

WEEK OF 9TH-15TH 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: Soil Testing

READINGS: Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SENTENCE: The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. *John 6:63, 68*

COLLECT: Farmer God. Good soil brings forth a hundredfold of grain. May we be that soil; vibrant, deep and teeming with life. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES



SHARING GODS' WORD, THE BIBLE

Pray for those who are sharing Gods' word throughout the world. Pray especially for the Bible Society in India who are bringing the love of Jesus and hope of the Bible to the lives of abandoned and orphaned children. Through this many children will encounter Jesus for the first time!

There are 20 million orphans among India's population of approximately 1.3 billion.

Pray also for the many countries affected by the Corona-virus and those that are sharing Gods' word amidst this strife and uncertainty!

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

OPEN HOME FOUNDATION

The Open Home Foundation are currently looking to train respite carers to take a vulnerable child into their home for approximately one weekend a month so that the incredible Foster Parents can take a break. If you are interested in helping please contact Steve Dunne 021 408 616 or see <https://www.ohf.org.nz/> for more information.

FOOD BANK

Please remember that our food bank is not operating as usual at the moment. There are great needs in the community but at this stage we feel it is best to support the Marlborough Foodbank directly with our giving. You can do this by adding foodstuffs to the collection bins at your local supermarket, donating directly on-line or calling Crossroads Marlborough (03) 578 5395 to donate shelf-stable or fresh produce.

WEEKDAY FELLOWSHIP

Don't forget you are always welcome to join in our regular activities such as LINK, and Care and Share.

LINK meets weekly on Fridays at 1pm in the Nativity lounge. Gold coin donation to cover expenses. Contact Alison Brice ph. 578 7820

Care and Share meets fortnightly on a Monday morning (9:30-11:30am) Bring your craft or just come along to share with others!

Morning or afternoon tea included.

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.

PROMISE KEEPERS

Promise Keepers is on in Christchurch on the 1st of August. Please see the office or the Promise Keepers [website](#) for more information.

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) so that you correct details can be added to our parish roll and directory. Thank you.

PLANT SALE

Please do keep our plant sale planned for September the 26th 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!



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you run out of offertory envelopes at any time, please contact the office and we will organise some for you. All envelopes with your giver number will be allocated to your total giving.

TRUE LIGHT FM

There is a new Christian Radio Station available to most in our area on 87.6FM. You can also access it online 24 hours a day at www.truelightfm.co.nz.

COMING UP:

JULY

- Saturday 11th **Midwinter Luncheon**
Hall and Lounge
- Monday 13th **Care and Share**
Lounge
- Wednesday 15th **Intercessory Prayer Group**
Barnies
- Friday 10th **LINK**
Lounge
- Sunday 26th **Nativity Kids and Youth resume**
Soup and Buns Fundraiser -
Lounge

AUGUST

- Saturday 1st **Bishops Ministry Team**
10am-3pm at Nativity
workshops for all
(more information to come)
- Saturday 15th **Organ Concert at Nativity**

CONTACT US



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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

- Sundays at 8am **Sung Eucharist Service**
Church
- Sundays at 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.