



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: Lectio Divina - Divine Digging

PREACHER: Miriam Taylor

READINGS: Psalm 119:97-105; John 1:1-5,14

SENTENCE Let God's Words penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. Proverbs 4:20b-22 (NLT)

COLLECT: Father, let us not serve you grudgingly like slaves, but with the gladness of children who delight in you and rejoice in their work; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Welcome

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd & Sunday
**The Joy of Christmas
House Tours
Advent Afternoon Tea**

Saturday 9th
**Seniors' Christmas
Luncheon**

18-21st
**Restoration Station
Holiday Club**



REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer shouldn't be for show.

Matthew 6:6

But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Prayer is a private conversation between a child of God and his or her Father. It's not a performance. Prayer is not the end of a spiritual talent show. It's the overflow of a sinner saved by grace, who is intentional about saying thanks. Prayer comes from the heart of a questioner who really wants to know what God thinks. It voices concern by one sinner for another, it's praise, worship and wonder. Prayer is turning to God because you need to talk.

Prayer:

Dear God, May my search for approval end with Your acceptance. Help me use prayer to learn more about Your plans for me, not as a way to feel more significant around people. Remind me that I'll never find a greater listener than You. 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

NBA'S - BEER AND A CHAIR

We are gathering this Sunday **12th November at 3pm**, at Paul Newton's place, 119 Condors Bend Rd Renwick, for the next instalment in our Garage Tours. Feel free to bring a beer and all welcome so bring a mate along as well - we will have a look around Paul's place and a good time to catch up.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Nativity will have a float in the Christmas parade on the **2nd of December**. We ask for prayer for this Nativity outreach as we all celebrate Jesus's birthday out in the Marlborough community. If you would like your children to be a part of this please talk to Rebecca Silva asap and get an entry form.

RESTORATION STATION

Nativity will be running The Restoration Station Holiday Programme for children aged 5-11. This will run **9am-12pm** from the **18th -21st of December**. The Restoration Station is Scripture Union holiday programme exploring who is Jesus the restorer as presented in John's gospel. There will be crafts, games morning tea and lots of fun!

CHOIR

The Choir invites interested singers to join us for our December music at the 8am Sunday services.

Choir practice is on Wednesday nights in the Church at 7pm.

Please contact Eileen (Ph 577 5565) or Hilary (Ph 578 9952)

ADVENT AFTERNOON TEA

Get into the spirit of Christmas with this seasonally-inspired fully catered afternoon tea. **Saturday 2 December and Sunday 3 December from 1.30pm to 4.30pm**, St Barnabas Chapel
Please contact the office to book your table on 03 5783909. \$8 per person.

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

This is a self guided tour of a selection of unique and beautiful homes in Marlborough that have been lovingly decorated to inspire and delight you this Christmas season.

Also included on the tour is a Christmas gift shop, wreath-making demonstration, afternoon tea and a special Christmas raffle. Proceeds will go to the Nativity Building fund. **Saturday 2nd December 10am-4pm & Sunday 3rd December 1-4.30pm**. You can do the tour over 2 days.

Tickets are now available for purchase. **Earlybird special:** Buy your tickets before November 15th and pay only \$40 per ticket! Tickets may be purchased via cash (at the office), or online via direct deposit or credit.

<https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/ChristmasTour23>

PARISH PICNIC



The parish picnic is scheduled for the **26th November** at Christine's Smith place, 609 New Renwick Road.

COMING UP:

NOVEMBER

Monday 20th	Care & Share 9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesday 15th	Intercessory prayer 4pm St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesdays	Solid Rock Contact Rebecca Silva
Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	Tunes for Tots 9:30am Wesley Centre
	Link 1pm St Barnabas Chapel
Saturday 11th	Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupo Cafe
Saturday 25th	Repair Cafe 9am-noon Johns' Kitchen
Sunday 26th	Parish Picnic 609 New Renwick Road

CONTACT US



Monday - Thursday **9am - 12noon**



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am	Eucharist Service Church
Sundays 10am	Family Communion Church
Thursday 10am	Eucharist Service St Barnabas Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

Alastair Smith
Biblical Figures
8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the office for an appointment for:

Vicar	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz Sun-Thurs
Families Leader	Rebecca Silva families@nativity.org.nz Wed-Fri, Sunday
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Please contact directly:

Receptionist:	Iemke Moore info@nativity.org.nz Mon, Wed, Thur 9am-3pm
Parish Administrator:	Kathy Taylor admin@nativity.org.nz Tues - Thurs 9am - 3:00pm
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