



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:** Feeding of the 5000
- READINGS:** Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21
- SENTENCE:** The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. Psalm 145:18,19
- COLLECT:** Generous God, your love is overflowing. Enable us to trust in the abundance of your love; help us to multiply the blessings you give, for you are the one that fulfils all our needs. 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

KIDS CORNER

**HOW AND WHY
DID GOD CREATE
US?**

This is the question we're looking at in Nativity Kids & Intermediates.

Can you answer this?

INVITATION TO PRAYER



The Bible Society of South Africa is running bible-based literacy projects providing not just learning but food and health checks. Pray that these children will learn about God and share his love and good news with their families. Pray that there will be a bible that is read in all homes in South Africa and also in our own country, New Zealand and across the world.

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.

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

NELSON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Come and be part of the celebration!

Dates for the 2020-2021 Festival:

- Decoration Day Thursday 26th Nov.
- Switch-on Service Friday 27th Nov, 6pm
- Festival open Saturday Nov 28th through to Sunday January 17th
- Cathedral Concerts Nov 30th - 23rd Dec 1:00pm-1.30pm
- Switch-off Service Sunday January 17th (Incorporated into the 10am service)
- Dismantling Day Monday January 18th

Please contact Roz in the office if you would like a to apply to show a tree. Applications need to be in by Friday 30th October.

Nelson Cathedral's Christmas Tree Festival becomes more and more popular every year with up to 1000 visitors in a single day. This is a great way to advertise and promote your organisation. We appreciate your applications coming in as soon as possible. Bev Greig, Coordinator Christmas Tree Festival 027 246 6384

CARECELLS

We have a number of carecells meeting regularly at Nativity. If you would like to be a part of one please contact our carecell coordinator Jo Danks on (021) 216-5997 or Roz in reception.

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.

NEW BOOK

The Bishop Sutton Library, based at Bishopdale College, is available to all members of the public. It now has a new book available that may be of interest "The Final Choice: End of suffering: Is assisted dying the answer?" by Caralise Traves New Zealand: C&T Media, 2020.

"A Kiwi journalist on the hunt for the truth about assisted dying and the End of Life Choice Act. Join her on a journey of discovery as she tells the stories of those with terminal illness and interviews lawyers, doctors, ethicists and clerics around New Zealand and the world".

This is an impartial investigation and very good book to read before voting in the End of Life Choice referendum.

LIBRARY

We have books available for you to borrow. You are welcome to come and have a look or just sit for a while to read. If you are unable to come in during office hours please speak to Roz to arrange a time that suits.

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Can't find what you thought you saw in last week's pew sheet? Look at the website for lots of information about the parish, including ministries and services offered to and by the parish, pew sheets, sermons, giving options and other news.

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.

COMING UP:

AUGUST

- Saturday 1st **Bishops Ministry Team**
9:30am-5pm at Nativity workshops for all
- End of Life Choice Act Talk**
Open meeting in hall at 7pm
- Thursday 6th **Morning tea** following the 10am Eucharist service
- Saturday 15th **Organ Concert at Nativity**
- Tuesday 4th & 18th Afternoon Care Cell
- Fridays **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Hall and Lounge
Link 1pm in the Lounge

CANVAS

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

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

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) followed by morning tea on the first Thursday of the month

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.