



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:** Transforming Work: How can I flourish at work?
- PREACHER:** Richard Dyer
- READINGS:** Genesis 50:15-20, Luke 10:38-42
- SENTENCE** 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.' *Colossians 3:23-24*
- COLLECT:** Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer blesses others.

Numbers 6:24-26. The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: the Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.

Jesus became our greatest blessing. Faith in Him preserves (or keeps) you. God can make His face shine upon you when you accept His Son. He's gracious to you because you are part of His family. He can lift up His countenance to you because He has always wanted a relationship with you. His peace can be yours because you embraced His blessings. Jesus came for all mankind, taking your punishment and replacing it with blessing.

When you pray, you should want the best for the people you bring before God. Try praying God's prayer for family and friends.

Prayer:

Father God, Your model prayer tells so much about You. There's a love and grace in these words that should change me and the way I pray. Through Jesus, every part of this prayer becomes a practical way for me to bless others in my time with You. 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

NBAS

The NBAS group is meeting at Richard Dyer's place, 29A Leefield Street, on Sunday 1st October at 3pm. Bring a chair, feel free to bring a beer. Snacks provided.

THE GATHERING

Forming deeper spirituality and drawing closer to God. Meeting today at 6.30pm at St Barnabas Chapel. For more info contact Raewyn Parkes 022 278 6902

LOVE OFFERING FOR THE KEIGHLEY FAMILY

You will be aware that Rev Joe Keighley and family are facing a major operation in Wellington in the next few weeks for young Reuben. Renwick has set up a Love Offering Box. For those of us who wish to "Give a little" to help with these major expenses there are envelopes on the table at the back marked "Love Offering". These can be returned to the office or into the offering bag within the next 2 weeks and will be added to the Renwick church "Love Offering Box"

TOILETS

Over the next few weeks, the men's toilet will be unavailable. Men may use the vestry toilet, which can be accessed via the door behind the music team. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Faith sharing opportunities
- Building project, that it may be completed quickly and well.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS



The office will be operating on limited hours during the school holidays

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

9am - 12pm

25th September - 8th October

VINTAGE DESKS FOR SALE

Two beautiful vintage desks are for sale. Make an offer - money goes towards the hall renovations. Malcolm & Miriam Taylor me.taylor@xtra.co.nz

CITY 2 CITY

CHURCH LIVE SURVEY

Following on from the Season of Discernment, the Diocese is now entering a Revitalisation process. This involves a church consultancy group called City to City taking each parish through a review process which will include collecting data, reporting findings and giving recommendations.

Below is a link to a church-wide survey which is designed to 'take the pulse' as one of the data points for analysis of our parish. We encourage every member of our parish to complete this survey in order to help us gain a better picture of our church.

Printed copies will be available at church, however, we encourage everyone to complete this survey online if possible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nativitychurch>

COMING UP:

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 24th **NBA'S**
3pm 29A Leefield Street
- The Gathering -The Well**
6.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Fridays 29th **Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel

OCTOBER

- Monday 2nd & 16th **Care & Share**
9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 4th **AAW**
1.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 4th & 18th **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Fridays 13th, 20th, 27th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 14th **Coffee Connections**
9:30am Raupo Cafe

SAVE THE DATE

- Saturday 9th December Seniors' lunch

CONTACT US



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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Glen Ashworth
Transforming work:
Workplace
relationships
8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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