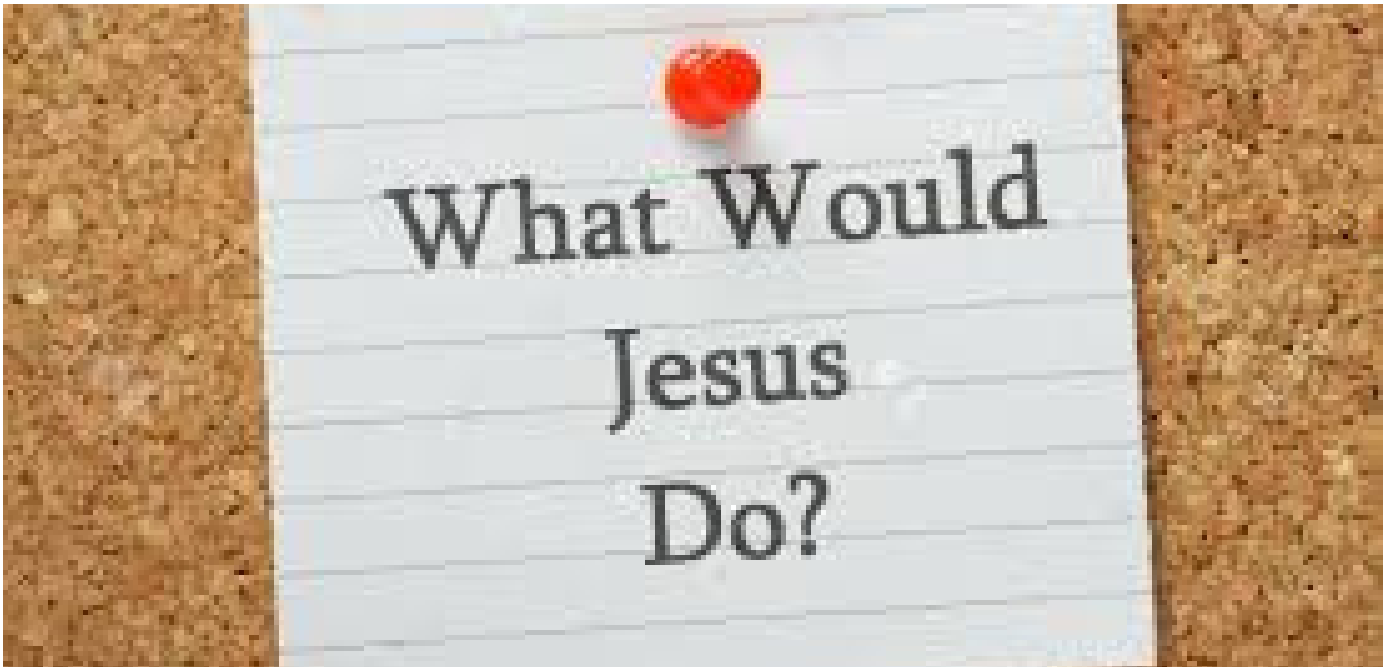




# THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

## 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:** We want to see Jesus
- READINGS:** *John 12:20-26 & Habakkuk 3:1-2*
- SENTENCE:** Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3:13b-14*
- COLLECT:** Kind and generous God, you prepare a feast for all people. May we prepare for your banquet by putting on the garment of love that springs from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith. Help us to bring the lost and lonely, the poor and those in need to your feast where all are fed. 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

**DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT A BISHOP  
ACTUALLY DOES?**



## THE BISHOP AND THE DIOCESE

Please pray for our diocese at this time.

## 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 022-0786902 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

## SPRING PARISH PICNIC

AFTER 9AM SERVICE  
SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2020



A parish picnic is planned for **Sunday 18th October** at the property of Rod and Jenny Tyney after a **combined 9am service** at Nativity. Morning tea will be served at the picnic, rather than at church. The day will include picnic races and a treasure hunt. You may BYO lunch or purchase hamburgers (small \$5 / large \$8) and sausage sizzles (\$2 each) at the picnic. Preorder these via the church office or online at [www.nativity.org.nz/parish-picnic-2020](http://www.nativity.org.nz/parish-picnic-2020). Don't forget to bring chairs, rugs, drinks and hats. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## SCARECROW COMPETITION

St Andrews are holding a garden tour on the **17th and 18th of October**.

As part of this, they would like to invite individuals or groups to create a scarecrow (no higher than 2m or wider than 1.5m). Entries will be displayed in one of the gardens within the tour and the scarecrow receiving the most public votes will receive a \$50 Warehouse voucher.

On registration of interest, you will receive instructions as to when and where you can place your scarecrow for the duration of the tour. Information about tour tickets can be made at the church office.

Please contact [st.andrews.church@xtra.co.nz](mailto:st.andrews.church@xtra.co.nz) or phone 578 7119 to register.



**150 years**  
since the first stone was laid  
Havelock  
**St Peter's Church Community**  
invite **you**  
**Sunday 25th October, 9.30**  
**Service & BBQ Lunch**

## BE INFORMED

Remember that it is election day next Saturday so please make sure that you are informed in your choice of not only candidate and political party but also the two referendums that we will be voting on. The diocese has some very useful resources on its' [Nelson Anglicans'](http://www.nelsonanglicans.org.nz) [website](http://www.nelsonanglicans.org.nz) if you are still deciding!

## 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.

## FAREWELL PARISH NURSE

Raewyn has completed her season as Parish nurse therefore we will be honouring her at the parish picnic. If you would like to contribute to her farewell gift, please give your donation to the office or in a marked envelope by this coming Tuesday 13th of October.

## COMING UP:

### OCTOBER

Saturday 10th

#### **Prayer Breakfast**

8am - Lounge

#### **Coffee Connections**

9:30am - Raupo

Monday 12th

#### **Men's Movie afternoon**

1:30pm - Ramsay's place

Sunday 18th

#### **Combined Service and Parish Picnic**

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

### NOVEMBER

Saturday 14th

#### **Coffee Connections**

Saturday 28th

#### **Christmas Luncheon**

## 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  
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  
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.