

WEEK OF 9TH - 15TH 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:** Peace
- PREACHER:** Rev. John Neal
- READINGS:** Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7 & Luke 3:7-18
- SENTENCE:** "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*
- COLLECT:** Loving God, John foresaw repentance and justice to signal your coming. Shape our lives, sift our thoughts, weigh our actions, and make us ready for that great day. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- Our leaders as they plan for services under the traffic light system.
- Our ministry to all that we may continue to be unified as a church family despite the challenges at this time.
- The Peace of Christ to be with us all.



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

SHARING CHRISTMAS

"Do you have room at your table for an extra 1 or 2 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 0211799698 or email:gail.pickett@xtra.co.nz"



HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that the Nativity office will be closed from **Friday the 24th of December to Monday the 17th of January.**

All staff are taking some leave over this time but if you have an urgent matter please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS AND VARIETY CONCERT

Blenheim Choral Society is presenting a Christmas and variety Concert in the Nativity church. The first half is from Handel's opera Acis and Galatea featuring beautiful soprano Georgia Jamison-Emms from Wellington. The second half 'The Road to Bethlehem' Seven Christmas songs by NZ composer David Hamilton along with a variety of other Christmas songs. Nativity Church **Friday 7.00pm 10th Dec.** Vaccination pass required.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON NOW CANCELLED

It is with great sadness that we have had to cancel our Senior's Christmas Luncheon this year. Our Parish Nurse will try and catch up with as many as possible over the Christmas season.

NATIVITY FUNDRAISER

Congratulations everyone! Your scrap metal made \$39 towards the purchase of new chairs for the hall. We plan to continue collecting and the bin will remain in the office for those that find other metal items around the home and shed(s)! You are also welcome to contact to Beverley Kingston in the evenings (578 1845) if you have larger items that your would like to contribute.

NATIVITY NEWS SPONSORSHIP

Our Nativity News is due out this week full of lots of wonderful stories and pictures from our life in the Nativity community. We currently have some very loyal advertisers that help fund this printing for you. If you and/or your business would like to support this publication please speak to Roz in the office or contact Miriam Taylor and the Nativity news team to discuss.

COMING UP:

DECEMBER

Fridays 10th & 17th	Link 1pm - Lounge(NVP) Tunes for Tots Christmas Sessions 9 & 11am - Hall (NVP)
Saturday 11th	Coffee Connections 9:30am - Raupō café (VP)
Monday 13th	Care and Share (Run in conjunction with Green Prescription) 9:30 -Hall (VP)
Wednesday 15th	Intercessory Prayer 4pm- Barnies (NVP)
Saturday 18th	Senior Dinner <i>Cancelled</i> 11:30am Nativity Centre
Sunday 19th	Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm Church (NVP)

NVP - No vaccine pass required

VP - Please show vaccination certificate

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	Traditional Eucharist Service Church
Sundays 10am	Family Communion Church
Thursday 10am	Eucharist Service St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies)

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Glen Ashworth

"Love"