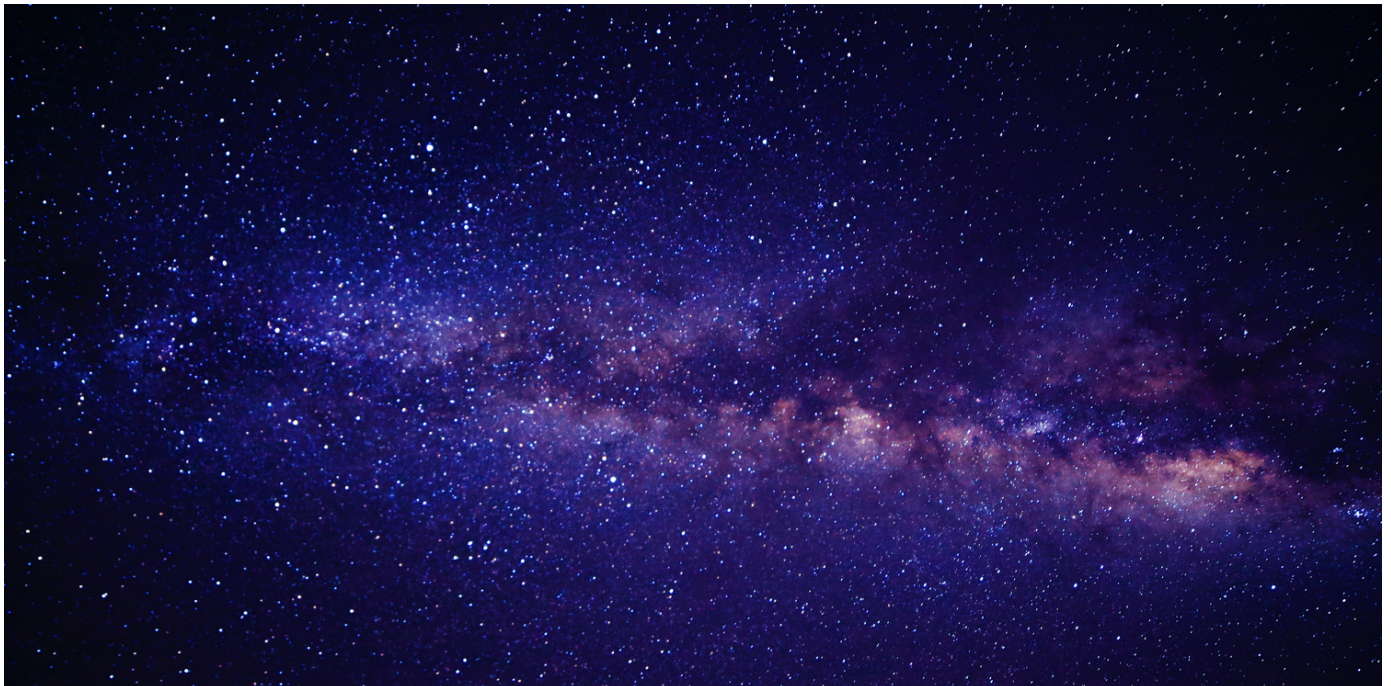




THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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: Hearing God through Dreams and Visions

PREACHER: Kaye Dyer

READINGS: Matthew 1:18 – 2:23 (extract); Acts 2:14-18

SENTENCE God does speak even though people may not understand it. He speaks in a dream or a vision of the night when people are in a deep sleep, lying on their beds. *Job 33:14-15*

COLLECT: Lord Jesus, we pray that our eyes and ears will be open to see, hear and perceive what you are saying to us during both the day and the night. Amen

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer shouldn't be for show.

Matthew 6:6

But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Prayer is a private conversation between a child of God and his or her Father. It's not a performance. Prayer is not the end of a spiritual talent show. It's the overflow of a sinner saved by grace, who is intentional about saying thanks. Prayer comes from the heart of a questioner who really wants to know what God thinks. It voices concern by one sinner for another, it's praise, worship and wonder. Prayer is turning to God because you need to talk.

Prayer:

Dear God, May my search for approval end with Your acceptance. Help me use prayer to learn more about Your plans for me, not as a way to feel more significant around people. Remind me that I'll never find a greater listener than 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

THANK YOU



This week we would like to thank our team of volunteers who are involved with Tunes for Tots.

SAFE HERE

Nativity will be holding health and safety training sessions in the Nativity Boardroom (upstairs) on **Sunday 10th December** from **2:30pm**

This training is for people who volunteer either directly or indirectly with children and youth, vulnerable adults, or the elderly or serve in a leadership capacity where you need to understand how Health & Safety at Nativity works.

The goal of this training is to keep people within these groups safe. Even if you think you have minimal contact with these groups, **we encourage you to attend training** out of love for the people we serve. Training is valid for three years and then you will need to complete this course again, either in person or online.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Nativity Church will be having a Nativity scene float in the Community Christmas Parade on the **2nd of December**.

We ask for your support by praying for the people of Marlborough who see the float acknowledging the birth of Christ, our Saviour, and for those participating.

ADVENT AFTERNOON TEA

Get into the spirit of Christmas with this seasonally-inspired fully catered afternoon tea. **Saturday 2 December and Sunday 3 December from 1.30pm to 4.30pm**, St Barnabas Chapel. Contact the office to book your table on 03 5783909. \$8 per person.

Baking is still needed. Please contact Chris if you can provide baking for the event: chris.detracygould@gmail.com or phone (027) 261 7720.

RESTORATION STATION



Nativity will be running The Restoration Station Holiday Programme for children aged 5-11. This will run **9am - 12pm** from the **18th - 21st of December**. The Restoration Station is a Scripture Union holiday programme exploring who is Jesus the Restorer as presented in John's gospel. There will be crafts, games morning tea and lots of fun!

SWAN PLANTS?



Rose Francis is currently caring for monarch caterpillars and eggs to keep them safe from paper wasps.

She is in need of branches of swan plants for feeding them. Please contact her on 577 7454 or at llamafarmer@xtra.co.nz.

COMING UP:

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 29th **Intercessory Prayers**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel

DECEMBER

Fridays 1st, 8th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre

Saturday 2nd **Christmas Parade**

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd **Joy of Christmas House Tours**

Advent Afternoon Tea
1:30pm - 4pm St Barnabas Chapel

Saturday 9th **Senior's Christmas Luncheon**
12pm The Foundry

Monday 4th & 11th **Care & Share**
9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel

Wednesday 13th **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel

Wednesday 6th **AAW**
1.30pm St Barnabas Chapel

Link
1pm St Barnabas Chapel

Saturday 9th **Coffee Connections**
9:30am Raupo Cafe

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

Rev. Glen Ashworth
**Revelation and
Fulfillment**
8 & 10 am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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