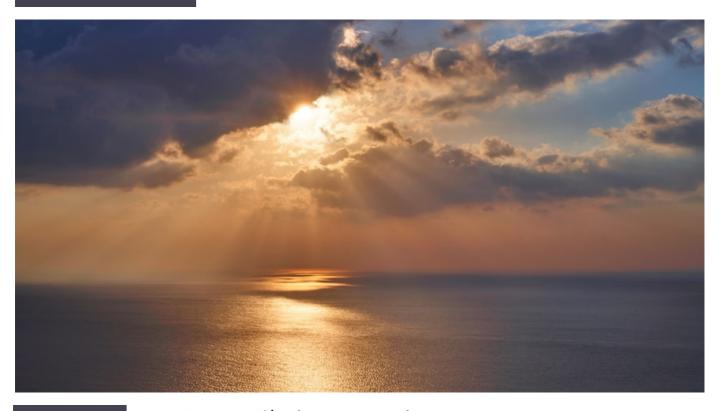


THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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



SERVICES TODAY

THEME: Sharing How- Testimony

PREACHER: Glen Ashworth

READINGS: 1 John 1:1-3, Acts 22:6-16, John 9:24-27

SENTENCE: We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that

you also may have fellowship with us. 1 John 1:3

COLLECT: Praise to you, God, for all your work among us.

Yours is the vigour in creation, yours is the impulse

in our new discoveries. Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do. This we ask through

Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is a request for protection.

Luke 11:4:- And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

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

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE



The next Alpha Marriage Course will commence on Wednesday 9th August 7:30pm, Salvation Army Lounge.

This is a Nativity outreach into our community.

Please pray for couples who would love to attend, especially those who would really benefit from this course.

And please, spread the word among your friends, family and colleagues!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of some more volunteers for kids church and morning tea. If you are able to help out in these areas please let the office know asap.



ELDERCARE WORKER

Come and meet Bianca today and collect a survey from her which will help us in the shaping of this important outreach role.

The eldercare role is to:

- be community-facing, reaching outside the church and its members
- care for people in such a way that they are drawn into relationship and, through relationship, are gently and sensitively introduced to the good news of Jesus in a way best suited to their character and context.
- meet locally identified needs identified through community consultation
- provide support not currently available through government or other programmes (ie, fill gaps in mainstream services)

ACTIVITY SURVEY

We are excited about the possibilities the new Eldercare Coordinator role here at Nativity will bring and as part of the process of developing the shape of this role we would love your input. Please fill out the survey. Paper copies can be found in the foyer

https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/4850fb

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alpha Marriage course
- Nativity outreaches: Tunes 4 tots, healing horticulture, repair cafe
- Faith sharing opportunities

FROM THE LIBRARIANS

The resource books have been shifted, they now reside in the sanctuary on the pews.

COMING UP:

JULY

Friday 14th 21st,

28th

Link 1pm St Barnabas Chapel

Monday 10 & 24th Care and Share

9:30am St Barnabas Chapel

Wednesday 12th

& 26th

Intercessory prayer 4pm St Barnabas Chapel

Wednesday 19th & 26th

Healing Horticulture 7pm Renwick

Friday 21st, 28th

Tunes for Tots 9:30am Wesley Centre

Saturday 22nd

Repair Cafe Johns' Kitchen

Sunday 30th

Favourite Hymns Singalong

2pm Nativity Church

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NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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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

Glen Ashworth Sharing How-In Touch 8 & 10am

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frenchfields@xtra.co.nz

(021) 145-2678

Parish Administrator: Kathy Taylor

admin@nativity.org.nz Tues - Thurs 9am - 3:00pm