

WEEK OF 16TH-22ND JULY 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 SERVICES TODAY

- THEME:** Courage to Step Out
- READINGS:** Joshua 1:7-9 & Matthew 14:22-36
- SENTENCE:** You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.  
*Psalm 86:15*
- COLLECT:** God of new joy, nothing can compare to the kingdom of heaven. Help us to pursue your reign with all of our strength, that our happiness will one day be made complete. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

# Welcome

## SERMON NOTES



### SHARING GOD'S WORD

Pray for those who are sharing Gods' word throughout the world. You may like to consider particularly this week those in predominantly Muslim countries. Please pray especially for the Corin family at this time as they are in Central Asia where COVID-19 is raging around them supporting the locals particularly those who are needing COVID tests.

Thank God also for those ministering in our own country such as the YWAM group who are visiting our area this coming week.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please do remember to add you 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 (c/o 578 3909) or 022-0786902 and Jane Sheat (578-9004) are our are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT

**Is assisted dying the answer to suffering?**

**Nativity Anglican Church Hall**

**Saturday 1st August, 7pm**

On September 19th, the New Zealand public are going to vote in both a general Election and at the same time on two binding referenda: The End of Life Choice Act, and the Legalisation of Recreational Cannabis. Of these two highly important pieces of legislation, this presentation by Rev. Dr Graham O'Brien will focus on the End of Life Choice Act (EOLC), to explain what the EOLC Act means to inform our voting, its consequences, and the reasons people might consider to vote YES or NO.

The evening will include a 45min presentation followed by an opportunity for questions and answers regarding both referenda topics.

Rev Dr Graham O'Brien, is the ministry education coordinator for the Anglican Diocese of Nelson, Co-Chair of the InterChurch Bioethics Council, and committee member for the national "Vote No" campaign.

## CANVAS

Canvas will be meeting regularly. For more information, please call Rose on 027 727 5888.

## LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of lost property items in the office. If you have lost a hat or item of clothing please contact the office ASAP.



## PLANT SALE

Please keep our plant sale (planned for 26th September) in mind as you prepare for your own Spring plantings. On Sunday the 19th and 26th July there will be pots on the share table for you to take home and plant up so that we have plenty of plants to share and sell!

## CARE CELL RESOURCES

We have a selection of care cell resources available in the office. If you are unable to come in during office hours please speak to Roz to arrange a time that suits.

The Neal Care Cell are looking for a copy of the resource "If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat" by John Otberg. If you know where there is a copy please let Roz or Pam know.

## HELP REQUIRED

If anyone is available to help Vaughan chop some firewood, please contact him on (022) 387-0528.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you have recently joined the Nativity Church family or had a change in your contact details please fill in a form in the foyer or contact the office (ph: 578 3909 e: [info@nativity.org.nz](mailto:info@nativity.org.nz)) so that you correct details can be added to our parish roll and directory. Thank you.

## COMING UP:

### JULY

- Friday 10th **1PM LINK**  
*Lounge*
- Fridays 17th and 24th **9:30AM Tunes for Tots**  
*Hall and Lounge*  
**1:00PM LINK**  
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- Sunday 26th **Nativity Kids and Youth resume**  
**Soup and Buns Fundraiser -**  
*Hall/Lounge -after 11:30AM*  
**Building question and answer session**  
*Lounge after 12noon*
- Tuesday 21st **1PM Prayer and Intercession**  
**YWAM EVENTS 6PM Potluck Dinner**  
**6PM Youth Event**  
*See Flyer for details*

### AUGUST

- Saturday 1st **Bishops Ministry Team**  
9:30am-5pm at Nativity workshops for all  
**7PM End of Life Choice Act**  
*Open meeting in hall*
- Saturday 15th **Organ Concert at Nativity**

## 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  
Parish Nurse  
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  
Raewyn Parkes  
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.