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# WEEKLY NEWS



## **Crikey: Snakes @ Christmas**

*Preacher:* Peter Olliver

*Readings:* Zephaniah 3:14–20,  
Isaiah 12:2–6, Luke 3:7–18

*Sentence:* “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”- Zephaniah 3:16-17

*Collect:* Christ our Redeemer, you have crushed the serpent’s head: you have freed us from our sin: rescue all your suffering world from evil that attracts us still. Hear this prayer for your name’s sake. Amen.



*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

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9am-12 noon

## ONE OFF EVENTS

### Kids 'Pass the Parcel'

#### Christmas service

Tuesday 24th Dec 4pm

#### Christmas Eve Carol Service

Tuesday 24th Dec 10pm

#### Christmas Day Service

Wednesday 25th Dec 9am

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Eucharist Service

Every Thursday 10am  
- St Barnabas Chapel

### Weekly Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 8.45am - Lounge

### Monthly Prayer Meeting

10th February 7pm - Hall

### Tunes for Tots

14th Feb 9.30am

### Care and Share

10th Feb 9.30am - Lounge

### Link - Games Afternoon

10th Jan 1pm - Lounge

### AAW

5th Feb 2pm- Lounge

### Coffee Connections

11th Jan 9.30- Raupo

### Repair Cafe 22nd Feb

9am - 12pm John's Kitchen

### Choir Practice

7pm - Lounge

## Summer Series

From the **22nd of December** until the end of January we will have combined **9am services**. Regular services will resume in February.

## Office and Library closed

Please note that the office and library will be closed from the Friday 20 December - Sunday 19 January.

Open from 20th- 31st January  
Tuesday (by appointment)

- Wednesday -Thursday

9am- 12pm.

Regular hours resume  
Monday 3rd February 2024.

## Christmas Services

On Christmas Eve we have a 4pm Kids' "Pass the Parcel" Christmas Service.

At 10pm we have the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

On Christmas Day we have a 9am Christmas Day Worship Service.

## Nativity Pop-Up Caroling

If you'd like the Nativity Pop-Up Caroling Group to sing 4-5 carols on your street, in your neighbourhood, or anywhere else, please let the office know. Caroling will take place on Friday 20th December between 5.30pm and 8pm. It's a lovely way to share the joy of the season and celebrate together!

## Nativity Family Camp

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

Thank you to everyone who has shown interest in attending the Family Camp!

We have enough people to go ahead! We kindly ask that you complete the online registration form at your earliest convenience. Don't forget to take advantage of the early bird discount by making your payment before December 31st!

<https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/camp-2024>

## Light Up Our Church

Our church is already glowing with beautiful festive lights, creating a warm and welcoming space for all who come to worship. This joyful display reflects the true meaning of Christmas—love, peace, and the gift of Christ's birth—and serves as a beacon of hope in our community.

To help cover the cost of the lights, we are reaching out to our generous parish family for support.

Together, let's celebrate the light of Christ this Christmas season!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.