



# 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 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.

# Welcome

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.



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**Childrens  
church**



## 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

**Vicar:** **Rev. Glen Ashworth**  
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Mon, Wed, Thur 9am-3pm  
Friday 9am - 12:30pm

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

## CONTACT US



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### Nativity Bank Account

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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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Tues - Thurs 9am - 3:00pm