

WEEK OF 16TH - 22ND 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:** Signs of Summer- Love
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10 & Luke 1:39-45,
- SENTENCE:** "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:4-5
- COLLECT:** God, your purpose exceeds our understanding: grant us the grace you gave to Mary. Help us recognise your presence, and, at our end, know the joy of your embrace. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Welcome

NOTES/ART

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- The LOVE of Christ to be a focus this Christmas bringing a unity in a time of tension and division for many.
- Rest and safety over the holiday season



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”

FURTHER UPDATE ON STAMPS FOR MISSIONS!!

From Anglican Missions:

Thank for the stamps received – please keep saving them. So far this year \$4,100 has been raised and although Anglican Missions will no longer be processing them, we are delighted to advise that they can still be collected and will be sent to one of the fabulous volunteer stamp dealers, who will process and continue to donate to Anglican Missions.

Stamps can be brought to church as in the past or can be sent direct to: C/- K Frampton, 17 Kensington Avenue, Petone Lower Hutt 5012

THURSDAY SERVICES

These are taking a break from this week (16th) until the end of January. Please feel welcome to attend our Sunday services or get together with others to watch the service or recent sermons on-line!

Join us for
**SUMMER
CHURCH**

Sundays 9am (Combined service)
DECEMBER 26TH - JANUARY 30TH

Note that our regular services will resume Sunday 6th February

PASTORAL CARE AND NATIVITY

Please remember that we currently have care available in the form of :

- Private and rest home visiting,
- Rest home services,
- Meals,
- Transport,
- Home communion.
- Care cells and small groups

We are committed to maintaining good pastoral care in this challenging time. Please keep in touch with your carecell or small group and speak to Jane Sheat, Alison Brice, or Roz in the office if you are aware of other pastoral needs.



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 voice message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

COMING UP:

DECEMBER

Friday 17th

Link (NVP)

1pm - Lounge

Tunes for Tots (NVP)

9 & 11am - Hall

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 19th

Nine lessons and carols

**Church (NVP) - 7pm or via
livestream - 7pm**

Friday 24th

Christmas Eve

Family Communion

**Church (NVP) or via livestream-
10pm**

Saturday

Christmas Day

25th

Sung Eucharist Service

Church(NVP) and Hall (VP) - 8am

Family Communion

Church(NVP) and Hall (VP) -10am

Sunday 26th

*1st Sunday
Christmas*

of

Eucharist Service

Church(NVP) and Hall (VP)- 9am

NVP - No vaccine pass required

VP - Please show vaccination certificate

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm

Parish

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*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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JANUARY SERVICES

Sundays 9am

Eucharist Service

Church (NVP)
Hall (VP)

**Merry Christmas
from the
Nativity Staff team!!**