



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

HOPE IN SUFFERING

OUR SERVICES TODAY

THEME: Hope through Suffering

PREACHER: Richard Drury

READINGS: Romans 5:1-5 & Mark 10:31-35

SENTENCE: “Through him, we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” *Romans 5:2*

COLLECT: God of resurrection, where there is death, you bring new life; challenge our attachment to wealth and power, so that we may release others from the chains of poverty, hunger, and injustice, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through the Risen Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

NOTES/ART

PRAYER REMINDERS

Prayer is where our relationship with Christ grows and miracles happen but sometimes we all need a reminder to pray.

In the next few weeks those of you that have registered a cellphone number with us, and have allowed us to contact you via text message, will receive the first of a weekly reminder to pray for the church. Those that receive them will have the option to stop and/or restart these at any time.

If you are not sure if you have provided us with your cellphone number and would like to receive these please contact the office so that we can add you to the database.

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.

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

HIGH TEA FOR WOMEN

The women of the parish are invited to a High Tea in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.

We will thank God for her life and godly leadership over 70 years. It will be held in the Nativity Lounge **2pm-4pm Monday 26th September**. Only 30 places are available. Gold coin donation is appreciated. Bring your favourite china tea cup. Enquiries Kaye Dyer at 0211758563 or kaye@mightymessage.com

PARISH PICNIC

We have a number of things happening over the next while therefore have chosen **Sunday the 13th of November** for the end of Spring Parish Picnic at Pollard Park. Please mark your calendar now!

If you are interested in being involved in planning some activities to add some extra fun to our time of fellowship please contact the office.

GOING DEEPER

We have a wonderful opportunity coming up **from 2pm each Sunday in October** with a series of talks on how the Reformation has shaped our beliefs as Christians.

Nativity is hosting weeks 2 and 4 but you are welcome to attend any or all of these over the month. Volunteers to assist with afternoon tea to follow the sessions at Nativity are welcome. Please see the handout for details of the talks and venues.

CWCI

Christian Women Communicating International (CWCI) is meeting from **2pm next Wednesday the 28th of September** at the Wairau Anglican Church Renwick. All women from Nativity are welcome.

ALPHA MARRIAGE

“Strong marriages/couples/partners make for strong happy Whanau”.

This is a Nativity outreach into our Marlborough community. This will be hosted from the Clubs of Marlborough from **11th October through to the 29th of November**.

What can you pray for:

- Barriers such as childcare and finance will be removed to allow couples to attend
- That the course will be an opportunity for couples to strengthen their relationship
- That Christ and Christian relationships will be honoured and upheld
- We will see more happy and strong Marlborough whānau as a result of the course

If you would like to know more please speak to Glen or one of the team:

Barry and Ruth Struthers (021 1452678) or Stephen and Nicci Leitch.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Nativity and the Nelson Diocese take the health and safety of the parishioners and those that use our buildings seriously but to do this well we need your help!

If you **have, or witness, an accident or near miss** please report it so that this can be recorded and actioned if required.

You can do this by downloading a form from the health and safety section of our website (under news), contacting the office or collecting a form from outside reception to complete and submit. If there is a **maintenance** issue please also report this to the office ASAP.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed for the week of the **3rd to the 10th of October** as the staff will be taking a break for some of the school holidays.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER:

Fridays	Link 1pm Hall/lounge
Friday 21st & 28th	Tunes for Tots 9:30am Hall
Mondays 3rd & 17th & 31st	Care and Share 9:30am Hall
Wednesday 5th	AAW Meeting 1:30pm Lounge
Wednesday 5th & 19th	Intercessory Prayer Meeting 4pm Barnies
Wednesdays 19th & 26th	Healing Horticulture 7pm Barnies
Saturday 8th	Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupō Café
Sunday 16th	CMS Prayer Meeting Counselling Room
Saturday 22nd	Repair Café 9am- 12 noon Crossroads
Friday TBC	Solid Rock 6:30pm Lee St

CONTACT US



Monday - 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)

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar:	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz
Receptionist:	Rosalind Mundy info@nativity.org.nz Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
Parish Administrator:	Kathy Taylor admin@nativity.org.nz Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Peter Olliver

**"A fresh look at the
Lords' prayer"**

8 & 10am