



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 Responsible, The Rebel, The Remarkable and Reconciliation

PREACHER:

Rev. Richard Dyer

READINGS:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 & Luke 15:1-3,11-32

SENTENCE:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17&18

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/lenten-appeal-2022>

PRAYER FOCUS

- CLEAN WATER (SOLOMON ISLANDS)

Week 4: Clean Water (Solomon Islands)

We pause to give thanks for the things we can easily take for granted. Today we thank You especially for the gift of clean water that sustains us daily.

Ko te wai te ora ngā mea katoa: water is the life-giver of all things. Yet there are so many who don't have access to clean water and sanitation.

Father, we ask you to provide clean water and sanitation for our brothers and sisters in the Solomon Islands and around the world. Show us how we can partner with you to help this prayer be realized and your kingdom come on earth. 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

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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

HOUSE CHURCH KIT

Please remember that we online resources for all ages and styles of worship. There are also kits support your house church during this time. Please let us know if you need more printed copies or would like to collect some consecrated elements to celebrate communion in your home.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Hello all! This note is to let you know of my resignation as Parish Nurse. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all and to have had the chance of working within the diocese here in the Blenheim area. I thank sincerely the Diocese for the opportunity of being your Parish Nurse this past year.

My last day will be Wednesday April 07, 2022. I am beginning my own little business as well as having a part time role elsewhere in Blenheim. I will be attending St Christophers as my home church but I am sure I will still see you all from time to time in various circles around town. *Blessings, Sharon Thomas*

"SOLID ROCK" POSTPONED

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!

PARISH DIRECTORIES

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

EASTER SERVICES



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: 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

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Shared by Sharon*

COMING UP MARCH/APRIL:

Thursdays	Healing Horticulture 7pm Barnies (NVP)
Fridays	Link 1pm - Hall/lounge (NVP)
Saturday 26th Mar. & 23rd April	Repair Café 9:30- 12noon Crossroads
Monday 28th Mar. and 11th April	Care and Share 9:30am Hall (VP)
Wednesdays 6th & 20th April	Intercessory Prayer 4pm Barnies (NVP)
Saturday 9th April	Coffee Connections 9:30am - Raupō Café (VP)
Thursday 14th April	Maundy Thursday service 7pm Church (NVP) (also available via livestream)
Friday 15th April	Good Friday walkthrough Church (NVP)
Sunday 17th April	Easter Day Church & via livestream
	CMS prayer meeting 4pm Lounge (NVP)

CONTACT US



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



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NVP - No vaccine pass required (limit 25)

VP - Please show vaccination certificate

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 9am

Livestream service via
website or YouTube

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar:	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz
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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)*

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Miriam Taylor
**"A smelly
sermon"**

via prerecorded
or Livestream