proverbs 14:34*
- COLLECT:** Blessed Trinity, we know you as a community of love. Grant us such worship of you that we are transformed after your likeness; to be creative, caring, life enriching people. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love. This we ask through Christ our Mediator. **Amen**

# Welcome

## SERMON NOTES



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### SERVICES!

Our services are resuming following the Covid-19 lockdown period.

Thursday services recommenced on Thursday 4th June and the 8am service will resume next Sunday the 14th of June.

We look forward to seeing you all at these services. The weekly pew sheet and audio recordings of our Sunday services will continue to be available on-line on our website ([www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz)) and you are welcome to access them at any time.



### PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer needs please contact Raewyn P:578-2511 or Jane P:578-9004

# AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

*Philippians 4:6,7: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* The following was shared by *Jan Burrough* during lockdown.... be inspired in your prayers!

The **Intercessory Prayer Group** are about to resume meeting **fortnightly in Barnies at 4pm** on **Wednesdays** to seek God's purpose, wisdom, knowledge etc for the way to pray and ask within His will for Nativity and beyond. If you would like to learn with us, or enjoys this type of prayer to come and join us when you can. However, this does not suit everyone and even the time can be a deterrent. There are so many different ways we can pray, why not start your own prayer group with friends at a time that suits? The list is endless....

As individuals the list is also endless. You may take a quiet time, and pray daily, this is great for our spiritual feeding. Other ideas are:

- Ironing? Pray for the individual whose garment is being ironed
- Cooking? Pray for members of the family you are cooking for. Give thanks for God's provision.
- Gardening? Pray for the people who will enjoy your harvest or enjoy seeing your beautiful flower garden.
- Making beds? Pray for God's Holy Spirit to speak to the people in dreams and visions, pray salvation, healing deliverance, whatever is needed.
- Driving? Pray safety for yourself and passengers, for others on the road, for alertness at all times.
- Passing schools, churches, businesses? Pray God's blessing on all the people there, for learning, for faith, for godly practices.
- Out walking pray for the people in the houses you pass, pray to be able to share your faith with someone, even if it is only a genuine smile and hello. Let people see the joy of the Lord in your face.
- At work pray blessing on your fellow workmates or for the things that are a concern for the business. Pray for the employer and employees to work together for the common good.
- Pray for the people who come to your house to know the saving power of Jesus.
- As you hear sirens of fire and ambulance or the rescue helicopter overhead, pray that Jesus would be in that instance for safety of life and limb.
- At sports events, with children and friends pray blessing on all present for safety and enjoyment. Pray off the shock and trauma of accidents for those on the field of play.
- Pray and ask the Lord of the Harvest to send more labourers into the field.... We are all called to be those labourers.

(NB. Abridged - full version available on our website <https://www.nativity.org.nz/resources>)



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## COMING UP:

### JUNE

Sunday 7th Family service - A journey through the Old Testament: Judges and Ruth

Sunday 14th "A place where God dwells"  
Service at 8 and 10am  
with Susan Howarth

Monday 15th Annual General Meeting

### AGM

Please note that our AGM will be held in the church from **7:30pm** on **Monday the 15th of June**. Documents will be e-mailed to all on our e-mail list and an updated agenda will be available to collect at services by Sunday the 14th. Please see the office if you have missed collecting any documents.

## OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priests in Charge  
Assistant Priests

Administrator  
Parish Nurse  
Receptionist  
Counselling  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Oversight to Care Cells  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden  
Prayer Facilitators  
Prayer Chain

Susan Howarth/Joe Keighley  
Kaye Dyer  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Kevin Thompson  
Kathy Taylor  
Raewyn Parkes  
Rosalind Mundy  
Kathy Hammond  
Alison Brice  
TBC  
Stephen Sheat  
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows  
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough  
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes

**The Office is now open  
during our regular hours.  
Monday-Friday  
9am - 2:30pm**