

WEEK OF 5TH-11TH NOVEMBER 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:** Jesus Now
- READINGS:** *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 & Matthew 25:1-13*
- SENTENCE:** Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*
- COLLECT:** God our desire and our judge, we look for your coming and know that when we meet you we will have to account for our lives. Assist us to live so we are ready to greet you with joy, fully prepared for the feast which lasts forever. 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

**WILL GOD ALLOW  
DISOBEDIENCE AND  
IDOLATRY TO GO  
UNPUNISHED?**

## OUR DIOCESAN MISSION

Pray that thoughts and conversations that have come out of the Bishops' charge (seen at Nativity on the 11th of October) and SYNOD vision casting day will continue and build .

Pray over what the strategy - **Gather, Grow, Go** - might mean for us as individuals, deanery, diocese and the wider church.



## 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 ( 578 2511) or 022-0786902 and Jane Sheat (578-9004) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## MARLBOROUGH SINGERS CONCERT

This choir will be singing some very exciting and beautiful music with items from Handel, Mendelssohn, Bach and Faure, featuring a guest organist and visiting soloists.

**Saturday November the 28th at 7pm.**

Door sales only \$25

## PASTORAL CARE

While we do not have a Parish Nurse at present our pastoral care does still continue. If you have any concerns please do contact Roz in the **office** or **Jane Sheat** our Pastoral Care coordinator.

## CROSSROADS

Have you been to Crossroads lately? If not, we'd love to meet you. Pop in any **weekday** between 8am and 1.30pm for soup, filled rolls, sandwiches, cake and a cuppa, or join us for dinner on **Wednesdays** at 5.30pm. Check out our Urban Harvest for fruit, vegetables and bread. It's all about showing our faith to the community we serve. Everything is available for a koha. See you there!

## NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY

We have a new book in our church library - "Healing of Memories Ministry" by Robin Kingston. Please call in at the office if you would like to borrow this or look through the titles!

## SERVICE FOR JOE KNIGHT

Mary and family would like to invite friends and parishioners to a burial service of Joe's Ashes (he passed away during lockdown) on **Saturday 21st November** at Rapaura Cemetery at 10:30am. A cup of tea will follow-venue to be advised.



## UPDATE FROM CHRIS AND CATHERINE (CENTRAL ASIA)

Prayers over recent unrest situation following elections have been much appreciated and we are asked to continue. While from the last report things are quiet, there are significant challenges. Reuben and Sasha are both back in NZ. Reuben is now enrolled at Massey and Sasha has finished here first year at Otago. Sasha will concentrate on midwifery next year. Chris and Catherine have been able to deliver groceries and medicines to those in need and continue with helping people to gain employment. Please pray for guidance in this. The younger children are not able to go back to school therefore are doing a mixture of local online, NZ Correspondence and home schooling. This is demanding for Catherine on top of her other roles.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

For those of you missing the regular Witness magazine this is currently being replaced by a weekly "Staying Connected as a Faith Community". This can be accessed through the Diocesan website: [www.nelsonanglicans.com](http://www.nelsonanglicans.com) or to subscribe, please email: [comms@nelsonanglican.org.nz](mailto:comms@nelsonanglican.org.nz). Portions of this will be shared in our own pew sheet and website/facebook so that you do not miss out.

## COMING UP:

### NOVEMBER

- Mondays 9th & 23rd**      **Care & Share**  
9:30am - *Lounge*
- Wednesday 18th**      **Intercessory Prayer Group**  
4pm - *Barnies*
- Fridays**      **Link**  
1pm - *Lounge*
- Tunes for Tots**  
9:30am - *Hall and Lounge*
- Saturday 14th**      **Coffee Connections**  
9:30am - *Raupo Cafe*
- St Christophers' Market**  
**from 8:30am**
- Wednesday 18th**      **AAW meeting**  
10:30am - *Barnies*
- Saturday 28th**      **Christmas Luncheon**

### MARCH FOR LIFE 2020

If anyone is interested or intending to join the March for Life rally in Wellington on 5th December, please contact the Rev Sue.

## 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.