

WEEK OF 10TH-16TH SEPTEMBER 2020



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:** Who's Counting?
Spring Flower Festival
- READINGS:** *Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35*
- SENTENCE:** "If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered." *Psalms 130:34*
- COLLECT:** Compassionate God, your forgiveness is more than we can imagine. Enable us to take hold of the forgiveness you offer and to have the grace to forgive others as we are forgiven. 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

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

**CAN ANYONE KEEP
THE LAW OF GOD
PERFECTLY?**



CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for those faithful Christians in China and around the world in the midst of growing persecution. Pray that they will show God's character to others in their lives amongst these challenges. We remember also the Tucker family as they support international students and work in the church. Pray for protection against the COVID-19 virus for them and those they work alongside.

VESTRY

Please pray for a special vestry meeting to be held **this Sunday afternoon (13th September)** to make decisions on the redevelopment and strengthening of our buildings. Your prayerful support of this and the vestry members involved would be appreciated.

AAW

AAW will be meeting on **Wednesday 16th September at 10.30am** in the St Barnabas Chapel- Guest speaker to be confirmed.

HUGE PLANT SALE

You are invited to come and collect from the office sticks to label your plants. If you would like to help on **September 26th** and have not been asked, please contact Beverley 578 1845 (evenings). There are lots of non-gardening jobs available!

BLUE DOOR AGM

The Blue Door will hold their AGM on **Thursday 17th September** from 12:30pm at Nativity. Lunch will be served. All welcome to attend.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

October is our national shoebox collection month. Please see the information in the church foyer and if you would like to fill a box for a child in need please take a box and brochure. These can be returned to the office by **Sunday the 18th of October** to be sent with others from Marlborough.

SPRING PARISH PICNIC

A Parish picnic is planned for **Sunday 18th October** at the property of Rod and Jenny Tyney after a combined **9am** service at Nativity. Please mark this in your calendar now!

CMS MEETING

NZ CMS AGM **Sunday 20 September**, afternoon tea at 3pm in the Nativity Lounge followed by the AGM and prayer meeting. All welcome.

SCARECROW COMPETITION

St Andrews are holding a garden tour on the **17th and 18th of October**.

As part of this, they would like to invite individuals or groups to create a scarecrow (no higher than 2m or wider than 1.5m). Entries will be displayed in one of the gardens within the tour and the scarecrow receiving the most public votes will receive a \$50 Warehouse voucher.

On registration of interest, you will receive instructions as to when and where you can place your scarecrow for the duration of the tour. Information about tour tickets can be made at the church office.

Please contact st.andrews.church@xtra.co.nz or phone 578 7119 to register.

FAREWELL PARISH NURSE

Whilst we've known for a while, we can now announce that Raewyn will be completing her term as Parish nurse as of Thursday the 24th of September. We will be farewellling her from this position at our services on the **20th of September** and at the parish picnic on the **18th of October**. If you would like to contribute to her farewell gift please give your donation to the office or in a marked envelope.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

A prayer breakfast is planned for **Saturday the 10th of October** from 8am. Miriam Taylor will be the speaker. For catering purposes please RSVP to the office by the 7th of October.

FACEMASKS

Along with clothing alterations and repairs, Christine Glanville is also making reusable face masks. Please contact the office if you would like to know more.

COMING UP:

SEPTEMBER

Monday 14th & 21st	Care & Share 9:30am - Lounge (please note change to schedule)
Wednesday 23rd	Intercessory Prayer Group 4pm - Barnies
Fridays	Tunes for Tots 9:30am - Hall and Lounge (Not at level 2) Link 1pm - Lounge
Saturday 26th	Plant Sale Church Fundraiser - Hall

OCTOBER

Saturday 10th	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 18th	Combined Service and Parish Picnic

All events are subject to change particularly with respect to any COVID-19 restrictions. Please contact the office or the person in charge if you have any queries.

OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge
Assistant Priests

Administrator
Parish Nurse
Receptionist
Counselling
Chaplain to the Elderly
Oversight to Care Cells
Vicar's Warden
People's Warden
Prayer Facilitators
Prayer Chain

Sue Howarth & Joe Keighley
Kaye Dyer
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson
Kathy Taylor
Raewyn Parkes
Rosalind Mundy
Kathy Hammond
Alison Brice
Jo Danks/Sue Howarth
Stephen Sheat
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes

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)

The office will be open on
Mondays - Wednesdays
from **9am - 1pm** and on
Thursdays and Fridays
from **9am - 12:00pm**.

Outside these hours please
leave a note or message via
phone or e-mail and we will
get back to you.