

# WEEKLY NEWS



## Love

*Preacher:* Glen Ashworth

*Readings:* 1 John 4:7-12  
1 Cor 13: 1-7  
Matt 1:18-25

*Sentence:* Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God  
1 John 4:7

*Collect:* Terror and doom, and wrath to come, John your herald preached to bring us to repentance; open our eyes, almighty God, show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.



*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

## ONE OFF EVENTS

### **Carols, Church Display & Hot Chocolate**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 8pm

### **Convergence**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
February - Kaiteriteri

### **Office Closed till Tues 20 Jan**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December & opens Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Emails and phone messages will get checked weekly.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### **AAW Meeting**

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> February  
1.30pm Lounge

### **Care and Share**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
9.30am - Lounge

### **Choir Practice**

Wednesdays 7pm - church  
Resumes 28<sup>th</sup> Jan

### **Coffee Connections**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
9.30am - Raupo Cafe

### **Library Bookworm Club**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
10.30am Nativity Board Room

### **Link - Games Afternoon**

Fridays 1pm - Lounge

### **Monthly Prayer Meeting**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> February 7pm - Hall

### **Pilates 2026**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 9am  
- Nativity Hall

### **Repair Café 2026**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
9am-12noon - Crossroads

### **Tunes for Tots**

Date to be advised

### **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 8.45am -  
Lounge - Resumes 27<sup>th</sup> Jan

## 9am Services

From **21<sup>st</sup> December until 25<sup>th</sup> January**, we will be holding one combined service at **9am** each Sunday. During this period there will be no separate 8am or 10am services.

## Christmas Lights

We are thrilled to announce that Nativity Church Blenheim has won the Ray White Christmas Lights Competition! We're especially grateful that the prize will go to our chosen charity, Crossroads, supporting the incredible work they do in our community. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.

## Nativity Pop-Up Caroling

Enjoy singing? Then join our pop up choir to go caroling in the community. Caroling will take tonight (Sun 21<sup>st</sup>) starting at **4.30pm** and finishing at Church. It's a lovely way to share the joy of the season and celebrate together!

## Lectionary 2026

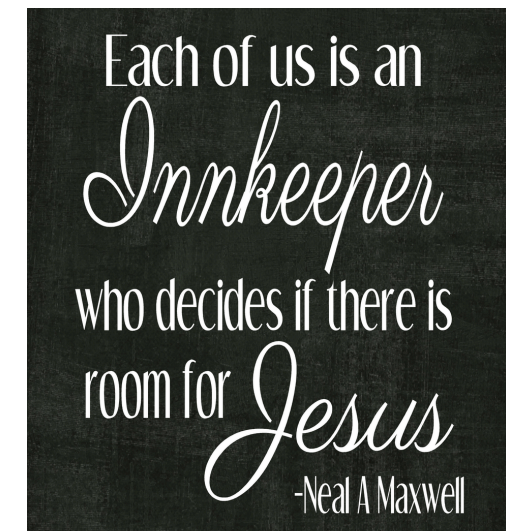
We have 2 lectionaries for 2026. If anyone would like one please contact the office.

## Convergence Camp

Kickstart the year in faith, community and joy with the Top of the South Anglicans on the golden sands of Kaiteriteri. "Building capacity for more." Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026. For more info and to register: <https://www.stbarnabas.co.nz/convergence>

## Merry Christmas

From the Vicar, Wardens and staff, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for being a great church to be a part of. We hope you enjoy the season and we are looking forward to what God will do among us and through us in 2026.



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### **Christmas Carol Service**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 9am

### **Carols, Church Display & Hot Chocolate**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 8pm

### **Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Kids Christmas Service 4pm  
Carol Service 10pm

### **Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December**

Worship Service 9am

## GIVING

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Nelson Diocesan Synod  
Blenheim Anglican Parish

- Missions 1180
- Regular Giving 1100

## REGULAR SERVICES

8am Sunday - Nativity Church  
10am Sunday - Nativity Church  
10am Thursday - St Barnabas