



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: Biblical figures who heard from God

PREACHER: Alastair Smith

READINGS: Psalm 119:97-105; John 1:1-5,14

SENTENCE I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:5*

COLLECT: We pray you, Jesus, take the old water, our busy conscientious lives, and turn them into gospel wine, that everyone may see your life and thirst; for the glory of your holy name. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer shouldn't be for show.

Matthew 6:6

But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Prayer is a private conversation between a child of God and his or her Father. It's not a performance. Prayer is not the end of a spiritual talent show. It's the overflow of a sinner saved by grace, who is intentional about saying thanks. Prayer comes from the heart of a questioner who really wants to know what God thinks. It voices concern by one sinner for another, it's praise, worship and wonder. Prayer is turning to God because you need to talk.

Prayer:

Dear God, May my search for approval end with Your acceptance. Help me use prayer to learn more about Your plans for me, not as a way to feel more significant around people. Remind me that I'll never find a greater listener than 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

PARISH PICNIC



The parish picnic is scheduled for **Sunday the 26th of November** at Christine's Smith place, 609 New Renwick Road. Starts at 11am with morning tea. Sausages will be available for purchase at \$3 each. Please fill in the clipboard at church to preorder sausages or let the office know so we can get an idea of how many to provide. Bring a blanket and food to share, and togs and towel if you are keen on a swim. Games are available as well.

RESTORATION STATION



Nativity will be running The Restoration Station Holiday Programme for children aged 5-11. This will run **9am - 12pm** from the **18th - 21st of December**. The Restoration Station is a Scripture Union holiday programme exploring who is Jesus the Restorer as presented in John's gospel. There will be crafts, games morning tea and lots of fun!

ADVENT AFTERNOON TEA

Get into the spirit of Christmas with this seasonally-inspired fully catered afternoon tea. **Saturday 2 December and Sunday 3 December from 1.30pm to 4.30pm**, St Barnabas Chapel. Contact the office to book your table on 03 5783909. \$8 per person.

Baking is still needed. Please contact Chris if you can provide baking for the event: chris.detracygould@gmail.com or phone (027) 261 7720.

WE NEED 7 SMALL 4-6 PERSON TABLES

If you are able to loan us these for the event, please contact Janet: (027) 579-4210 e: dunn.guard@xtra.co.nz

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Nativity Church will be having a Nativity scene float in the Community Christmas Parade on the **2nd of December**.

We ask for your support by praying for the people of Marlborough who see the float acknowledging the birth of Christ, our Saviour, and for those participating.

CHOIR

The Choir invites interested singers to join us for our December music at the 8am Sunday services.

Choir practice is on Wednesday nights in the Church at 7pm.

Please contact Eileen (Ph 577 5565) or Hilary (Ph 578 9952)

UPDATE FROM THE KEIGHLEYS

Joe Keighley has extended a big thank you on behalf of Reuben and the family. Reuben is recovering well, though it is still early days. The family has greatly appreciated the prayer and support from Nativity.

COMING UP:

NOVEMBER

Monday 20th **Care & Share**
9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel

Wednesdays **Solid Rock**
Contact Rebecca Silva

Friday 24th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre

Link
1pm St Barnabas Chapel

Saturday 25th **Repair Cafe**
9am-noon Johns' Kitchen

Sunday 26th **Parish Picnic**
609 New Renwick Road

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd **Christmas Parade**

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd **Joy of Christmas House Tours**

Advent Afternoon Tea
1:30pm - 4pm St Barnabas Chapel

Saturday 9th **Senior's Christmas Luncheon**
12pm The Foundry

Monday 18th - Thursday 21st **Restoration Station**
9:00am Nativity

CONTACT US



Monday - Thursday **9am - 12noon**



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am **Eucharist Service**
Church

Sundays 10am **Family Communion**
Church

Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**
St Barnabas Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Kaye Dyer
Dreams & Visions
9am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the office for an appointment for:

Vicar **Rev. Glen Ashworth**
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Sun-Thurs

Families Leader **Rebecca Silva**
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Eldercare Coordinator: **Bianca Shepherd**
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Please contact directly:

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