



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: Sharing Good News

PREACHER: Rev Glen Ashworth

READINGS: 1 Cor 15:1-11, John 4:3-26

SENTENCE: "Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe" 1 Cor 15:11

COLLECT: Lord of the Church, you have called us to witness to every nation. May we do your work and bear your cross, await your time and see your glory. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen.

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is a tale of two forgivenesses.

Luke 11:4 -And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us.

If you think this prayer of Jesus is a mistake, look at 1 John 1:9: 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness'. That takes care of the first part of Luke 11:4 and the second part is in Mark 11:25; 'And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

A lack of forgiveness hurts your relationship with God and with other people. He made you to relate to others-and unforgiveness builds walls where bridges should be.

Prayer:

Lord, there are times when I'm happy to be forgiven, but I don't want to forgive. It's like reviewing a car accident over and over again: it doesn't solve the pain, and it adds to my tension. Forgive me, Father. Help me to forgive others, heal me. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the **foyer of the church**. A pen and paper are provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over. We have an online prayer wall that you can add to or access to pray over at any time. Please contact the office or our prayer chain co-ordinators **Jane Sheat** (578 9004) and **Rosemarie Nicholls** (578 1163) with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS

MID WINTER FUNDRAISER

Our Mid-Winter Dinner Fundraiser will be held at the Bamboo Garden Restaurant next month.

The event will include a multi-course meal and a food-themed silent auction for you to bid on.

DATE: Monday 19th June
TIME: 6pm
COST: \$40 per ticket
ORDER: Online or via office
PAYMENT: **Cash via office** (*exact amount as no change can be given*)
Bank Deposit
Credit Card

There are a limited number of tickets available so please book in soon.

All funds raised will go towards the Building Project.

To purchase your tickets online, visit:

<https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/winter23>

You tickets can be collected at the office!

MORNING TEA HELPERS

We could use a few more volunteers to go on the morning tea roster for the 10am service. If you are keen to help out in this area, or if you are already on the roster and wouldn't mind doing it 2x month please let the office know.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Vestry meetings
- Newly baptised parishioners
- Safety and progress of the building development
- Youth Ministries
- People to fill vital roles
- New staff members

BOOK REVIEW

by Marion Preston

(available in the Nativity library)

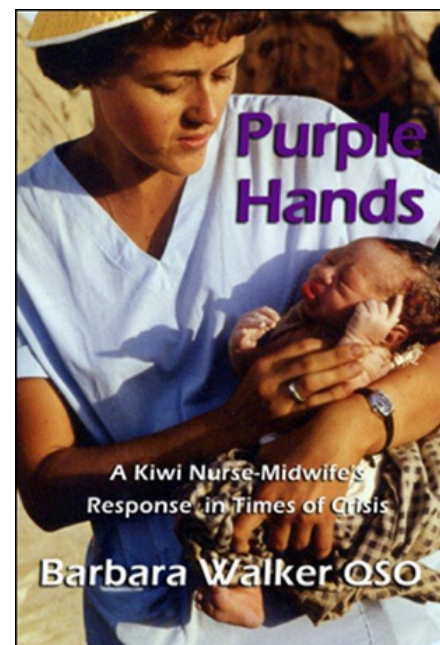
Purple Hands by Barbara Walker QSO

I found this book quite riveting for although I too had been a midwife and I had to travel in sometimes dirt tracks up steep hills in out-of-way places – I had never felt threatened or scared, as I knew the women and the families were always pleased to see me and we had respect for each other.

However, Barbara Walker QSO, had constant obstacles to overcome and never knew what she would come across on any of her journeys. Thank goodness for her steadfast faith in God and his steady guidance!

It is not for the faint-hearted or for anyone who is a bit squeamish, as her everyday life and of those around her, were at times barely basic.

How close she came to death but survived was all down to her faith in God and her stubbornness to follow where she was sure that He was leading. I have the utmost respect for her and her work for so very many poor people in terrible conditions. Her book is well worth reading.



COMING UP:

JUNE

- Friday 16th
23rd & 30th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 10th **Coffee Connections**
9:30 Raupo
- Monday 12 & 26th **Care and Share**
9:30am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 14th **Intercessory prayer**
& 28th 4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Monday 19th **Midwinter Fundraiser**
6pm Bamboo Gardens
- Saturday 24th **Repair Cafe**
9am-12pm Johns' Kitchen



6 JUL Leadership Camp 2023
Calling those in our diocese involved in church mission, ministry, and leadership to gather as whānau in beautiful St Arnaud!

<https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/events/lc2023>

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WEEKLY SERVICES

- Sundays 8am **Sung Eucharist Service**
Church
- Sundays 10am **Family Communion**
Church
- Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**
St Barnabas Chapel
from February 2nd.

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Glen Ashworth
Seed
8 & 10am