



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 24th November 2019

Our Mission is ...

To draw people to faith in Christ
To grow people in their commitment to Christ
To reach out beyond ourselves with the love of Christ

HE IS COMING — LET'S GET READY!

Advent is a season observed in the Christian church as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming.

The term is a version of a Latin word meaning “coming”.



This is a season of Advent Wreaths and Christmas preparations. It is a joyful time, for the news from God is all good, so let's resolve to welcome the infant Jesus afresh into our lives, in the joyful expectation that the day will come when we can welcome him as King of Kings and Lord of All!

In love,
John

Welcome to our services today! 24th November 2019

Theme: Let's Get Ready (Stir up Sunday)

Readings: 1 Peter 4:7-19 & Matthew 24:32-44

Sentence: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Matthew 24:35

Collect: Majestic God, ruler of all creation, your kingdom is not of this world. Christ revealed a new truth. Raise up truth in our lives, that as servants of your kingdom we may see your glory, sing your praises, and live a new way. Through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Items of Interest

Holy Spirit Seminar Sessions 4-6, Wed. 27th Nov., Tues, 3rd Dec., and Wed. 11th Dec., are in Barnies 7.30pm.

Expressions of interest are invited to form a joint Anglican-Catholic Gospel sharing social group. For interest and exploration please contact Graham Mansfield on ph. 570 5018 preferably mid-afternoons to evenings.

Jan is retiring! We would like to bless Jan, with a gift to thank her for many years of wonderful and selfless service. If you would like to contribute financially to this gift, please place this in the offertory bag in an envelope marked "Kathy", or else you may give this to our Parish Administrator, Kathy Taylor, directly.



Christingle Service: There will be a Christingle service on Sunday the 1st of December. If anyone would like to be involved or has some oranges that they would like to donate please contact the office.



Nativity Office hours: As of December the 2nd Nativity Office will be open Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm. All business will need to be attended to during these hours as there will be no-one in attendance outside these hours.

Reflections by Roz:

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! **Psalms 32:11**



Olive Oil \$20/bottle available from the office.

AMBAE: Recovery and Resilience Project Appeal:

Anglican Missions has launched a special appeal to support the work required to rebuild and recover the communities on Ambae Island, Vanuatu following the volcanic eruptions in 2017 & 2018. The project expects to benefit at least 540 returning households.

Further details, including donation information, and photos are on our website <https://angmissions.org.nz/appeals/ambae:-recovery-and-resilience-project-appeal>



Coming Up:

Last Pastoral Care meeting for the year is Thursday 28th November 11am to noon in the Nativity lounge. All welcome.

Taizé service 1st December 4pm in Barnies—all welcome.

Convergence family camp 14th-16th February 2020: Please see the back of church or the office for a brochure.

NZ CMS Mission partner Dianne Bayley in children's ministry in the Philippines will speak at a shared meal at St Christopher's at 5.30 pm on Friday 29 November. All welcome.

Nativity church BBQ lunch

Sunday December 1st, in conjunction with Jan's farewell.

Bring your own picnic chair along with the required food. A-M Please bring salads, N-Z Please bring a plate of fresh fruit or cheese, dips, crackers.

Sausages, bread, ice-creams, utensils, plates & water are all supplied.

Don't forget your sun cream & sunhats

See you there— all welcome!



What's on this week:

Mon:	9:30am	Care and Share in the Lounge
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Misfits in the shed
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
	7:30pm	Holy Spirit seminar in Barnies
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
	11am	Pastoral Care meeting in the Lounge
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	12noon	Church family BBQ
	4pm	Taizé in Barnies
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



A PRAYER OF ST. ANSELM 1033-1109

Lord Jesus Christ; Let me seek you by desiring you,
And let me desire you by seeking you;
Let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you.
I confess, Lord, with thanksgiving, that you have made me in your image.
So that I can remember you, think of you, and love you.
But that image is so worn and blotted out by faults,
And darkened by the smoke of sin,
That it cannot do that for which it was made,
Unless you renew and refashion it.
Lord, I am not trying to make my way to your height,
For my understanding is in no way equal to that,
But I do desire to understand a little of your truth
Which my heart already believes and loves.
I do not seek to understand so that I can believe,
But I believe so that I may understand;
And what more, I believe that unless I do believe, I shall not understand.



- What is the purpose of the prayer?
- What does it teach/affirm about God?
- What response is it seeking from God?
- How might this prayer change the person praying?

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