



# 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:** God is working his purpose out
- PREACHER:** Miriam Taylor
- READINGS:** Exodus 2:1-10, Romans 8:28-37
- SENTENCE:** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. *Romans 8:28*
- COLLECT:** Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear the prayer we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

# Welcome

NOTES/ART

## REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is acknowledging God's goodness and power.

Matthew 6:13: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

How important is God's kingdom? Jesus said you should make finding it a priority:

'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and it's righteousness.' (Matthew 6:33).

When it comes to God's power, 1 Chronicles declares, "Yours, O, Lord is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O, Lord, and You are exalted as head above all."

And Isaiah 42:8 puts God's glory into perspective: "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory I will not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

That is a snapshot of what it looks like to pray, 'For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.'

### Prayer:

*Lord, I don't want to give glory to anything besides You. I don't want to believe that anything could be more powerful than You, or settle for a kingdom less worthy than Yours. I honour and acknowledge Your greatness. 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

### 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](mailto:bristed@gmail.com).

### THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 9th September at Wairau Valley Anglican Church.** For one night only, get together with your friends, family and church for Tearfund's biggest multi-venue, nationwide quiz ever. Every dollar raised will help transform the lives of people living in poverty.

Contact Colleen Elwood 027 314 7265 or [mrscaelwood@gmail.com](mailto:mrscaelwood@gmail.com)

## CHANGES IN THE NATIVITY LIBRARY

In order to make more space in the library the theology study books, including biblical commentaries, have been shifted to the pews in the Sanctuary behind the altar. After the hall renovations have been completed, they will be moved into the side chapel which will also be known as the Scriptorium.

The extra space in the library will enable the books to be displayed for better viewing and easier access.

Also, to aid quick access, headings are being given to certain categories and some more well-known authors. Following are some of these:

- Biography
- Parenting, Marriage and Family
- New Zealand Christian History
- Church Mission and Evangelism
- Children and Youth
- Christian Living and Social Issues
- Christian Novels
- Devotionals

This is a work in progress. We would appreciate any suggestions or ideas to make our library even more inviting.

Raewyn and Miriam



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alpha Marriage course
- Nativity outreaches: Tunes 4 Tots, Healing Horticulture, Repair Cafe
- Faith sharing opportunities
- Building project, that it may be completed quickly and well.

## COMING UP:

### AUGUST

Wednesday 30th **Alpha Marriage Course**  
7:30pm Salvation Army Hall

### SEPTEMBER

Monday 4th & 18th **Care & Share**  
9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel

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

Wednesday 6th & 20th **Intercessory prayer**  
4pm St Barnabas Chapel

Wednesday 6th & 13th **Alpha Marriage Course**  
7:30pm Salvation Army Hall

Thursday 17th **Pastoral Care meeting**  
11am St Barnabas Chapel

Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd **Tunes for Tots**  
9:30am Wesley Centre

**Link**  
1pm St Barnabas Chapel

Saturday 9th **Coffee Connections**  
9.30am Raupo

Saturday 23rd **Repair Cafe**  
9am-noon Johns' Kitchen

Sunday 24th **The Gathering -The Well**  
6.30pm St Barnabas Chapel

## 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**  
**Transforming work**  
**8 & 10am**

## NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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