



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

LESSONS FROM

Elijah

OUR SERVICES TODAY

- THEME:** Lessons from Elijah
- READINGS:** *1 Kings 19:1-10, James 5:13-18*
- SENTENCE:** "Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him." *Hosea 6:1a, 2b*
- COLLECT:** God of all authority, enable us to hear your call and do what you ask of us. Forgive us for judging others, help us to embrace the outcast and the downtrodden. Transform our lives so that everything we do may proclaim your generous love. 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

KIDS CORNER

WHAT IS THE
FUNNIEST THING
THAT YOU LEARNT
ABOUT ELIJAH
TODAY?

CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD



Pray for the missionary families that have been caught up in the COVID-19 crisis and have made a decision to stay or to leave the people that they went to serve. Pray for the communities that have been served by these people that they will continue to see God working amongst them.

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 (c/o 578 3909) or 022 078 6902 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

PRAYER BREAKFAST

On **Saturday the 10 of October** there will be a prayer breakfast from 8am. Miriam Taylor will be the speaker. For catering purposes please RSVP to the office by the 7th of October .

DEANERY GATHERINGS

Parish leaders and SYNOD reps will be gathering on **Saturday the 10th of October** to take part in a Regional Vision day. Please pray for the process and all involved. The Bishops charge will be presented to us all the following day in the services on **Sunday the 11th of October**.

LIVING THE CHANGE RETREAT

A diocesan Creation care event coming up soon and available to all who are interested.

When: **October 9-11th**

Where: **Sky Hi Lodge, Kaikoura** (11 Churchill Street), and Blockhill Forest Garden, Cheviot (966 Leader Road, E, Cheviot 7384)

Cost: \$75pp

A day trip to Block Hill on Saturday is possible for those who can't come for the whole weekend.

For more information please ring Courtney Wilson on 021 0200 8622 or see [the website](#).

SPRING PARISH PICNIC

A Parish picnic is planned for **Sunday 18th October** at the property of Rod and Jenny Tyney after the **9am** service. This will be a time to celebrate together and also recognize the contribution Raewyn has made as the Parish nurse. Please see the insert from last week or website for more information and look out for more in future weeks.

EOLC BILL - BE INFORMED

- Approximately 10% of our elders are the victims of abuse, mostly from their own families. Elder abuse continues to rise in New Zealand. Our elder abuse laws are not able to protect our elders. It is naïve to expect that the End of Life Choice Act can keep people safe. Medical groups have stated that it will be impossible for doctors to detect if people are being pressured or coerced, whether by others or by their own feelings of being a burden.
- The End of Life Choice Act is broader than similar laws passed overseas. Key medical groups, including the New Zealand Medical Association, Hospice New Zealand, Palliative Care Nurses and Palliative Medicine Doctors all oppose the EOLC Act as unsafe.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or defendnz.co.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz.
Authorised by Graham O'Brien, 30 Vanguard St, Nelson 7040.

MEN'S MOVIE AFTERNOON

Men's Movie Ministry will be meeting again at the Ramsay's place at **1:30pm on Monday 12th October**. Please RSVP to Roz by 9am on the day for catering purposes.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

October is our national shoebox collection month. Please see the information in the church foyer and if you would like to fill a box for a child in need please take a box and brochure. These can be returned to the office by **Sunday the 18th of October** to be sent with others from Marlborough.

COMING UP:

SEPTEMBER

Friday

Link

1pm - Lounge

OCTOBER

Saturday 10th

Prayer Breakfast

8am Nativity Lounge

Deanery Gathering

St Christophers 9-12:30pm

Coffee Connections

9:30am Raupo

Monday 12th
October

Mens Movie afternoon

- Ramsay's place 1:30pm

Sunday 18th

Combined Service and Parish Picnic

Spring Creek 130th
celebrations with a shared lunch

Mondays
5th,12th,19th

Care & Share

9:30am - Lounge

Wednesday
7th & 21st

Intercessory Prayer Group

4pm - Barnies

Fridays

Link

1pm - Lounge

Fridays 16th, 23rd
& 30th

Tunes for Tots

9:30am - Hall and Lounge

OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge
Assistant Priests

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

Administrator

Parish Nurse

Receptionist

Counselling

Chaplain to the Elderly

Oversight to Care Cells

Vicar's Warden

People's Warden

Prayer Facilitators

Prayer Chain

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)

Roz will be on leave from
Monday 5th - Friday 10th
October.

The Front Desk will operate
on reduced hours.
Phone and email will be
checked during this time.

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.