

WEEK OF THE 1ST-7TH OCTOBER 2023



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: Workplace Relationships
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Micah 6:6-8, Psalm 86:8-15, John 8:2-11
- SENTENCE** “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?” *Micah 6:8*
- COLLECT:** Merciful God, you gave your only Son to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example for godly life; help us gladly to receive all that has been done for us and follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer can bring dread.

Genesis 3:10. (Adam) said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid.

The first humans' conversation with God led to dread, because they had to admit that they had broken the only command God gave. Adam delivered his "prayer" with an equal mixture of blame and defiance rather than sorrow and repentance.

Job on the other hand lost everything, and wanted to know why. After allowing Job to complain at length, God replied. When Job heard what God had to say, he responded, "Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I will lay my hand upon my mouth." (Job 40:4-5) Job had a different perspective to Adam and Eve. He recognised the majesty and glory of God—and instead of being defiant, Job displayed humility and awe. That would have served Adam and Eve well. It would look good on you too.

Prayer:

Lord, may I be honest when I blow it. Help me never to blame others for my choice to disobey. And when I read a response from Your Word, help me to accept it with humility and awe. May prayer be a key part of my relationship 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

Today we go to Richard Dyer's garage which is a wood workers workshop with a range of machinery. You won't find a car in the garage, but along with the timber stacked waiting to be worked, there's an array of tramping gear and sounds equipment. We will be firing up the barbie as well. Sausages provided but bring a chair, a mate and a beverage. Sunday 1st October 3pm, 29a Leefield Street.

HUT BUILDING AT WHITE'S BAY

Bring picnic food to share and come and join us for some family fun at Whites Bay on the **8th of October** (1pm). This is a slightly belated commemoration of the festival of the shelters (see Leviticus 23:33-43, John 7: 10-31). We will be building huts and reflecting how God provided for his people when they lived in tents in the desert. This is also a good opportunity to reflect with our families about how God has looked after us. Sausage sizzle will be available for a dollar a sausage. Please RSVP Rebecca Silva (020 4193 9393) if you're planning to attend – just to give us an idea of numbers.

AAW

Wednesday 4th October, 1.30pm at St Barnabas. Report from meeting at Nelson and future plans for AAW.

TOILETS

Over the next few weeks, the men's and women's toilets will be undergoing renovation. The **new accessible toilet** will be available for use until the new toilet renovations are complete.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be operating on limited hours during the school holidays

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

9am - 12pm

25th September - 8th October

CITY 2 CITY

CHURCH LIVE SURVEY

Following on from the Season of Discernment, the Diocese is now entering a Revitalisation process. This involves a church consultancy group called City to City taking each parish through a review process which will include collecting data, reporting findings and giving recommendations.

Below is a link to a church-wide survey which is designed to 'take the pulse' as one of the data points for analysis of our parish. We encourage every member of our parish to complete this survey in order to help us gain a better picture of our church.

Printed copies will be available at church, however, we encourage everyone to complete this survey online if possible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nativitychurch>

LOVE OFFERING FOR THE KEIGHLEY FAMILY

You will be aware that Rev. Joe Keighley and family are facing a major operation in Wellington in the next few weeks for young Reuben. Renwick has set up a Love Offering Box. For those of us who wish to "Give a little" to help with these major expenses there are envelopes on the table at the back marked "Love Offering". These can be returned to the office or into the offering bag within the next 2 weeks and will be added to the Renwick church "Love Offering Box"

COMING UP:

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd & 16th	Care & Share 9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesday 4th	AAW 1.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesday 4th & 18th	Intercessory prayer 4pm St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesdays 11th, 18th, 25th	Solid Rock Contact Rebecca Silva
	Healing Horticulture 7-9.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
Fridays 13th, 20th, 27th	Tunes for Tots 9:30am Wesley Centre
	Link 1pm St Barnabas Chapel
Saturday 14th	Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupo Cafe
	Repair Cafe 9am-noon Johns' Kitchen
Sunday 8th	Hut building family outing 1pm White's Bay

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 9th December	Seniors' lunch
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CONTACT US



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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

Glen Ashworth
**Transforming work:
Sharing faith in the
workplace**
8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar:	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz	Eldercare Coordinator:	Bianca Shepherd eldercare@nativity.org.nz
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