



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: Motivation
- PREACHER:** Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Romans 1:1-6, Romans 1:8-17
- SENTENCE:** 'So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy' *Romans 9:16*
- COLLECT:** Jesus, Saviour in storm, when the waters of the deep are broken up, when the landmarks are washed away or drowned, come to us across the water; for the glory of your holy name. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is acknowledging God's goodness and power.

Matthew 6:13: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

How important is God's kingdom? Jesus said you should make finding it a priority:

'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and it's righteousness.' (Matthew 6:33).

When it comes to God's power, 1 Chronicles declares, "Yours, O, Lord is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O, Lord, and You are exalted as head above all."

And Isaiah 42:8 puts God's glory into perspective: "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory I will not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

That is a snapshot of what it looks like to pray, 'For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.'

Prayer:

Lord, I don't want to give glory to anything besides You. I don't want to believe that anything could be more powerful than You, or settle for a kingdom less worthy than Yours. I honour and acknowledge Your greatness. 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

ELDERCARE NEWSLETTER



There will be a monthly newsletter that will be sent to the parishioners via email, a hardcopy will be available in the church for those who prefer this type of communication.

Another form of communication will be through the Eldercare Facebook Page.

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

Thursday 17th August at 11am . Come and join the team for our annual Pastoral Care meeting. Bring your concerns and new ideas to share. You will also be able to meet Bianca Shepherd and hear about her role.

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE

This is a Nativity outreach into our community that is now underway. Please pray for couples who are attending the course.

THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 9th September at **Wairau Valley Anglican Church**. For one night only, get together with your friends, family and church for Tearfund's biggest multi-venue, nationwide quiz ever. Every dollar raised will help transform the lives of people living in poverty.

Contact Colleen Elwood 027 314 7265 or mrscaelwood@gmail.com

BLANKETS WANTED

There is a huge shortage of blankets and duvets for former refugee families. If you have any you no longer use please consider donating them. Get in touch with Rosimeire Cookson (021 060 6531) or bring them to the office.

NBAS MEETINGS



For all those who are part of the Beer Appreciation group, we are meeting next **Sunday 20th August:**

- with a coffee **after the 10am service**, then
- at **3pm at John's** for a garage tour.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will temporarily be **closed on Fridays**. Please contact the office if you require access to the church on Fridays.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alpha Marriage course
- Nativity outreaches: Tunes 4 Tots, Healing Horticulture, Repair Cafe
- Faith sharing opportunities
- Building project, that it may be completed quickly and well.

COMING UP:

AUGUST

- Monday 14th **Care & Share**
9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 23rd **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th **Alpha Marriage Course**
7:30pm Salvation Army Hall
- Thursday 17th **Pastoral Care meeting**
11am St Barnabas Chapel
- Fridays 11th, 18th & 25th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 12th **Coffee Connections**
9.30am Raupo
- Sunday 20th **NBAS Garage Tour**
3pm John Neal's Garage
- Saturday 26th **Repair Cafe**
9am-noon Johns' Kitchen
- Sunday 27th **Martin Setchell Organ Recital**
2.30pm Nativity Church
- The Gathering -The Well**
6.30pm St Barnabas Chapel

CONTACT US



Monday - Thursday **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

NEXT SUNDAY

Kaye Dyer
Church and
Kingdom
8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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*All can also be contacted via the office
(please see details above)*