



# 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:** Sharing How - In Touch
- PREACHER:** Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Romans 5:6-8, Matthew 9:9-13
- SENTENCE:** "But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us." *Romans 5:8*
- COLLECT:** God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# Welcome

NOTES/ART

## REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is a request for protection.

Luke 11:4:- And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

If you think this prayer of Jesus is a mistake, look at 1 John 1:9: 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness'. That takes care of the first part of Luke 11:4 and the second part is in Mark 11:25; 'And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

A lack of forgiveness hurts your relationship with God and with other people. He made you to relate to others-and unforgiveness builds walls where bridges should be.

### Prayer:

*Lord, there are times when I'm happy to be forgiven, but I don't want to forgive. It's like reviewing a car accident over and over again: it doesn't solve the pain, and it adds to my tension. Forgive me, Father. Help me to forgive others, heal me. 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

## ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE



The next Alpha Marriage Course will commence on **Wednesday 9th August 7:30pm**, Salvation Army Lounge.

This is a Nativity outreach into our community. Please pray for couples who would love to attend, especially those who would really benefit from this course. And please, spread the word among your friends, family and colleagues!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



  
**MORNING TEA  
HELPERS  
NEEDED**

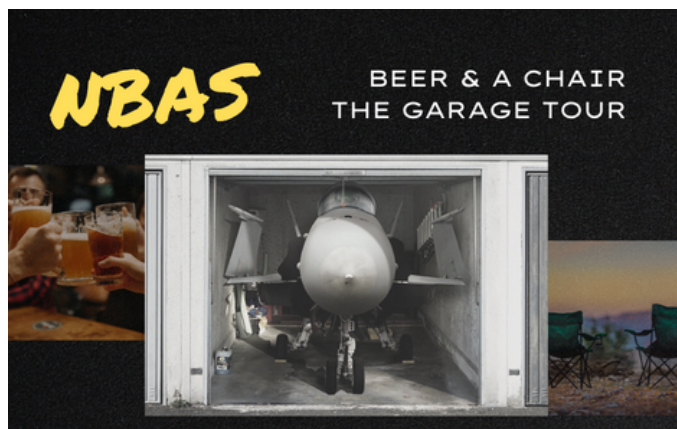
We are in need of some more volunteers for kids church and morning tea. If you are able to help out in these areas please let the office know asap.

**Childrens  
church**

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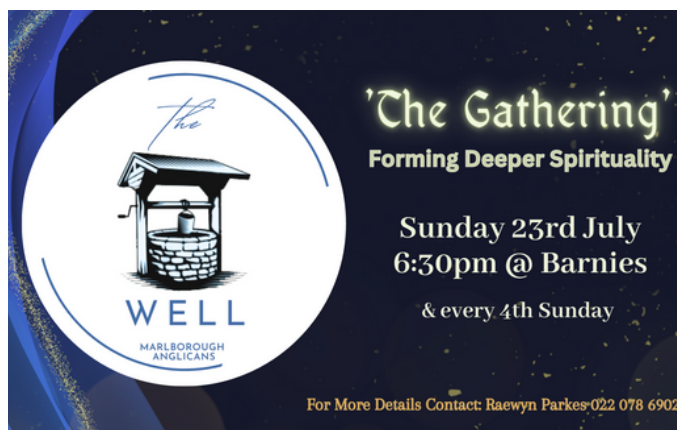


## NBAS



The purpose of this group is to provide an open, invitational space for men to get together for mutual support and edification. The Garage Tour is our latest series of events with the next one at John Neal's garage - **Sunday 20th August, 3pm**. For more info and to invite others, email Glen - [vicar@nativity.org.nz](mailto:vicar@nativity.org.nz)

## THE GATHERING



A Marlborough Deanery initiative for Spiritual growth & formation. The aim of The Well is to provide a safe place to grow in our relationship with God, and to be a place of spiritual learning and discovery as we explore .

The Gathering: A monthly meeting, held on the forth Sunday of the month at Barnies. starting at 6:30pm

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alpha Marriage course
- Nativity outreaches: Tunes 4 Tots, Healing Horticulture, Repair Cafe
- Faith sharing opportunities

## COMING UP:

### JULY

- Sunday 23rd **The Gathering -The Well**  
6.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Monday 24th **Care and Share**  
9:30am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 26th **Intercessory prayer**  
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 26th **Healing Horticulture**  
7pm Renwick
- Friday 28th **Tunes for Tots**  
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Link**  
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 22nd **Repair Cafe**  
Johns' Kitchen
- Sunday 30th **Favourite Hymns Singalong**  
2pm Nativity Church

### COMING UP IN AUGUST

- Wednesday 9th **Alpha Marriage Course**  
7:30pm Salvation Army Hall
- Thursday 17th **Pastoral Care meeting**  
11am St Barnabas Chapel
- Sunday 20th **NBAS Garage Tour**  
3pm John Neal's Garage
- Sunday 27th **Martin Setchell Organ Recital**  
Nativity Church

## CONTACT US



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Glen Ashworth**  
**Sharing How- Issues**  
**of the Heart**  
**8 & 10am**

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

**Vicar:** **Rev. Glen Ashworth**  
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