



# 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:**

What are we here for?

**PREACHER:**

Rev. Miriam Taylor

**READINGS:**

Peter 2:9-12 & John 17:13-19

**SENTENCE:**

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” *John 13:34-35*

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, you are Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, the Word made flesh. Grant us the courage to take up our cross, and bear it gladly for the sake of the gospel, risking mockery and rejection, following the example of Jesus. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

# Welcome

**NOTES/ART**

## PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- Those in Marlborough and throughout the world who have struggled during lockdowns and restrictions to normal life.
- The seasonal workers who are waiting to go home to their families - that pathways will open up and the return will go smoothly
- The Corin family as they reconnect with Marlborough friends and church family.



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

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## SPRING CREEK GARAGE SALE

St Lukes Church is planning to have one more garage sale this year on the morning of Saturday the 18th of September (weather and restrictions permitting). Please consider a trip to Spring Creek to support them and locals in need.

## PARISH NURSING

Just a reminder that at level 2 Sharon is now available to visit parishioners. Please contact her directly or through the office if you would like a visit or to chat.



## OLIVE OIL

Dear Church family,

We want to thank the hardy Nativity volunteers who came out to French Fields to help harvest our olives this year. We now have the first bottling done and ready for sale. We intend that all proceeds from the oil that you purchase (including costs) be donated to Nativity.

Prices are as follows  
(see photo for sizing)

Small bottle	\$7.50
Medium bottle	\$15.00
Large Bottle	\$25.00



Please email or text your order to us at frenchfields@xtra.co.nz (0211452678) and we will deliver the oil to you.

Payment can be made by internet banking [to an account number we will send you] or by cash payment on delivery.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Barry & Ruth Struthers

## EQUIP CONFERENCE

It may feel a long time ago but the EQUIP training day was just a few days before we went into lockdown. Thank you to all that were involved in the day from catering to attending workshops - we pray that you have come away with inspiration for your Christian life.

## MISSIONS GIVING

Just a reminder that you can continue to give specifically to missions via envelope or direct credit BUT you will not receive a tax rebate on this as a large portion of this money goes overseas.

You may instead choose to give directly to the church as a general or specific donation (code 1180 followed by what this is for) who pay to the Anglican Missions Board on your behalf. For more information please contact the office



## CHURCH AT DELTA LEVEL 2

Thank you to everyone for bearing with us as we try to find a way forward through each level and rule change.

Together, we will find a way so that we may indeed "spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as (we) see the day approaching".

## HEALING HORTICULTURE

Due to the lockdown and uncertainty of restrictions that may be in place, this has been postponed for now but you are welcome to enquire with the office or contact Don Cross at doncross@xtra.co.nz.



## COMING UP:

### SEPTEMBER

- Fridays**      **Link**  
1pm - back in the Lounge  
from 17th
- Tunes for Tots**  
9:30am Hall (only at Level 1)
- Mondays**      **Care & Share**  
9:30am Lounge  
(only at Level 1)
- Thursdays**      **Healing Horticulture**  
Postponed (possible start  
mid- October)
- Wednesday 22nd**      **Intercessory Prayer meeting**  
4pm Barnies
- Tuesday 27th**      **Nativity Prayer**  
5:30pm Lounge

There are many changes to events due to COVID restrictions - please contact the office if you have any queries

### NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

- Vicar:**      **Rev. Glen Ashworth**  
vicar@nativity.org.nz
- Parish Nurse:**      **Sharon Thomas**  
parishnurse@nativity.org.nz  
022 104 0540
- Receptionist:**      **Rosalind Mundy**  
Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
- Parish Administrator:**      **Kathy Taylor**  
Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

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

### 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)

**Next Sunday:**

**Glen Ashworth**  
**"Explaining  
Communion"**