

WEEK OF 25TH NOVEMBER - 1ST DECEMBER



# 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:**

Hope - Fruit on the Tree

**PREACHER:**

Rev. Glen Ashworth

**READINGS:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
& Luke 21:25-36

**SENTENCE:**

“Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. *Luke 21:29-30*

**COLLECT:**

God of hope, when Christ your Son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

# Welcome



## 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.

## PARISH PRAYER

Gracious Father, Lord of all glory, we thank you for the ministries that are caring for the community by all Christian congregations in the town.

We pray they would continue to bless those they serve and inspire new people to take up the challenge to join with them. We pray especially for all the Hospitals, Rest Home Chaplaincy, schools, and others as they negotiate the implementation of changes to Covid restrictions. Be the strength of their lives and breath your joy into their very souls. Give them a sense of your care, comfort, and love as we journey this time.

Father senior pupils are now heading into exam time. Psalm 121.2 says "My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Let each child take ownership of their learning and guide them through study time into exams. Give them good recall of what they have learned.

We ask all these things in your mighty name Lord Jesus. Amen.

*Prayer courtesy of Jan Burroughs  
(one of our Nativity Prayer  
Facilitators)*

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## SHARING CHRISTMAS

“Do you have room at your table for an extra one or two people for Christmas Day? Are you on your own or have nowhere to go on Christmas Day? Ring or email me and I will connect you. Phone 021 179 9698 or email: [gail.pickett@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gail.pickett@xtra.co.nz)”

## FUNDRAISING

On **Monday, December 6th** we will be selling scrap metal to a dealer as a church fundraiser. If you have any old saucepans, bolts, etc to add please put them in the bin in the church office or by the Share Table **next Sunday**. Thanks!

## AAW MEETING

The AAW Christmas meeting will be combined with St Christophers. **Wednesday 1st December at 1.30 pm** in the **Nativity Lounge**. A donation towards food vouchers for Women's Refuge would be appreciated. The afternoon includes carols, plays, and a high tea. All women welcome!

## A JOURNEY TO WHERE-IN-THE-WORLD-ISTAN

Join Chris and Catherine Corin as they share about their life and work in Central Asia. From planting fields of potatoes to working with orphans and learning about how they celebrate Christmas in a Muslim country... this will be an enlightening time, and a chance to get to know more about them and their work.

Join them on **Monday the 29th of November for the afternoon session (from 2pm), or the evening session (from 7:30pm)** at 115a Charles Street – whichever is more convenient.

Please phone or text Catherine to let them know you're planning to attend: 021 0240 7910.

## INCREDIBLE YEARS

Incredible Years Parenting Programme Barnardos next programme starts on **Wednesday 2nd March 2022**. This course is suitable for parents/carers of children aged 3-8 years. The purpose of the course is to resource parents/carers with tools to understand their children's behaviour and development and promote positive parenting, improved relationships, routines, and healthy communication within the family. Please see the noticeboard or contact Barnardos for more information

## SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Nativity's senior Christmas Lunch will be on **Saturday the 18th of December 2021 from 11:30am in the Nativity Centre**. This is a chance for some fun and fellowship together. All seniors are invited but please RSVP to the office by the **15th of December**. Bring along your favourite Christmas poem and dress up for Christmas if you wish. You will even have a special visit from Santa! Any queries to the office (03) 578 3909 or [info@nativity.org.nz](mailto:info@nativity.org.nz)

## RELIGION AND SCIENCE

If you are interested in a follow on from the sermon from Kaye Dyer last week do have a look at these videos from Professor Alister McGrath Professor of religion and science at Oxford University:

- <https://vimeo.com/572899767>
- <https://vimeo.com/573867781>

If you are interested in more focussing on creation, evolution, etc. please see the newsletter emailed earlier in the week or contact the office for the links.



## COMING UP:

### DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st

**AAW Meeting**  
12pm - Lounge

Wednesday 1st  
& 15th

**Intercessory Prayer**  
4pm - Barnies

Thursdays 2nd &  
9th

**Healing Horticulture**  
7pm - Barnies

Fridays 3rd, 10th,  
17th

**Link**  
1pm - Lounge

Fridays 3rd,  
10th & 17th

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

Monday 6th &  
13th

**Care and Share**  
9:30 - Hall

Saturday 11th

**Coffee Connections**  
9:30am - Raupō café

Saturday 18th

**Senior Dinner**  
11:30am - Nativity Centre

### LECTIONARY

We have two copies of the lectionary available for anyone who would like a copy for their own bible reading. Contact the office if this is you.

### NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

**Vicar:** **Rev. Glen Ashworth**  
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**Parish Nurse:** **Sharon Thomas**  
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**Receptionist:** **Rosalind Mundy**  
Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm

**Parish Administrator:** **Kathy Taylor**  
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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#### Nativity Bank Account

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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**

**"JOY"**