

WEEK OF 21ST- 27TH 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

- THEME:** Why come to church?
- PREACHER:** Dion Mundy
- READINGS:** Romans 12:3-8, John 13:33-35 & Hebrews 10:22-25
- SENTENCE:** Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:24-25*
- COLLECT:** Holy God, you call us to love you with all our passion, prayer, intelligence and energy; you call us to love our neighbor, you call us to love ourselves. Draw us closer to you, that we may reveal your mercy, justice and peace. 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**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Your kingdom come in my life today, in my work and rest, in my words and my deeds, in my thought and feelings, in all that I am and all that I do.

Your kingdom come in our world today. May Your will be done in cities and companies, in schools and stores, in studios and shops, in fields and factories.

Your kingdom come Lord. Establish and uphold Your kingdom with justice and with righteousness, from this time onwards and forevermore.

Amen

*Written by Raewyn Parkes October 2021*

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## PARISH PICNIC



The parish picnic this Sunday - bring a picnic and join us at 27 Hammond Rd Renwick from 11am after the combined service at 9am.

## HEALING HORTICULTURE

Coming up from the **4th Nov - 9th Dec 2021 Thursday evenings 7pm - 9.30pm** in Barnies. There is no set cost but a koha is appreciated. See the church noticeboard or talk to Don Cross for more information.

## 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.

## BIBLES

We have bibles available at Nativity to give away if you do not have 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 (NLT \$28 each or Beginners Bible \$25 each) and are happy to help you order from those available online.

## AAW

AAW meeting, **Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm**, Nativity lounge. All women welcome!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**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.

## NATIVITY FAMILY

We have several areas where our volunteers are stretched, and it would be helpful to have some new volunteers so that the many hands do make the "work" light.

If you are interested please speak to Glen or Roz or have a chat with someone already involved. Please consider areas such as

- **service assistance** (eg. reading, sides duty, technology)
- **children and youth** ministry and hospitality/**morning teas**
- **brass, linen, and flower care.**

## CREATIVES AND LOVERS OF ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS!

If you are keen on decorating and Christmas we would love to hear from you! It would be great to be able to create a Nativity Float for the Christmas Parade this year and we would also love to have a team effort to decorate the church. Please contact the office if you are interested in being a part of a team(s) to make this Christmas special!

## FOODBANK APPEAL

In the lead-up to this year's Foodbank Street Appeal on **Monday 22nd November** the Marlborough Foodbank is on the search for 600 banana boxes. If you have any could you drop them into MY SPACE, Marlborough Youth Trust, 18 Kinross Street, Blenheim behind Stadium 2000/Smith's City? Thanks!

## COMING UP:

### OCTOBER

Sunday 31st

**9am Combined service**  
Church and Hall

**11am Parish Picnic**

- Morning tea
- BBQ lunch
- Games and more!

### NOVEMBER

Thursdays

**Healing Horticulture**  
Barnies 7pm

Fridays

**Link**  
1pm Lounge

**Tunes for Tots**  
9:30am Hall

Wednesday 3rd

**AAW meeting**  
7pm - Lounge

Wednesday 3rd &  
17th

**Intercessory Prayer**  
4pm - Barnies

Monday 8th &  
22nd

**Care and Share**  
9:30 Lounge TBC

Saturday 13th

**Coffee Connections**  
9:30am Raupo

## 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)

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

**Vicar:**

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Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm

**Parish**

**Kathy Taylor**

**Administrator:** Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

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

**Next Sunday:**

**Rev. Courtney Wilson**

*Christians caring  
for creation*