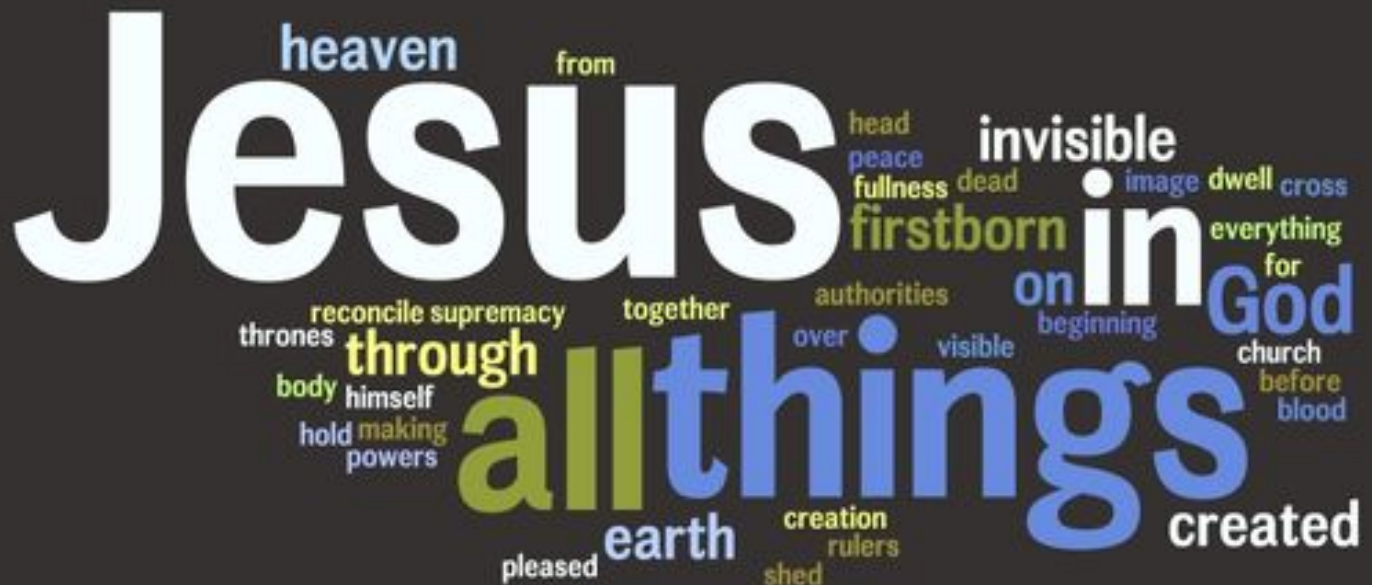




# THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

## 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:** **Thinking Christianly:** Towards a biblical understanding...
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Colossians 1:15-23 & Luke 10:25-37
- SENTENCE:** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself. Luke 10:27
- COLLECT:** Almighty God, you teach us in your word that love is the fulfilling of the law; grant that we may love you with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Welcome

**SERMON NOTES/  
ARTWORKS**

## **PARISH PRAYER POINTS**

Please pray for:

- Give praise that there is an excitement for new ministers in the region.
- Pray that Joe and Susan (Regional Deans) can network them into a collegial community well
- Thank you for the work of our Parish Nurse in our parishes and the community
- Pray for guidance for her as she goes about her day but also as she negotiates her role amongst four parishes.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the foyer. A pen and paper are provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over.

Jane Sheat (578 9004) and Rosemarie Nicholls (578 1163) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION /DISCIPLESHIP

If you are interested in being baptised and/or confirmed or would like to be part of an intentional discipleship program, there will be a meeting **following the 10am service on September 5th** at the front of church. All welcome.



## COMBINED COMMUNION SERVICE

Wesley Methodist Women's Fellowship have invited all local **Women** to a Combined Communion Service at the Wesley Centre, Henry Street, **Wednesday 25th August, 10am.** The morning will include morning tea in lounge, followed by a Communion Service in the main auditorium led by Presbyter, Rev. Alofa Asiata.

## CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Are you interested in being a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Money Coach? Please email or speak to Glen for more details. Training provided.

## MUSIC AND SHARED MEAL

There is to be a shared meal and musical items from some of the local RSE workers from 6pm on **Saturday 28th of August** in the Nativity Hall.

This relaxed evening will feature items from some Ni-Van string band and singers.

All are welcome. Please contact Pauline Tisch if you wish to be allocated some food to contribute to the evening or bring pot-luck.

## MISSIONS GIVING

Just a reminder that you can continue to give specifically to missions via envelope or direct credit BUT you will not receive a tax rebate on this as a large portion of this money goes overseas.

You may instead choose to give directly to the church as a general or specific donation (code 1180 followed by what this is for) who pay to the Anglican Missions Board on your behalf.

For more information please contact the office

## HEALING HORTICULTURE

This 6 week course is designed for those interested in learning about basic gardening or who just need of a bit of love, compassion and support.

It will cover learning, doing, sharing and reflecting along with practical horticulture.

**Dates:** Thursdays 26 August -

**30 September 2021**

**Venue:** Barnies (St Barnabas Chapel)

**Time:** 7 pm – 9.30 pm **Cost:** Koha only

For more information or to register please see our noticeboard or Nativity Facebook group or contact Don Cross at [doncross@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doncross@xtra.co.nz)

## AGLOW CONFERENCE

The Aglow South Pacific Conference will be held in **Wellington** from **10 – 12th September** at the Atura Hotel. Full cost including meals and accommodation \$350. This is expected to be a wonderful time of teaching, worship, ministry, and fellowship, with a great lineup of speakers. You can also join the conference via Zoom. For more details contact Sheryll Gwynne. Ph. 5776507 or 0210791981

## LINEN CARE

Are you interested in assisting with the care of our liturgical linens or to know what that might involve? It would be wonderful to have some to join this team. Please contact Roz at the office or Jocelyn Wilkes to know more.

# COMING UP:

## AUGUST

- Fridays **Link**  
1pm - Lounge  
**Tunes for Tots**  
9:30am - Hall and Lounge
- Monday 30th **Care & Share**  
9:30am - Lounge
- Wednesday 25th **Intercessory Prayer Meeting**  
4pm - Barnies
- Monday 23rd **Nativity Prayer**  
5:30pm - Lounge
- Thursday 26th **Healing Horticulture (week1/6)**  
Barnies 7-9:30pm
- Saturday 28th **Shared meal and musical items**  
6pm - Nativity Centre

For more community events please see our noticeboards.

Events are subject to any COVID level restrictions at the time

## CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm  
Thursday - Friday 9am - 12noon



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

- Sundays 8am **Sung Eucharist Service**  
Church
- Sundays 10am **Family Communion**  
Church
- Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**  
St Barnabas Chapel  
(Barnies)

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

- Vicar:** **Rev. Glen Ashworth**  
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- Parish Nurse:** **Sharon Thomas**  
parishnurse@nativity.org.nz  
022 104 0540
- Receptionist:** **Rosalind Mundy**  
Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
- Parish Administrator:** **Kathy Taylor**  
Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

*All can also be contacted via the office  
(please see details above)*

**Next Sunday:**  
**Alastair Smith**  
**Biblical**  
**Interpretation**