

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020



# 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 SERVICE TODAY

- THEME:** The power of blessing prayer
- READINGS:** *Romans 8:6-11 & John 11:1-13*
- SENTENCE:** "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.  
*John 11:25-26*
- COLLECT:** God of hope, in you we see a life that never dies. Surrounded by death and violence may we never give in to despair. But rest in you our resurrection and our life. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

# Mindset shift during a pandemic

- I'm stuck at home  
I get to be safe in my home and spend time with my family.
- I will get sick  
I will self-isolate and wash my hands, this will significantly decrease my chances of getting sick.
- I will run out of items at home during self-isolation  
I have prepared for this and I will use my items wisely.  
I have everything I need now.
- Everything is shutting down, I'm panicking  
The most important places such as medical centres, pharmacies and grocery stores remain open.
- There is too much uncertainty right now  
While I can't control the situation around me, I can control my actions. Reading my bible, spending time in prayer, calling loved ones and getting enough sleep.

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## BLESS US YOUR CHURCH

Pray that our congregation might be protected from illness or stress caused by the Coronavirus and the lockdown that we are experiencing. Pray that we will be a positive influence in our community.



## **A Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who are losing their jobs.

Lord help us to get through this together.

Kia kaha!

Be Strong!

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **NATIVITY NEWS**

The March edition of the Nativity News is out! Please give a big thank you to Miriam Taylor, Heather Murchison, Rose Francis and Jo Danks for their wonderful work. If you haven't seen it yet, please have a look on our website for an encouraging read!

### **FIREWOOD**

We have more firewood available for those in need thanks to the efforts of Craig Mackle. If you, or someone you know would like some please contact the office.

### **STAMP COLLECTING**

If you receive a letter, please keep the stamps to add the collection box when we return to church (do not include Kiwi Stamps). These generate funds for mission work.

### **CARE DURING LOCKDOWN**

Jane and Raewyn, our Pastoral care coordinators, have worked really hard on a phone tree which adds to the care cell network. If you have not had a call from someone, please let the office know so that we can confirm your contact details. Resources and information are available on our website [www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz)

### **BIBLE READING GUIDES**

The Scripture Union bible reading guides have arrived for April-June. These include a renewal form for current subscribers. If you are interested in subscribing in future please talk to Roz in the office to find out more or visit <https://www.sunz.org.nz/church/daily-bible-reading/>.



## GIVING

Please do continue giving financially to the church. If you do not already you may like to consider a direct credit. If you do not use internet banking you can just accumulate your giving until we can return to meeting together. Please note also that you are able to give donations to specific projects or funds and this will be receipted for tax purposes.

This can be done by giving via

- \* the office
- \* our website
- \* or adding a code to on-line giving

Offertory: 110-06N

Specific donation: 117-06N (eg. building)

Anglican Mission Board: 120-06N

Corins Mission: 121-06N

## CONTACT US



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## COMING UP:

### APRIL

Sunday 5th

**Psalm Sunday**

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**Nelson Diocese Prayer and**

Saturday 11th

**Fasting week**

Thursday 9th

**Maundy Thursday**

Friday 10th

**Good Friday**

Sunday 12th

**Easter Sunday**

## OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge  
Assistant Priests

Richard Dyer  
Kaye Dyer  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Kevin Thompson  
Kathy Taylor  
Raewyn Parkes  
Rosalind Mundy  
Kathy Hammond  
Alison Brice  
Kaye Dyer  
Stephen Sheat  
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows  
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough  
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes

Administrator  
Parish Nurse  
Receptionist  
Counselling  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Oversight to Care Cells  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden  
Prayer Facilitators  
Prayer Chain

We are not in the office but can still be contacted - don't hesitate to give us a call or e-mail anytime!