



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:** The Good News of the Good Samaritan
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Colossians 1:3-7, Luke 10:25-37
- SENTENCE:** "Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God." *Colossians 1:6*
- COLLECT:** Almighty Father, grant that we your children may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but continue his faithful servants to our lives' end; through the same 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.

COUNSELLING FUNDING APPEAL



For some years, we have been blessed by the Blue Door making a grant that covered the cost of counselling for those who could not meet it themselves. This year, Blue Door could only grant half the amount used toward clients' costs last year.

Currently, we have several people who are being assisted by counselling funded by the Blue Door grant, the grant will not cover costs after the end of June 2023. Four of the seven people being assisted currently are Christians and vary in age from youth to elderly people. Some clients can seek assistance through WINZ or their workplace. Others do not have these options.

We are aware that times are financially tight for lots of people currently, but if you can assist with a contribution towards our gap in finances you can be assured it would help another person on their journey of healing or health.

Donations towards counselling can be given via our ANZ account:

Account: 06-0705-0429077-000

Code: 1180

Reference: Counselling

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS



The office will be operating on limited hours during the school holidays due to staff leave and Matariki.

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

9am - 12pm

1st - 16th JULY

PRAYER REQUESTS

- A safe and enjoyable school holidays
- Anglican Leadership Camp next weekend
- Give thanks for the Bamboo Fundraising event
- Faith sharing opportunities

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

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

Saturday 17th August

Date: 1.30pm

Time: 14 Boyce St, Renwick

Place: Hilary de Bruyn

Your host:

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



COMING UP:

JULY

Thursday 6th	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
Sunday 30th	Favourite Hymns Singalong 2pm Nativity Church

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.

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: **Rev. Glen Ashworth**
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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

Barry Struthers
**"Living Alongside
the Supernatural"**
8 & 10am

JUNE 2023

VESTRY UPDATE

June's vestry meeting began with a devotion looking at the question 'What does success look like according to Jesus?'.

The vestry will be exploring this question further in our next meeting as we consider the vision for the future of Nativity.

Included in this will be establishing a process for the redevelopment of our logo.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Jan - May 2023

Operating Income: \$116,732

From offertories and regular sources.

Operating Expenditure: \$124,230

Standard operating costs

Trust interest: \$16,936

Income on funds held in trust

Investment income: \$23,767

Income from investment properties less expenses.

HIGHLIGHTS

Nativity will take part in the Church Life Survey, conducted by the Christian Research Association of NZ.

We were successful in our application for a grant of \$15,000 from the Monitoring Group to help establish our Families Mission and Ministry role (commencing in August).

Nativity received a \$2,000 grant in June from Blue Door for counselling services. We must seek funding for the remaining \$2,000 from other sources., if we wish to offer free counselling for those who cannot afford it.

22 Hilton Place has been sold and Vestry is delighted to announce that the proceeds meet funding requirements for the hall redevelopment.

Stephen Leitch has been appointed as the new Treasurer for Nativity.

Phillip de Bruyn has been appointed as our fourth Parish nominator, alongside Stephen Sheat, Rosalind Mundy and Alex Smith.