



# 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



"I and the Father  
are one...."

## OUR SERVICES TODAY

<b>THEME:</b>	God the Father and the Son
<b>PREACHER:</b>	Rev. Glen Ashworth
<b>READINGS:</b>	John 10:24-39 & Galatians 3:1-5
<b>SENTENCE:</b>	The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I and the Father are one. <i>John 10:25-27, 30</i>
<b>COLLECT:</b>	Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, where you reign one God for ever. Amen.

# Welcome

**NOTES/ART**

## PARISH PRAYER

Father God, when we think of the pandemic and the effects it has on health, wealth, education, and employment the song comes to mind of “We praise you in this storm.”

We do praise you Father and thank you for this far keeping us safe. Help us to keep our eyes on you through the little and the big storms.

We look to the school holidays coming up and ask that all involve will be safe, rested, and ready to return at the end of the break. Please keep families through the time occupied and have many happy memories to store away. Those that may travel keep alert on the roads and bring them home safe.

October sees the time for Synod. Please prepare hearts to seek your face to consider the function of why they are there, and when making decisions to spend time in prayer over the matter. Keep all who are travelling safe and may it be such a wonderful time of learning and fellowship among the clergy and vestries.

We bless you and thank you our God, may you be forever in our hearts and minds. We ask all these things in Jesus' mighty name. Amen

*(Prayer courtesy of our one of prayer co-ordinators - Jan Burrough)*

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## 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.

## HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A message from the Corin family who are currently on furlough in their Blenheim home.

*We have a team coming from Mobile Mission Maintenance to help do some work on our house - which is badly in need to repair. They will be with us from **4th - 22nd October**. At the moment the team consists of a family of 5, and another couple of people. We need help in 3 main areas:*

- 1. Although we have these folk coming from MMM - we would appreciate it if there were other volunteers from the church who could come and help for some of this time. Most of the work will be **carpentry work, with some plastering and painting** possible too.*
- 2. It would be great if someone were able to **host** this family and the other couple of people who will be coming down from the North Island.*
- 3. If people can't help with either of these two options, but could help with **baking, or providing lunches** for the team - that would be fantastic too.*

Please do get in touch via e-mail (partyof7@mailbolt.com) or phone Chris on 021 0290 6276 if you can help or would like to know more!

## REPAIR CAFE

A group from Nativity church is initiating a local Repair Café once a month starting in November 2021 at Johns' Kitchen. This will be an opportunity for locals to bring in items to be repaired saving money and items simply going to landfill.

The Repair Café Foundation (International) has the following goals:

- To maintain repair skills
- To promote social interaction in the local community by connecting neighbours from different backgrounds and with different motives with each other, through a low-key and inspiring event.

The team are looking for volunteers who may have an interest in and some experience with repairing items such as

- clothing/textiles,
- bicycles,
- electrical appliances and
- furniture / wooden objects; or
- could help with IT

To find out more, see the website [repaircafe.org/en](https://repaircafe.org/en) or email Gerrie Mead at [gerriemead01@gmail.com](mailto:gerriemead01@gmail.com).

## PARISH PICNIC



We are planning another parish picnic at the home of Rod and Jenny Tyney **after a combined service at 9am on Sunday 31st October** - volunteers needed to make this day fun for all so please contact the office if you or your care cell can help!

## COMING UP:

### OCTOBER

Monday 11th	<b>Care &amp; Share</b> 9:30am Lounge
Fridays	<b>Link</b> 1pm Lounge
Friday 22nd & 29th	<b>Tunes for Tots</b> 9:30am Hall
Wednesday 6th & 20th October	<b>Intercessory Prayer meeting</b> 4pm Barnies
Saturday 9th	<b>Coffee Connections</b> 9:30am Raupō café
Thursday 14th - Friday 16th	<b>SYNOD- Nelson</b>
Monday 18th	<b>Nativity Prayer</b> 5:30pm Lounge
Sunday 31st	<b>Combined service and church Family Picnic</b> 9am Nativity Church with the picnic following at the Tyney's place

### AAW MEETING

Please note that there is not an October AAW meeting - the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd November from 7pm in the Lounge.

### NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Vicar:</b>	<b>Rev. Glen Ashworth</b> vicar@nativity.org.nz
<b>Parish Nurse:</b>	<b>Sharon Thomas</b> parishnurse@nativity.org.nz 022 104 0540
<b>Receptionist:</b>	<b>Rosalind Mundy</b> Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
<b>Parish Administrator:</b>	<b>Kathy Taylor</b> Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

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

## CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm  
Thursday - Friday 9am - 12noon



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am	<b>Sung Eucharist Service</b> Church
Sundays 10am	<b>Family Communion</b> Church
Thursday 10am	<b>Eucharist Service</b> St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies)

**Next Sunday:**

**Rev. John Neal**

***"Creation/  
Resurrection"***