

WEEK OF 17TH-23RD SEPTEMBER 2020



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

RUTH

OUR SERVICES TODAY

THEME: Ruth

READINGS: *Phil 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16*

SENTENCE: "By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God."
Ephesians 2:8,9

COLLECT: God of grace, you are kind to all people, good beyond our understanding. Help us to be grateful for what we have been given and merciful and generous with our sisters and brothers. Teach us the ways of your kingdom where the last will be first and the first will be last. 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

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

SINCE NO-ONE
CAN KEEP THE
LAW WHAT IS ITS
PURPOSE?

CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD



Pray for Christians in India, a group that continues to grow despite violence and persecution. We especially bless those who come from the low strata of the caste system, who are despised and discriminated against already. These people are also suffering terribly due to COVID. May they know that they are a royal priesthood, holy nation and people belonging to the living God. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the foyer. A pen and paper is provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over. All prayer requests will be confidential.

Raewyn Parkes (c/o 578 3909) or 022-0786902 and Jane Sheat (578-9004) are our **Prayer Chain** Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

A prayer breakfast is planned **for Saturday the 10th of October** from 8am. Miriam Taylor will be the speaker. For catering purposes please RSVP to the office by the 7th of October .

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

October is our national shoebox collection month. Please see the information in the church foyer and if you would like to fill a box for a child in need please take a box and brochure. These can be returned to the office by **Sunday the 18th of October** to be sent with others from Marlborough.

FOOD BANK

Just a reminder there are foodbank collection sites at all of the local supermarkets. Please consider buying something extra and adding this to the collections. Our local foodbank always welcome any shelf-stable goods (please check 'best before date') but are particularly looking for milk powder, long life milk, single serve pasta meals, snacks for school lunches and basic staples such as rice and tinned vegetables.

FAREWELL PARISH NURSE

Whilst we've known for a while, we can now announce that Raewyn will be completing her term as Parish nurse as of Thursday the 24th of September. We will be farewelling her from this position at our services on the **20th of September** and at the parish picnic on the **18th of October**. If you would like to contribute to her farewell gift please give your donation to the office or in a marked envelope.

YOUR CHOICE

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The **End of Life Choice Act** provides access to an assisted death for those with less than 6 months to live. Yet any prognosis, especially as long as 6 months, is a guess. Overseas research shows that the choice of euthanasia is not driven by pain but by a range of personal reasons, including the fear of being a burden to their families or society.
- The **End of Life Choice Act** has no mandatory stand-down or cooling off period (as in other countries) - under the End of Life Choice Act, a person could be dead less than 4 days after diagnosis, and be under no obligation to inform their families or carers of their decision. The process does not even require the presence of an independent witness. The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or defendnz.co.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz

Authorised by Graham O'Brien,
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CMS MEETING

NZ CMS AGM this **Sunday 20 September**, afternoon tea at 3pm in the Nativity Lounge followed by the AGM and prayer meeting. All welcome.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Just a reminder to put your clocks forward before you go to bed **next Saturday night** so that you can "Spring Forward" and into church on time!!

COMING UP:

SEPTEMBER

Monday 21st	Care & Share 9:30am - Lounge (please note change to schedule)
Wednesday 23rd	Intercessory Prayer Group 4pm - Barnies
Fridays	Tunes for Tots 9:30am - Hall and Lounge (Not at level 2) Link 1pm - Lounge
Saturday 26th	Plant Sale Church Fundraiser - Hall

OCTOBER

Saturday 10th	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 18th	Combined Service and Parish Picnic

All events are subject to change particularly with respect to any COVID-19 restrictions. Please contact the office or the person in charge if you have any queries.

OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest 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

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

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)

The office will be open on
Mondays - Wednesdays
from **9am - 1pm** and on
Thursdays and Fridays
from **9am - 12:00pm**.
Outside these hours please
leave a note or message via
phone or e-mail and we will
get back to you.