



# 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:** The Character of the Disciple
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Luke 6:27-38 & Genesis 45:3-11, 15.
- SENTENCE:** And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. *Genesis 45:5*
- COLLECT:** God of welcome, we encounter you in those different from us; enlarge the tent of our lives to embrace both friend and foe, so that we grow to be more like you; through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## NATIVITY AGM

**AGM 11AM SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2022**

Due to being in the red setting, our AGM this year will be held via Zoom. We are aware that a number of parishioners will not be familiar with using Zoom, and so we will be providing a couple of meeting spaces (VP and NVP) at Nativity for those who would prefer to gather together to participate.

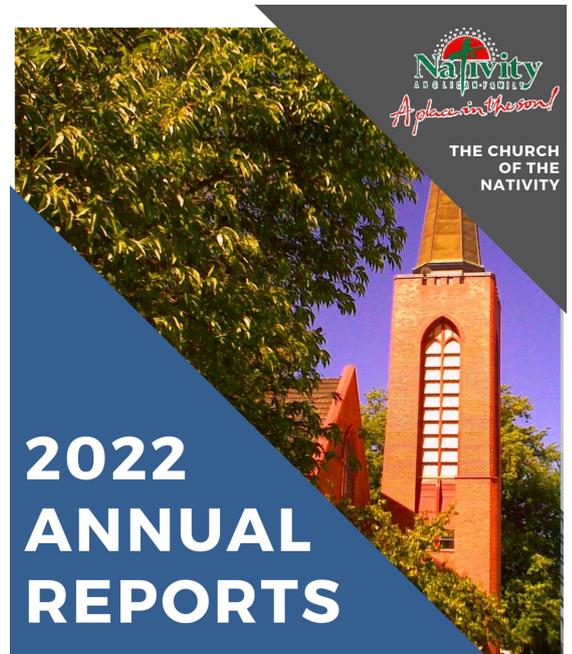
At this meeting, we will be presenting the annual budget, electing our people's warden and vestry representatives, and presenting reports, such as an update on the building redevelopment project.

All ministry reports and nominations for vestry/people's warden are due ASAP. Please send to:

**admin@nativity.org.nz**

Could you also please let us know if you will be attending by completing this short survey:

<https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/AGM2022>



**PREPARED FOR**

*Blenheim Anglican  
Parish*

**AGM DATE**

*Sunday  
6 March 2022*

## PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We come with grateful hearts that in these weird and strange times we can always count on you knowing you have all things under your control. Thank you that we can still meet in limited numbers and/or small groups, keeping in touch with you, and each other. May we seek to be united in our desire to follow you, and what it means to be church. Because, there are days when it seems easier to walk alone, but you ask us to be unified with others who walk with you. You have shown what unity looks like. Help us to seek it and find it.

As the AGM is coming up and we need to have Vestry members and wardens elected please have your hand on those nominated who you want elected. May the meeting work successfully for all who attend in person or via zoom.

We pray that as we go about our daily life we continue to express the hope we have in Jesus Christ your Son. Let the encounters we have be to your glory.

In Jesus precious name. Amen

*Prayer courtesy of Jan Burrough (prayer facilitator).*

## 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

## REPAIR CAFE

The grand opening of the Repair Café is all set to go for **Saturday the 26th of February from 9:30am** at the Crossroads. Please contact Gerrie Mead (027 303 0762) if you would like to help out with this or come along to support on the day.

You can also encourage others to bring clothing/textiles, bicycles, electrical appliances, and furniture/wooden objects to be repaired.

### REPAIR CAFE

#### GRAND OPENING!

**26th February 2022  
9:30am-12pm  
at Johns' Kitchen  
2 Redwood St**

Bring clothing / textiles, bicycles, electrical appliances and furniture/ wooden objects to be repaired.

Contact: Gerrie - 027 303 0762

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## ANGLICAN MISSIONS

You may wish to consider giving regularly to the work of Anglican Missions. It's easy, just set up an automatic payment to Anglican Missions Account 02-0585 0001796-00.

Please let them know if there's a specific project you'd like to support in the reference box, and email [accounts@angmissions.org.nz](mailto:accounts@angmissions.org.nz) if you would like a receipt.

You may also like to consider giving a bequest to support Anglican Missions for the future.

## SERVING OUR CHURCH

Is there anyone out there that would be willing to help **polish the brass**? It only involves around half an hour once every 2 months (during office hours if possible).

Anyone willing to help with **flower arranging** would also help ease the load on our current volunteers. If you are interested please contact Vivienne James 578 8985 or the office. Thank you.

## MARCH 6TH AGM

### AGM 11AM SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2022

Another reminder to please mark your diary now and let us know ASAP if you are joining via zoom or in one of our meeting spaces so that these can be set up.

## HEALING HORTICULTURE

The next Healing horticulture course is set to start of the **2nd of March**. This will run for 6 weeks in Barnies. If you are interested in finding out more about the course as a participant or an assistant please contact Don Cross 577 6863 or [doncross@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doncross@xtra.co.nz).

## METAL COLLECTION

Just a reminder that if you have bits of metal that can be recycled these can still be brought to the office. Beverley has been able to raise funds bit by bit for new hall chairs thanks to your donations thus far.

## INTRODUCING... "SOLID ROCK"



Come along for an evening of dessert, bible study, music and games. For people in year 6 and up who would like to know more about God. When: **6.30 - 7.30pm on Fridays during term time @ 26 Lee Street, Blenheim starting Friday the 4th of March**. For further details, contact: Rebecca and Silas Silva on 02041939393

## COMING UP:

### FEBRUARY

Fridays	<b>Link</b> 1pm - Hall/lounge (NVP)
Monday 14th, 21st & 28th	<b>Care and Share</b> 9:30am Hall (VP)
Wednesday 23rd	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b> 4pm Barnies (NVP)
Saturday 26th	<b>Repair Café - GRAND OPENING!</b> 9:30- 12noon Crossroads ( NVP)

## CONTACT US



Monday - Friday **9am - 12noon**



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### Nativity Bank Account

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## WEEKLY SERVICES FEBRUARY

Sundays 9am **Livestream service** via [website](#) or [YouTube](#)

Please note that we do intend to resume "normal" 8am traditional & 10am communion services when COVID restrictions ease. Watch this space for any changes coming up.

## OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office is open from **9-12 Monday to Friday**. Please try to keep your visits and enquiries to these hours.

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Vicar:</b>	<b>Rev. Glen Ashworth</b> vicar@nativity.org.nz
<b>Parish Nurse:</b>	<b>Sharon Thomas</b> parishnurse@nativity.org.nz 022 104 0540 Tues - Friday 9-4:30pm
<b>Receptionist:</b>	<b>Rosalind Mundy</b> Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
<b>Parish Administrator:</b>	<b>Kathy Taylor</b> Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

*All can also be contacted via the office  
(please see details above)*

NEXT SUNDAY

**The Bishop:  
The Right Rev.  
Steve Maina**

via prerecorded  
or Livestream