

# 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



**SERVICES TODAY** 

**COLLECT:** 

**THEME:** Learning to see with Job and Blind Bartimaeus

**PREACHER:** Rev. Courtnay Wilson

**READINGS:** Job 42:1-6,10-17 and Mark 10:46-52

**SENTENCE:** "I have uttered what I did not understand, things too

wonderful for me, which I did not know." *Job 42:*3

Compassionate God, you love the widow and the orphan, the poor and the marginalized; you provide for us in our hour of need, make us willing to share what we have received, giving even the smallest gift with great love, as an act of generous worship to you. 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



## NOTES/ART

### **PARISH PRAYER POINTS**

Please pray for:

- The filling of the role of 'Family Mission and Ministry Enabler'.
- The Healing Horticulture course and its participants.
- Wisdom and comfort and resolution for those who have recently had damage to their homes or businesses.



### **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.

# **NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### 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 8am & 10am services on November 7th at the front of the church. All welcome. Please note that if if you will not be there at that time please speak to our vicar Glen to discuss further.

### **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.

### **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.

### **PARISH PICNIC**

A big thank you to all who were involved in planning and running the parish picnic. This was a great day for all that attended and we look forward to other wider church gatherings. The event also raised nearly \$600 for new chairs for the hall!

# 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!

### 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. Visit

https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/firewarden21 for details.

### **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:**

### **NOVEMBER**

17th

Thursdays **Healing Horticulture** 

7pm - Barnies

Fridays Link

1pm - Lounge

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

Wednesday 3rd AAW meeting

7pm - Lounge

Wednesday 3rd & Intercessory Prayer

4pm - Barnies

Monday 8th & Care and Share

22nd 9:30 - Lounge TBC

Saturday 13th Coffee Connections

9:30am - Raupō café

### **COFFEE CONNECTIONS**

Coffee connections is a monthly gathering at Raupō Café for fellowship. All women are welcome to come and bring a friend or neighbour to this relaxed and friendly group.

### **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: Rev. Glen Ashworth

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**Receptionist:** Rosalind Mundy

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. Glen Ashworth

"NATIVITY VISION"