



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: *God with Skin On (Advent 3)*

READINGS: *Ruth 4:13-17 & Philippians 2:5-11*

SENTENCE: Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.
Isaiah 61:1-2

COLLECT: Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

**WHY MUST THE
REDEEMER BE
TRULY HUMAN?**

JOY

In this season of advent let us pray for JOY to come to our nation and the world. We remember those known to us who have a great need for joy in their lives especially those that are feeling sadness or anxiety at this time of year. Pray that God will use us individually and as a church to help others find this each day.

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.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Please keep stamps (tear off with a good margin) and put in the stamp box in the foyer. Anglican Missions still raise funds from sale of these.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The final Intercessory Prayer group meeting this year will be on **Wednesday the 16th** of December at Raewyns' place. All welcome!



THURSDAY EUCHARIST

Please note that there has been a change to the rostered dates. The Thursday morning Eucharist services in Barnies will now recommence on the **28th of January 2021**. The last service for 2020 will be on the **17th of December** followed by a morning tea together.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7pm Monday 14th December

at Nativity Church.

Showcasing piano and singing students of Linda Holdaway and Eileen Guard. All welcome! Gold coin entry and **all funds raised will be given to Nativity.**

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be at **7pm this Sunday the 13th of December.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Nativity will host services at

- **10pm on Christmas Eve**
- **8am and 10am on Christmas Day**
- **9am on Sunday 27th December**

Please note the special service time on the 27th.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed between Wednesday the **23rd of December** and **Monday the 18th of January**. Urgent messages can be left on the church answerphone or emailed to info@nativity.org.nz

COMING UP:

DECEMBER

Saturday 12th	Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupo Cafe
Monday 14th	Music pupil concert 7pm Nativity Church
Wednesday 16th	Intercessory Prayer 4pm Raewyns' place
Thursday 17th	Eucharist Service St Barnabas Chapel (with morning tea)!
Friday 18th	Link 1pm Lounge
Sunday 27th	First Sunday of Christmas Combined service 9am Nativity Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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

CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday - Friday 9am - 12noon



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am	Sung Eucharist Service <i>Church</i>
Sundays 10am	Family Communion <i>Church</i>
Thursday 10am	Eucharist Service <i>St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies)</i>

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.