

WEEK OF 14TH - 20TH OCTOBER



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

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| THEME: | Kingdom of God |
| PREACHER: | Raewyn Parkes |
| READINGS: | Mark 10:14-15 & Revelation 21:1-5 |
| SENTENCE: | How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" <i>Isaiah 52:7</i> |
| COLLECT: | God of the possible, and the impossible, when we come to you with questions and struggle with your answers, grant us faith in believing as we await the treasure from heaven, which is your faithful promise. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen |

Welcome

NOTES/ART

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our children and families here at Nativity.

With that in mind, we ask for the right person to fill the position of Family Mission and Children Leader being advertised at present.

Thank you for providing a person of strong faith to reach the hearts of children and families as they seek direction and purpose. May all recognize Your power in their lives and choose to follow You as the first disciples did.

Also, Father, we praise you for the wonderful volunteers who give freely of time to do the many duties required to keep Nativity running. We ask these things in Jesus precious name. Amen.

Thank you to Jan Burrough (one of our wonderful prayer facilitators) for this prayer starter.

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

MISSION UPDATE

Wayne and Bronwyn (Asia)

Wayne and Bronwyn continue to support students and social service projects with much of the teaching and meetings still online. They are doing more walking and biking around the city as well as hosting and attending board game evenings. This has been interesting and enables connections with other locals. Wayne did have an accident while out biking but has recovered from this. Bronwyn and Wayne are particularly encouraged to see a reduction in pressure on children to study continuously with major reforms introduced to ban the tutoring of school subjects and increase afterschool care opportunities.

Liz (South Asia) is still waiting for space in MIQ and is now not hopeful of anything before 2022 so please pray for her in this situation!

BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION/DISCIPLESHIP



If you are interested in being baptised and/or confirmed or would like to be part of an intentional discipleship program, there will be a meeting **following the 10am service on November 7th** at the front of the church. All welcome.

MAF MEETING

All are welcomed to come and meet MAF pilot Bridget Ingham at **St Barnabas Chapel** (Barnies) at **7:30pm Thursday 28th October**. Bridget will share about the work of MAF around the world, with stories from her own service in Mareeba (Australia) and Timor-Leste.

PARISH PICNIC



We are planning another parish picnic at the home of Rod and Jenny Tyney after a combined service in the church and hall at **9am on Sunday the 31st of October**. Please note that the 2 spaces allow us to meet with up to 200 people plus so no one needs to miss out. Both the service and the picnic are a chance to get together as a parish and have some fun with games and activities for all.

Please let us know at the office or via the online form if you are intending to be there and if you would like to purchase sausages or burgers. These will be for sale at \$3/sausage and \$8/gourmet burger. Extra will be available on the day but you are also welcome to bring your own picnic.

All profits will go towards new chairs for the hall.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Just a reminder that our Children & Youth programmes will be in recess until **Sunday 7th November** (the week after the picnic).

CMS PRAYER MEETING

All are welcome to join us this **Sunday 17th October** 4-5pm in the Lounge.

BIBLES

Just a reminder that we have plenty of second-hand bibles available at Nativity if you need one or would like to give one to a new Christian.

We also have some new children's and adults bibles that you may purchase from us. We are happy to help you order from those available online.

COMING UP:

OCTOBER

Fridays

Link

1pm Lounge

Sunday 17th

NZCMS Prayer meeting

4-5pm Lounge

Monday 18th

Nativity Prayer

5:30 pm Lounge

Wednesday 20th
October

Intercessory Prayer meeting

4pm Barnies

Friday 22nd &
29th

Tunes for Tots

9:30am Hall

Monday 25th

Labour Day - office closed

Thursday 28th

MAF meeting

7:30pm Barnies

Sunday 31st

9am Combined service

Church and Hall

11am Parish Picnic @ the Tyneys

- Morning tea
- BBQ lunch
- Games and more!

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)

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

Next Sunday:

REV. MIRIAM TAYLOR

"Let's be radical!"