



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:** You will be my witnesses
- PREACHER:** Miriam Taylor
- READINGS:** Ephesians 3:14-21, Matthew 28:16-20
- SENTENCE:** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' *Acts 1:8*
- COLLECT:** Eternal God, light of the minds that know you, joy of the hearts that love you, strength of the wills that serve you; grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may gladly serve you, now and always. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is asking God to meet our needs.
Luke 11:3 - Give us this day our daily bread.

Did you notice the words 'us' and 'our'? Praying for the needs of others is an important aspect of praying for our own needs. We shouldn't make prayer exclusive to our own personal experience, but inclusive by sharing the needs of all humanity - even those we might think cruel, those who wear the name tag 'Enemy'.

God cares about every human being. He wants you to care about every human being. Pray for them and help them whenever you can. The prayer you pray for daily bread connects you to the God who provides - and to the people He loves.

Prayer:

Lord, I've been guilty of emphasizing my own needs and assuming You'd take care of the rest without my personal involvement. Maybe I have been missing the point: my needs are no more important than the needs of others - and You love us all. 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

CONFIRMATIONS

On Sunday the 28th of May at the 10am service there will be confirmations for the youth with Bishop Steve Maina.

VESTRY SECRETARY

We are looking for a vestry secretary to attend and take minutes at our monthly meetings. They are usually 1.5 hours. The meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm. Please let the office know if you are keen to help.

PRAYER REQUESTS



- Vestry meeting
- Alpha participants
- Those preparing for confirmation
- Glen's sabbatical leave
- Safety and progress of the building development
- Youth Ministries

REPAIR CAFE

The next repair cafe is held on Saturday the 27th May 9am-12pm at John's Kitchen. If you have any spare time to help please contact Gerrie ([027\) 303-0762](tel:0273030762).



Fourth Saturday of every month
January - November
9am- 12noon

Johns' Kitchen
2 Redwood St, Blenheim

NB. October 2023 date 14th of the month due to holiday weekends.
To find out more please contact Gerrie Mead.



Happy Mother's Day

The Lord delights in those who fear Him,
who put their hope in His unfailing love.

Psalm 147:11



Parish Hui

SHARE AND PRAY INTO WHAT THE
LORD HAS BEEN SAYING

Marlborough

MAY 20 | 1-4PM
ST CHRISTOPHER'S, BLENHEIM

Nelson

JUNE 8 | 7-9PM
ST BARNABAS, STOKE

Waimea

JUNE 24 | 1-4PM
ST THOMAS, MOTUEKA

SEASON OF DISCERNMENT



COMING UP:

MAY

Monday 15th & 29th **Care and Share**
9:30am St Barnabas Chapel

Friday 19th & 26th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre

Link
1pm St Barnabas Chapel

Solid Rock
6.30-8pm - 26 Lee Street

Wednesday 17th **Intercessory Prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel

Saturday 20th **Parish Hui**
1-4pm St Christophers

Saturday 27th **Repair Cafe**
9:30am John's Kitchen

Sunday 28th **Confirmations**
10am Church service

SABBATICAL

Glen will be on sabbatical from the 15th of May until the 5th of June.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS DURING THIS PERIOD

After hours:

- Ruth Struthers (021) 145 2678
- Phillip de Bruyn (027) 200 8898
- Kathy Taylor (021) 570 919

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: **Rev. Glen Ashworth**
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*All can also be contacted via the office
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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. Joe Keighley
**"The resurrected
life"**
8 & 10am

**People's
Warden:** Ruth Struthers
frenchfields@xtra.co.nz
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**Parish
Administrator:** Kathy Taylor
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Tues - Thurs 9am - 3:00pm