

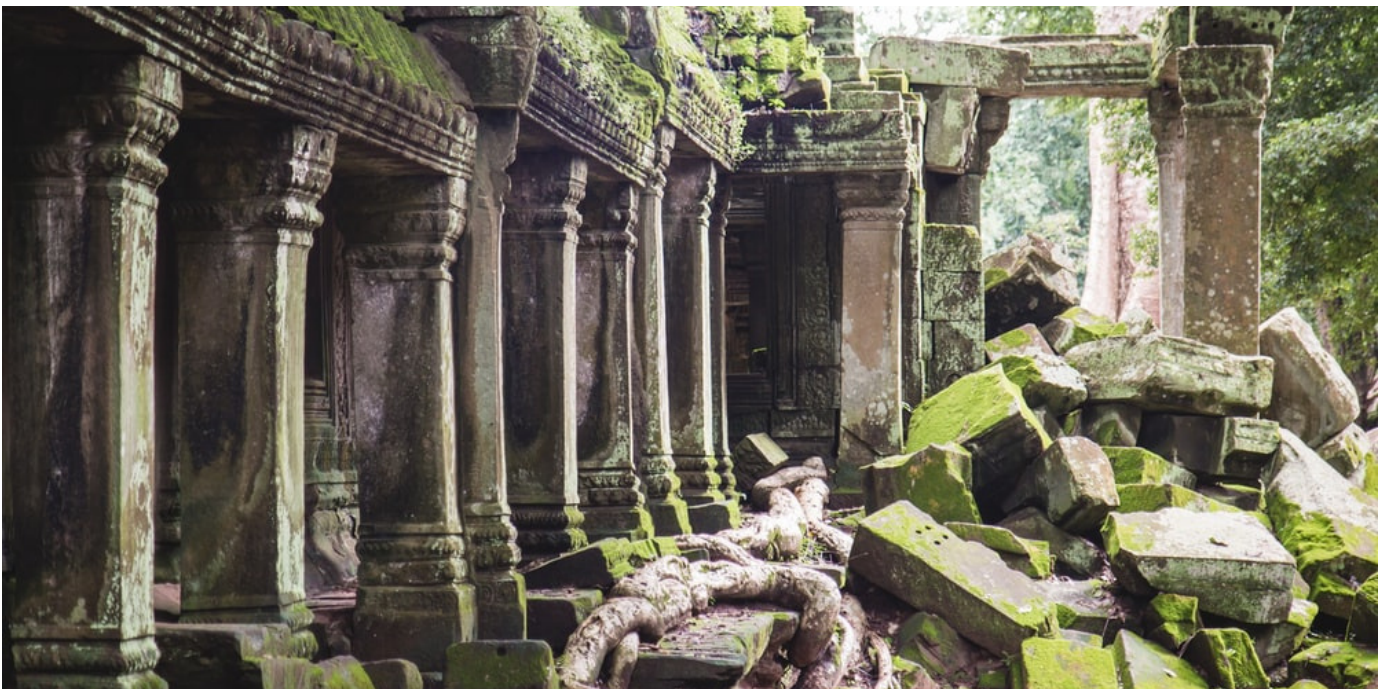
WEEK OF 18TH-24TH FEBRUARY 2021



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:** Rebuilding the Ruins
- READINGS:** *Isaiah 58:1-12 & Psalm 137:1-4*
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- SENTENCE:** By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.
Psalm 137:1
- COLLECT:** God of Heaven and Earth, descend on us, we pray, in this season of Lent; strengthen us in the face of temptation so we may proclaim the Good News and reveal your ways. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator. **Amen**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

What
does faith
in Jesus
mean?

ANGLICAN MISSION

Please prayer for the Anglican Missions and the projects which are the focus of the lenten appeal. The Lenten Appeal this year is supporting:

St Luke's Hospital, Nablus, Diocese of Jerusalem. St Luke's will purchase electrical beds for its maternity ward which will help improve health care for local women.

Province of Alexandria, Diocese of Egypt. The Diocese of Egypt will provide youth leadership training.

Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACoM). The Church aims to increase rainwater harvesting capacity for ACoM's religious communities in areas particularly vulnerable to climate change.



CONDOLENCES

Please continue to pray for the Hawkes family of the Nelson Cathedral as they mourn the loss of their daughter last week following the loss of their son last month.



NEWS AND EVENTS

COMBINED SERVICE AND AGM

The AGM will be held after a combined service at **9am on Sunday the 28th of February**.

The service will be followed by morning tea, and then AGM. There will be childcare available during the AGM so that families can be involved. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend the AGM but only those on the electoral roll will be eligible to vote - please contact the office if you are not sure.

To continue in fellowship we will have a shared lunch with BBQ sausages available for a gold coin donation. Any profit will go towards our building redevelopment.

Please bring something to share e.g. salads, nibbles, or fruit (no desserts please).

TAIZĒ STYLE SERVICE CANCELLED

The Taize style service scheduled for the 28th has been **cancelled**. Please watch out for others later in the year.

BISHOPDALE COLLEGE

Bishopdale college are offering a range of bible study and training opportunities for the year 2021 from free courses thorough to a Level 7 Bachelor of Theology.

The first of the free courses is The Big Story of the Bible with Bishopdale College this will be on 6 Tuesday evenings **23 February—30 March** with other topic later in the year. All of these are open to anyone who can access the internet—form a group and do it together—may be even with your care cell or just sign up and join in! Register here:

<https://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/affirm-registration>

BETHEL OLD TESTAMENT COURSE

Is the Old Testament a mystery to you?

This course opened up the Old Testament to me and remains the best overview I have seen. It is based on 20 pictures which act as memory aids for the key points. The course is divided into 4 units, each about 7 weeks. Notes cost \$30 per unit.

People can commit to one unit at a time. Several indicated interest last year. We need to find a time.

Please contact me directly if you would like to join us. Kaye Dyer 577 5975 or 0211758563 kaye@mightymessage.com

NEW BOOK FOR LIBRARY

We have another new book for our Parish Library from the diocese entitled "**Simply Anglican**" by Winfield Bevins. Please remember you are welcome to have a look any time the office is open or arrange a visit outside these hours.

ANGLICAN MISSIONS

To donate to Anglican Missions please use:

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Email your contact details, and any further information about the purpose of your donation to accounts@angmissions.org.nz.

You can also see there website to donate via **credit card** or look out for a Lenten appeal **envelope** on the end of a pew near you!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Nativity is hosting the Ecumenical World Day of prayer service on the morning of Friday the **5th of March**. Please mark this in your diary.

COMING UP:

FEBRUARY

- Fridays **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am - Hall
- LINK**
1pm -Lounge
- Sunday 28th **Combined service**
9am - Church
- AGM**
11am approx. - Church
- Parish Lunch**
Hall and outdoors

CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday - Friday 9am - 12noon



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the foyer. A pen and paper is provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over.

Jane Sheat (578 9004) is our are our Prayer Chain Coordinator. Please contact the office or phone her with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

WEEKLY SERVICES

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

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