



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:** Redemptive Family - Place
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Acts 17: 24-28, Revelation 3:7-13, Matthew 5:14-16
- SENTENCE:** "He allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us." Acts 17:26-27
- COLLECT:** Heavenly Father, thank you for our adoption into your family, the church; help us to be what you call us to be so that the world may be struck by the sweetness of our love and unity and come to know that God is here. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Welcome

NOTES/ART



"Grace Alone through Faith Alone" Sunday 23rd
October- 2pm at Nativity
Speaker: Hans van der Waal

NEWS AND EVENTS

LIBRARIES FOR YOU

Our Nativity Library is now in its new home in the counselling room. It will be open from **9am-12noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays** for you to take some time out to view and/or borrow.

If there is a special item that you are looking for you can also try the Bishop Sutton Library Postal Service. To find out more see the Bishopdale College website or <https://anglicat.kinderlibrary.ac.nz/>.

ROSTERS FOR COMING MONTHS

Roz is working on the rosters for November - January, including Christmas services.

This summer there will be a 4pm and 10pm service for Christmas Eve, 8 & 10am services for Christmas Day and 9am services throughout January. Please contact Roz ASAP if you are not available over this period.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The university of Otago, Vision College (School of Christian ministry) and Bishopdale Theological College and others all have opportunities for distance learning and now is a great time to start thinking about next year. If you would like to know more have a look on their websites or call in to the office to pick up a brochure.

AWW AGM

The next AAW meeting will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of November from 1:30pm in the Nativity Lounge. The Christmas meeting will be combined with St Christopher's. All women welcome!

REFORMATION SERIES

This Sunday afternoon series digs deeper into how the reformation has shaped our beliefs. The next session, "Grace Alone through Faith Alone", will be held this **Sunday the 23rd of October** at Nativity from **2pm**.

There is no cost to these and all are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. They can also be viewed online via the Marlborough Anglicans YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOw41i4OzoJEwv5foY3k1VA>.

Sessions 1, 2 and 3 are available now!

SMALL GROUPS

Nativity has two new Small Group Coordinators: **Ellen Shaw and Pip Hawke**.

They will be encouraging our current groups and looking to support the development of some new groups. If you are interested in becoming a part of a group, or trialing a group, please contact them personally or via the office.

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.

ORPHANS AID

Orphans Aid International are looking for volunteers to assist with their street appeal on **25th and 26th November**. If you are willing to assist, please contact Sharon Hunt 027 203 8491.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER:

Fridays	Link 1pm Hall/lounge Tunes for Tots 9:30am Hall
Wednesday 26th	Healing Horticulture 7pm Barnies
Mondays 24th & 31st	Public Holidays Office closed
Sunday 30th	Nativity Beer Appreciation Society 3pm Simcox Stadium

NBAS

Our next gathering will be at the Simcox Stadium **from 3pm on Sunday the 30th of October** for indoor cricket or bowling. All are invited to join.

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar:	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz
Receptionist:	Rosalind Mundy info@nativity.org.nz Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
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*All can also be contacted via the office
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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

Rev Glen Ashworth

**"Redemptive Family
-Mission "**

8 & 10am