



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



Look upstream... here comes the future!

LUKE 5:36-38

OUR SERVICES TODAY

- THEME:** Look upstream... Here comes the future.
- PREACHER:** Peter Olliver
- READINGS:** Ecclesiastes 3: 1-7, Luke 5:27-38, Matthew 2: 1-6
- SENTENCE:** But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins
Luke 5:38
- COLLECT:** Jesus, our Redeemer, give us your power to reveal and proclaim the good news, so that wherever we may go the sick may be healed, lepers embraced, and the dead and dying given new life; for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer admits that God is incomparable.

1 Samuel 2:2

There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside Him: neither is there any rock like our God.

Your prayers should reflect the truth that : God is not like you. He never breaks His law (2 Timothy 2:3). His truth is absolute and yours cannot always be trusted (John 1:14). He chose to love you while you chose rebellion (Romans 5:8)

Compare yourself any way you want and you will be found lacking. “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Prayer:

Father, You're a great big God with big plans and a perfect track record. You're worth following because there's no one better, your faithfulness is flawless. Your truth absolute. Where You lead let me follow. May I gain perspective when I compare my imperfect self to Your perfection. 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

HEALING HORTICULTURE

The next Healing Horticulture Course is due to start in Barnies on **Wednesday the 7th of February**. Please consider recommending this to friends or family who could enjoy and benefit this course that teaches important horticulture skills alongside supporting mental and spiritual health.

ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is due to start here in Marlborough soon so please consider those that you might like to invite to take part. This course is a chance to explore life, faith & meaning for anyone to discover more about the Christian faith in a relaxed setting.

The course will launch with a coffee and dessert evening on **Saturday the 17th of February** at 7pm at the Salvation Army Lounge. The course is starting on Wednesday evenings from the 28th February at the Salvation Army Rooms. All welcome with no charge. To find out more please contact the office or see www.alpha.org.nz

LIBRARY HOURS

Nativity Library

Open: 9am- 12noon

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Sunday



YOUNG AT HEART MOVIE AFTERNOON

MONDAY 5th of February - 2pm.

"Whisky Galore"(2016) a remake of the 1949 comedy based on a true event. Scottish islanders attempt to plunder cases of whisky from a stranded ship during WWII.

This is an initiative of Nativity outreach team. You are invited to the lovely home theater (26 seats) of a brother in Christ. RSVP please by either calling or emailing the office. Please bring a friend. When you RSVP you will be given the address.

LENTEN SERIES

Over Lent (18th Feb -24th March) we will be running a sermon series on discipleship. As part of this, we will provide a six week study series for Carecell meetings. If you are not currently in a Carecell and would like to be or you would like to do this series with others, get in touch with Glen or the office today.

CONVERGENCE CAMP

Sam Harvey from Bay Vineyard Napier is our speaker this year. We'll be diving deep into topics from 1 Corinthians 12, exploring unity and diversity in the Body of Christ, spiritual gifts, and how love is indispensable through it all. Please book online : <http://stbarnabas.co.nz/convergence-camp/>



COMING UP:

2024 START DATES

Care & Share: Monday 12th February
Intercessory Prayer: Wednesday 7th February
AAW: Wednesday 7th February
Kids Church: Sunday 18th February
LINK: Friday 5th January
Tunes for Tots: Friday 9th February
NBAS: Starts again in February
Thursday 10am services: 18th January

CONTACT US



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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

SUMMER SERVICES

Please note that Summer Church at Nativity will be at **9am** throughout January.

NEXT SUNDAY

Glen Ashworth
Nativity Vision
9 am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the office for an appointment for:

Vicar	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz Sun-Thurs
Families Leader	Rebecca Silva families@nativity.org.nz Wed-Fri, Sunday
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Please contact directly:

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