

WEEK OF 31TH MARCH - 9TH APRIL 2022



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:

A Smelly Sermon

PREACHER:

Rev. Miriam Taylor

READINGS:

Philippians 3:4-14 & John 12:1-8

SENTENCE:

‘Create in me a clean heart O God: and renew a right spirit within me.’ *Psalms 51:17*

COLLECT:

May God our Creator, walk with us during this season of Lent. May we enter more deeply into the passion of Jesus and come to depend more completely on his Spirit, that we may live a life that shines with the light of the resurrected Christ. *Amen.*



LENTEN MISSIONS APPEAL

Anglican Missions have a special appeal for lent this year. This year they have chosen the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda, the Water and Sanitation Project in the Solomon Islands, and the Children's Health and Awareness initiative in Egypt for more see Anglican missions: <https://angmissions.org.nz/appeals/len-ten-appeal-2022>

PRAYER FOCUS -THE DISABLED & IMPAIRED (UGANDA)

Week 5: The Disabled & Impaired (Uganda)

Lord, help us show compassion for children with disabilities who lack access to care, or whose families cannot afford therapy or treatment.

Install officials and healthcare professionals to create policies and purpose-built solutions that provide quality, affordable, accessible care.

Help the parents and caregivers overcome any stigma and shame preventing them from seeking help, so their children can be adequately cared for. Amen.



Did you know that more than 70% of Ukrainians identify as Christian?

Join us in prayer for the people of Ukraine, asking for peace and an end to this brutal war.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Psalm 9-9

SUPPORT THIS WORK AND DONATE TODAY
Visit tearfund.org.nz/ukraine or scan me



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the **foyer of the Nativity Centre**. 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

SERVICES!

We will be celebrating our ability to gather together once more:

9am Sunday 10th April

Combined Palm Sunday Service

We will also be providing a Livestreamed option in Barnies for those who would prefer to remain in a smaller group setting.

In subsequent weeks, we will be resuming our 8am and 10am Sunday services.

TAYLOR RIVER WALK

You are welcome to join this group when you are able. We walk for up to 45 mins on **Thursdays** starting at **8.30am** from the carpark by the Henry Street footbridge off Nelson Street. Contact Pam Woodward 5785347 or Pam Neal 5777442.

AAW

AAW Meeting Nativity lounge **Wednesday 6th April at 1.30pm**. Please note change of time. Reports. Play. Making Crosses for Palm Sunday. Sales table.

SOLID ROCK

Due to Covid outbreaks in the community, we have decided to postpone our Kids Solid Rock Friday night gathering until further notice. Watch this space for when we may resume again!

NATIVITY GIVING

Just a reminder that if you give directly by cash you can still do this via the office or post through the slot in the door of the Nativity Centre - please note on the envelope who it is from if required for tax purposes and/or if it is a donation for a specific purpose.

PARISH DIRECTORIES

The 2022 Parish Directories are now available. Please collect yours from the church or office .

EASTER SERVICES



Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th April

REFLECTIONS ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Nativity Church - times TBC

Thursday 14th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM Service in the Church

Friday 15th April

GOOD FRIDAY WALK THROUGH

9AM - 3PM

Held in the Nativity Church

Theme: There is No Greater Love

Commencing with a short service at 9am

Saturday 16th April

EASTER VIGIL

7PM - 8PM

Held outside the Nativity Church by the big olive tree. (weather dependent)

Sunday 17th April

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

8AM & 10AM

Held in the Nativity Church

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

Fridays	Link 1pm Hall/lounge
Wednesday 6th	AAW Meeting 1:30pm Lounge <i>Please note time change</i>
Wednesday 6th & 20th	Intercessory Prayer 4pm Barnies (NVP)
Saturday 9th	Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupō Café
Monday 11th	Care and Share 9:30am Hall
Mon 11th, Tues 12th & Wed 13th	Reflections on the Stations of the Cross Times TBC Nativity Church
Thursday 14th	Maundy Thursday service 7pm Church (also available via livestream)
Friday 15th	Good Friday walkthrough Church
Sunday 17th	Easter Day Church & via livestream
Saturday 23rd	Repair Café 9:30 - 12noon Crossroads

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar:	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz
Parish Nurse:	Sharon Thomas parishnurse@nativity.org.nz 022 104 0540 Tues - Friday 9-4:30pm
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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

FROM THURSDAY 7th APRIL

Sundays 8am	Sung Eucharist Service Church
Sundays 10am	Family Communion Church
Thursday 10am	Eucharist Service St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies)

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Glen Ashworth

Palm Sunday

9am in the church