



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:** *Jesus is coming! (8am)*
Gods' people come home -Advent 2 (10am)
- READINGS:** *Isaiah 40:1-11 & Matthew 3:1-12(8am)*
Ezra 1-2, 5-6 Abbreviated (10am)
- SENTENCE:** The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1:15*
- COLLECT:** Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

**IS JESUS
IN THE
OLD TESTAMENT?**

HOPE AND PEACE

In this season of advent let us pray for hope and peace to come to our nation and the world. We remember individuals known to us who have a great need for this in their lives. Pray that God will use us individually and as a church to help others find this.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please do 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.

Raewyn Parkes (578 2511) or 022-0786902 and Jane Sheat (578-9004) are our 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

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

In partnership with Anglican Missions, all Anglican Churches across Aotearoa New Zealand are encouraged to support the Christian World Service Campaign this Advent and Christmas. They have a range of great ways to donate and support their work at their gift.org.nz website.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be at **7pm on Sunday the 13th of December.**

Mark it on your calendar today!!

CORINS UPDATE

We have just had another update from the Corins this week and they have two significant prayer requests for us all. They are assisting a business that has focused on creating employment for those with special needs. This business is unable to cater for all who enquire so they are keen to find someone who is a website designer/programmer to help set up a recruitment site to cater for this. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact them. They are also needing to replace their old car. Please pray for both of these and consider making a special gift towards a new car.

CONCERT

There will be a concert at Nativity **7pm Monday 14th December** showcasing piano and singing students of Linda Holdaway and Eileen Guard. All welcome! Gold coin entry and all funds toward Nativity.

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

Rental - Manse House If you are interested or know of someone who needs a house to rent, please contact one of the Board of Managers, or email the Office wairauparish@xtra.co.nz with contact details.

- * Short to longer term rental by negotiation
- * 4 bedrooms plus office.
- * Close to Redwoodtown School and A&P park.
- * Available from the 28th November 2020.

Thank you on behalf of of Bianca
Wairau Presbyterian Parish Ph: 03 578 8895

TAIZE STYLE SERVICE

This **Sunday 6th December** at **7pm** in Barnies!!

MISSIONS GIVING

Nativity Church historically has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting missions through gifting money from our general fund to the Anglican Missions Board each year. However, our regular individual missions donor numbers have dwindled over the past years.

If you would like to give specifically to **missions**, please either ask for a set of numbered envelopes or you can give online by adding the reference code **1200** to your donation. If you are currently giving via cheque you may wish to investigate how other methods may work for you.

Your giving (either via envelope or online) can also be coded:

- 1100** General Offertory
- 1210** Corins Family (Mission)
- 1160** Building Fund
- 1180** Specific Donation

Reference: New chairs (for example)

COMING UP

DECEMBER

Monday 7th	Care & Share 9:30am Lounge
Fridays, 11th and 18th	Link 1pm Lounge
Saturday 12th	Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupo Cafe
Monday 14th	Music pupil concert 7pm Nativity Church
Wednesday 16th	Intercessory Prayer 4pm Barnies
Sunday 27th	First Sunday of Christmas combined service 9am Nativity Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 6th	Taizé style service 7pm Barnies
Sunday 13th	Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm Nativity Church
Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve service Nativity Church 10pm
Friday 25th	Christmas Day services 8 & 10am Nativity Church

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)

OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge
Assistant Priests

Administrator
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
Rosalind Mundy
Kathy Hammond
Alison Brice
Jo Danks/Sue Howarth
Stephen Sheat
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes

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.