



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:** Rethinking Church & Community
(First Sunday of Advent)
- READINGS:** *Psalm 133, and 2 Corinthians 5:11-21*
- SENTENCE:** To you Lord I lift up my soul; my God I have put my trust in you; you are God my Saviour; for you have I waited all the day long. *Psalm 25:1,4*
- COLLECT:** Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life; you are the true vine and the bread of life. Come, living Saviour, come to your world which waits for you. **Amen**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

WHAT
SORT OF
REDEEMER IS
NEEDED TO
BRING US BACK
TO GOD?

BE THANKFUL

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is Gods' will for you in Christ Jesus"

1 Thessalonians 5:18

We can be thankful for so much here in Marlborough New Zealand. Thankfulness doesn't have to be just an American thing. What are you thankful for today? Take it to God in prayer and remind others too to encourage them in their daily walk.



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 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

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

In partnership with Anglican Missions, all Anglican Churches across Aotearoa New Zealand are encouraged to support the Christian World Service Campaign this Advent and Christmas. They have a range of great ways to donate and support their work at their gift.org.nz website.

MISSION UPDATE

Wayne and Bronwyn (East Asia):

A recent newsletter mentioned they often cycle around the city as this is more suitable in times of COVID as it gives exercise and avoids using buses and taxis. This can be a little hair raising at times but they avoid the busy times if at all possible. They are not encouraged to travel but recently cycled to a different part of the city to cat-sit for another Kiwi who did get away. Being at home and communicating by internet and zoom has been a significant part of their lives, including family celebrations and a zoom wedding in New York. Wayne has had a full teaching schedule but Bronwyn has not had regular classes. They will be teaching English to teachers. They are able to host a weekly dinner for some international students and can go off campus to share a meal with others. Please remember them in your prayer for their situation, and their family in NZ.

AAW

AAW Christmas meeting will be held at Nativity Lounge, **Wednesday 2nd December, 7.30pm.**

All women welcome.

Please note the changed time and date.



NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY

We have new books in our church library including ten copies of "Wild at Heart - Discovering the secret of a Man's soul" by John Eldredge. Please see office staff if you would like to borrow this or look through the titles.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our Service of Nine lessons and Carol will be at **7pm on Sunday the 13th of December.**

Mark it on your calendar today!!

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. Please do pray for the appointment process for a new Parish Nurse as it progresses.



COMING UP:

DECEMBER

Wednesdays 2nd and 16th	Intercessory Prayer 4pm Barnies
Friday 4th	Tunes for Tots 9:30am Hall and Lounge
Fridays 4th, 11th and 18th	Link 1pm Lounge
Monday 7th	Care & Share 9:30am Lounge
Saturday 12th	Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupo Cafe
Sunday 27th	First Sunday of Christmas Combined service 9am Nativity Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 6th	Taizé style service 7pm Barnies
Sunday 13th	Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm Nativity Church
Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve service Nativity Church 10pm
Friday 25th	Christmas Day services 8 & 10am Nativity Church

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

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)

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.