

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 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 SERVICE TODAY

THEME: Redeemed for a life lived to the full

READINGS: Acts 6:1-71 & 1 Peter 2:4-10

SENTENCE: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Peter 2:9

COLLECT: Holy God, you have not left us alone but promised your abiding protection. In all we face, grant us such a knowledge of your presence, and abiding care, that nothing can destroy our trust. 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**



AN INVITATION TO PRAYER



GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND V 4

Let our love for Thee increase,
May Thy blessings never cease,
Give us plenty,
give us peace,
God defend our free land.
From dishonour and from shame,
Guard our country's spotless name,
Crown her with immortal fame,
God defend New Zealand.

Waiho tona takiwā
Ko te ao mārama;
Kia whiti tōna rāTaiāwhio noa.
Ko te hae me te ngangau
Meinga kia kore kau;
Waiho i te rongu mau
Aotearoa



LEADING A HAND FOR THE KINGDOM

Let us pray that God will help us to find how we can best be a part of furthering the Kingdom of God, encouraging and reaching out others in our gifts and strengths that he has given us.

NEWS AND EVENTS

PASTORAL CARE

Jane and Raewyn, our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, are continuing to support our phone tree and care cell network. Please let Jane, Raewyn or Roz know if you or someone you know has a need that we may be able to help with or you need some advice.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

As with all community areas, our church space must abide by the Ministry of Health guidelines which include:

- All visitors on-site completing the contact tracing register located at reception.
- Use of hand sanitisers and regular hand washing
- Keeping 1m physical distance from anyone who is not part of your 'bubble'
- Abiding by cleaning protocols (displayed in common areas)
- Ensuring that you do not visit the church if you are unwell, or have been in contact with someone who is known to have Covid-19.

For further details on the health and safety protocols that Nativity and our diocese have put in place or how they might affect you please see <https://nelsonanglicans.com/healthandsafety> or contact the office (578 3909).



PERSONAL PRAYER

With the office reopening, the church building will also be available for personal prayer during these hours. We ask that all visitors to the building report to reception prior to entering the church, and follow all protocols given.



IN MEMORY OF ANNE MANN



A number of you may remember Anne Mann, the wife of our late ex-vicar Rev. Peter Mann. A small family service has been held in Warkworth but you can view and sign the condolence book at <https://deaths.dompost.co.nz/obituaries/dominion-post-nz/obituary.aspx?n=anne-mann&pid=196212904&fhid=12580>

PRAYER CHAIN

Our prayer chain is still active!! If you have any prayer needs please contact Raewyn P:578-2511 M:022-0786902 or Jane P:578-9004 M:027-7135524

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget that we have some amazing resources and Sunday worship on our website www.nativity.org.nz. We also have a 'Nativity Church, Blenheim NZ' Facebook group to enable to you to keep in touch as a parish. Please do share with those who are unable to access this to help them keep in touch. There is also an opportunity to connect with the wider diocese with a new Facebook page, YouTube channel and website for Nelson Anglicans <https://nelsonanglicans.com/>. These all have links to information, sermons, and other resources.



CONTACT US



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COMING UP:

MAY/JUNE

- Sunday 31st Pentecost Sunday
On-line service including a
message from Bishop Steve Maina
<https://www.nativity.org.nz/online-worship>
- Sunday 7th Family Service available on-line
June from 8am

GIVING

Please do continue giving financially to the church. If you do not already do so, you may like to consider a direct credit. If you do not use internet banking you can just accumulate your giving until we can return to meeting together.

Please contact Roz at the office for further information.

OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priests 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

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

The office will be open on
Mondays - Wednesdays
from 9am -2:30pm over
the next few weeks. You
can also leave a message
via phone or e-mail and
we will get back to you .