

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 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 Promised Land - Psalm Sunday
- READINGS:** *1 Peter 2:1-9 & Matthew 21:1-11*
- SENTENCE:** "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." *1 Peter 2:9*
- COLLECT:** God of kings and criminals: your ways are not our ways. On the way to Jerusalem, with shouts we acclaimed you; on the way to Calvary, with shouts we condemned you. Mercifully grant us the way that leads to life, For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



THE PROMISED LAND

The promised land is where God comes to dwell in you and with you -where the reason you were created becomes clear. Ask God to reveal this promised land to you, whether it be for a first time or a renewal of this promise and hope.



FOR THOSE THAT ARE ANXIOUS

God of presence and strength, help us feel that you are here with us when we are anxious and afraid, when the future feels unwieldy and uncertain. We know nothing is unknown to you, O God, and we know you are our rock and our comfort in times of trouble. Thank you that in you we have the victory and help us to share this confidence with others who are in need. Amen.

NEWS AND EVENTS

CARE DURING LOCKDOWN

Jane and Raewyn, our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, 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. Please continue to check in on each other and let Jane, Raewyn or Roz know if you or someone you know has a need that we may be able to help with.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget that we have some amazing resources and Sunday worship on our website www.nativity.org.nz. There will be special activities and suggestions for Holy week added regularly, including the Tennebrae service sheet and a link to creating your own psalm crosses, that you may like to use in your own journey to the cross. We also have a Nativity Church, Blenheim NZ Facebook group to enable you to keep in touch as a parish.

There is also a new Facebook page, utube channel and website for Nelson Anglicans <https://nelsonanglicans.com/> with links to information, sermons, and other resources.

PRAYER CHAIN

Our prayer chain is still active!! If you have any prayer needs please contact Raewyn P:578-2511 M:022-0786902 or Jane P:578-9004 M:027-7135524

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 (P:570-2111) to find out more or visit <https://www.sunz.org.nz/church/daily-bible-reading/>. Renewals can be dropped in the church mailbox or posted to my home address. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING

Enable a positive + thoughtful Christian voice on mainstream media this Easter.

In this time of stress and uncertainty, the Christian community has an opportunity to be a voice of God's hope, comfort and love. CBA has brought together some of NZ's most respected Christian broadcasters to present the real Easter message on Newstalk ZB(92.1Fm) and Radio Sport (98.5FM).

Two nationwide networks. 14 hours of air time. 300,000+ listeners.

Please visit cba.org.nz/easter for more details and to view CBA's video. Phone 0900 80 222 to make a \$20 donation or visit cba.org.nz/give



PRAYER AND FASTING

The Diocese have asked that we particularly set aside time this coming Holy week to pray and fast.

Please see the booklets provided at the recent Sunday service, our website, the Nelson Anglican website or the attached file for suggestions on how to fast, prayer and scriptures for each day.

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.



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

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THIS WEEK:

APRIL

Sunday 5th

Psalm Sunday (Today)

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**Nelson Diocese Prayer
and Fasting**

Saturday 11th

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!**