

WEEK OF 11TH - 17TH NOVEMBER



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



NATIVITY VISION

OUR SERVICES TODAY

THEME:

Nativity Vision

PREACHER:

Rev. Glen Ashworth

READINGS:

Ephesians 4:1-13, Ephesians 4:14-1 & John 1:14-18

SENTENCE:

"But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. *Ephesians 4:15-16*

COLLECT:

Most loving God, you have made us hungry for spiritual growth, and we remain malnourished until we receive the Bread of Life. Feed us now through your Son, that we may find boundless life possessing and strengthening us, enabling us to be your agents in the world. Through Christ Jesus our true joy. Amen

Welcome

NOTES/ART

PRAYER FOR NATIVITY

Heavenly Father, we praise you for your love and faithfulness.

Thank you for your protection and care over our families. Thank you that you give us the power to love well, and wisdom to teach our children about you. We know that our children are a gift from you, so we want the best for them. Once again we ask you to provide a person of strong faith for the Family Mission and Ministry Leader, who can reach the hearts of children and families here at Nativity as they seek to follow you faithfully.

We ask Father that you would bless the Healing Horticulture initiative that is being held in Barnies. Thank you for Don and his enthusiasm to share his gifts and talents to bless others with knowledge of what he has learned over the years.

Lots of extreme weather has been happening for the Marlborough region this year Father. Please help those who recently were affected by the deluge of rain and hail. We pray for speedy recovery and repairs.

You are an amazing God and we love you for your care and attention. Bless you, Lord of all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer thanks to Jan Burrough (one of our Prayer facilitators here at Nativity).

NEWS AND EVENTS

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** (particularly 8am)
- **brass, linen, and flower care.**

DISCIPLESHIP

If you are interested in Baptism, confirmation or a more intentional discipleship please contact or speak to our vicar Glen vicar@nativity.org.nz or via the office.

FAMILY NEWS

It is with sadness that we share the passing of our beloved Elaine Hadfield.

Elaine served on our Flower and Brass Committee for many decades, with her love of floristry being passed down from her mother, who was the first florist in Blenheim. Elaine attended Nativity from when she was a very little girl, going through Nativity Kindergarten, Sunday School, and Bible Classes, as well as singing in the choir.

FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

If you volunteer in any children's ministry or are a welcomer, sidesperson, or service leader, you are required to refresh your fire warden training. Please contact the office if you require a paper copy to sign.

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.

CREATIVES AND LOVERS OF ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS!



If you are keen on decorating and Christmas we would love to hear from you! Unfortunately, there will not be a Christmas Parade or Christmas in the Park this year but we would 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 to make this Christmas special!

DEANERY EVENTS

There are a number of events happening where we can support our family of the Marlborough deanery.

St Luke's, Spring Creek

- "The Joy of Spring"

12-14th November 12 - 4pm

Floral displays, patchwork, crafts, sales, and demonstrations

St Christopher's, Blenheim South

- St Christopher's Market Morning

Saturday 4th December 8:30 - 12:30

@ St Christopher's

COMING UP:

NOVEMBER

Thursdays	Healing Horticulture 7pm - Barnies
Fridays	Link 1pm - Lounge Tunes for Tots 9:30am - Hall
Saturday 13th	Repair Café 9:30 - 12pm - Johns' Kitchen Coffee Connections 9:30am - Raupō café
Wednesday 17th	Intercessory Prayer 4pm - Barnies
Monday 15th & 22nd	Care and Share 9:30 - Lounge

AAW MEETING

The December AAW meeting will be held in the Nativity Lounge on the afternoon of the 1st of December in conjunction with St Christopher's. More information to come. All women welcome!

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar:	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz
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*All can also be contacted via the office
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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)

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Kaye Dyer

***"Preaching Christianity
and Science"***