



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 - Issues of the heart
- PREACHER:** Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Colossians 3:1-14, Luke 6:43-45
- SENTENCE:** "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." *Proverbs 4:23*
- COLLECT:** God of mercy, you have blessed us beyond our dreams; you have set before us promises and perils beyond our understanding; help us to struggle and pray that the perils may be averted and your promises fulfilled. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. *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!

TRANSFORMING WORK

In September we begin a new series called 'Transforming Work'. This series was designed to help people dig deeper into the ways in which they can fulfil their calling to God through the work they do. This will be the focus of our Sunday preaching and there will be study resources made available for Carecells.

If you are not currently in a Carecell and would like to be, email carecells@nativity.org.nz.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will temporarily be **closed on Fridays**. Please contact the office if you require access to the church on Fridays.



OFFICE HOURS
9AM - 12PM
MONDAY-
THURSDAY

**CLOSED
FRIDAY**

Note that we will be checking phone messages & emails during this time

FAVOURITE HYMNS SING-ALONG



Join us for favourite hymns and delightful organ pieces. Come, sing and enjoy. To be followed by afternoon tea in the lounge.

**SUNDAY 30th JULY
2PM NATIVITY CHURCH**

Entry by donation. Proceeds will go towards the church redevelopment fund.

AAW

Wednesday 2nd August at 1.30pm at St Barnabas Chapel. Guest speaker is Bianca Shepherd, Elder Care Co-ordinator. All interested people are welcome to attend. Sales Table. Afternoon tea.

ACTIVITY SURVEY

We are excited about the possibilities the new Eldercare Coordinator role here at Nativity will bring. As part of the process of developing the shape of this role, we would love your input. Please fill out the survey by the **13th of August**. Paper copies can be found in the foyer

<https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/4850fb>

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

COMING UP:

AUGUST

- Monday 7th & 14th **Care & Share**
9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 2nd **AAW meeting**
1.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 9th & 23rd **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th **Alpha Marriage Course**
7:30pm Salvation Army Hall
- Thursday 17th **Pastoral Care meeting**
11am St Barnabas Chapel
- Fridays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 12th **Coffee Connections**
9.30am Raupo
- Sunday 20th **NBAS Garage Tour**
3pm John Neal's Garage
- Saturday 26th **Repair Cafe**
9am-noon Johns' Kitchen
- Sunday 27th **Martin Setchell Organ Recital**
Nativity Church
- The Gathering -The Well**
6.30pm St Barnabas Chapel

CONTACT US



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



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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

John Neal
"God's Call"
8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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*All can also be contacted via the office
(please see details above)*