

WEEK OF THE 21ST MAY - 27TH MAY 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: Resurrection Life

PREACHER: Joe Keighley

READINGS: Matthew 19:16-26, Revelation 22:12-17

SENTENCE: "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life."
Revelation 22:17

COLLECT: Christ our great high priest, you understand our weakness; you pray for us while we are sinners. Help us, through you, to find a new and living way to God; for the glory of your holy name. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY



According to ICHC (Inter-church Council for Hospital Chaplaincy), hospital chaplains offer pastoral, spiritual and religious care to those within New Zealand hospitals in accordance with the Te Whare Tapa Wha model of health. Chaplains listen and provide service to all people regardless of their religious denomination, faith orientation, belief system, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.'

The role is about being a listening presence and not proselytising or attempting to convert a person's belief system. The title of the role is in fact "spiritual care'. It is not the chaplain's role to convert people (actually it is God's). We hope that through our work Christ's love will be evident and displayed.

If this is something you are interested in learning more about, please get in touch with Kate Bristed at 021 441 477 or via email at bristed@gmail.com.

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

MID WINTER FUNDRAISER

Our Mid-Winter Dinner Fundraiser will be held at the Bamboo Garden Restaurant next month.

The event will include a multi-course meal and a food-themed silent auction for you to bid on.

DATE: Monday 19th June
TIME: 6pm
COST: \$40 per ticket
ORDER: Online or via office
PAYMENT: Cash via office (*exact amount as no change can be given*)
Bank Deposit
Credit Card

There are a limited number of tickets available so please book in soon.

All funds raised will go towards the Building Project.

To purchase your tickets online, visit:

<https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/winter23>

More information to come next week!

CONFIRMATIONS

On Sunday the 28th of May at the 10am service there will be confirmations for the youth with Bishop Steve Maina.

PRAYER REQUESTS



- Vestry meeting
- Alpha participants
- Those preparing for confirmation
- Glen's sabbatical leave
- Safety and progress of the building development
- Youth Ministries

REPAIR CAFE

The next repair cafe is held this Saturday the 27th May 9am-12pm at John's Kitchen. If you have any spare time to help please contact Gerrie ([027](tel:0273030762)) [303-0762](tel:303-0762).

REPAIR CAFE Fourth Saturday of every month
January - November
9am- 12noon
Johns' Kitchen
2 Redwood St, Blenheim

NB. October 2023 date 14th of the month due to holiday weekends.
To find out more please contact Gerrie Mead.

VESTRY SECRETARY



We are looking for a vestry secretary to attend and take minutes at our monthly meetings. They are usually 1.5 hours. The meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm. Please let the office know if you are keen to help.

COMING UP:

MAY

Monday 29th	Care and Share 9:30am St Barnabas Chapel
Friday 26th	Tunes for Tots 9:30am Wesley Centre
	Link 1pm St Barnabas Chapel
	Solid Rock 6.30-8pm - 26 Lee Street
Saturday 27th	Repair Cafe 9:30am John's Kitchen
Sunday 28th	Confirmations 10am Church service

SABBATICAL

Glen will be on sabbatical from the 15th of May until the 5th of June.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS DURING THIS PERIOD

After hours:

- Ruth Struthers (021) 145 2678
- Phillip de Bruyn (027) 200 8898
- Kathy Taylor (021) 570 919

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: **Rev. Glen Ashworth**
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Receptionist: **Iemke Moore**
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*All can also be contacted via the office
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**People's
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am **Sung Eucharist Service**
Church

Sundays 10am **Family Communion**
Church

Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**
St Barnabas Chapel
from February 2nd.

NEXT SUNDAY

Bishop Steve Maina
"Pentecost"
8 & 10am