



# 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:** Transforming Work: Good Work
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Jer 29:4-7; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 5:1-11
- SENTENCE** “But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” *Jeremiah 29:7*
- COLLECT:** God of infinite mercy grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

# Welcome

NOTES/ART

## REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer blesses others.

*Numbers 6:24-26. The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: the Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.*

Jesus became our greatest blessing. Faith in Him preserves (or keeps) you. God can make His face shine upon you when you accept His Son. He's gracious to you because you are part of His family. He can lift up His countenance to you because He has always wanted a relationship with you. His peace can be yours because you embraced His blessings. Jesus came for all mankind, taking your punishment and replacing it with blessing.

When you pray, you should want the best for the people you bring before God. Try praying God's prayer for family and friends.

### Prayer:

*Father God, Your model prayer tells so much about You. There's a love and grace in these words that should change me and the way I pray. Through Jesus, every part of this prayer becomes a practical way for me to bless others in my time with 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

## NBAS

The NBAS group is meeting at Richard Dyer's place, 29A Leefield Street, on Sunday 1st October at 3pm. Bring a chair, feel free to bring a beer. Snacks provided.

## REPAIR CAFE

The Repair Cafe is on Saturday 23rd September at John's Kitchen, 9am-12 noon.

If you are keen to lend a hand please get in touch with Gerrie.

## TOILETS

Over the next few weeks, the men's toilet will be unavailable. Men may use the vestry toilet, which can be accessed via the door behind the music team. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## VINTAGE DESKS FOR SALE

These 2 beautiful vintage desks are for sale. Make an offer - money goes towards the hall renovations. Malcolm & Miriam Taylor [me.taylor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:me.taylor@xtra.co.nz)



## 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.

# AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP OPEN LECTURE SERIES



“Go and make disciples of all nations.”

### Topics:

- Discipleship According to Jesus
- Discipleship and the Heart
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer & Costly Discipleship
- Discipleship and Donuts

TOPICAL LECTURES FOLLOWED BY  
DISCUSSION & AFTERNOON TEA

Sun Oct 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd at 2pm  
beginning at St Christopher's

MARLBOROUGH Anglicans

FREE ENTRY or [YOUTUBE/@marlboroughanglicans](https://www.youtube.com/@marlboroughanglicans)  
Contact St Christophers for more information



## COMING UP:

### SEPTEMBER

- Monday 18th **Care & Share**  
9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 20th **Intercessory prayer**  
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 20th **Alpha Marriage Course**  
7:30pm Salvation Army Hall
- Fridays 15th,  
22nd **Tunes for Tots**  
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Link**  
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 23rd **Repair Cafe**  
9am-noon Johns' Kitchen
- Sunday 24th **The Gathering -The Well**  
6.30pm St Barnabas Chapel



Fourth Saturday of every month

9am- 12noon

Johns' Kitchen  
2 Redwood St, Blenheim

## 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

**Richard Dyer**  
**Transforming work:**  
**Identity**  
**8 & 10am**

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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