



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: Four Keys to hearing God's voice

PREACHER: Richard Dyer

READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-15, John 10:1-10

SENTENCE: I will stand like a guard to watch and place myself at the tower. I will wait to see what he will say to me; I will wait to learn how God will answer my complaint. The LORD answered me: "Write down the vision; write it clearly on clay tablets so whoever reads it can run to tell others. Habakkuk 2:1-2

COLLECT: Father, thank You that You desire to speak to us every day—guiding us in spirit and in truth to obey Your Word and enjoy an abundant life. Thank You that You have called us and that we may come boldly to the throne of grace to find help whenever we have a need. Amen

Welcome

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd & Sunday
The Joy of Christmas House Tours

Saturday 9th
Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

18-21st
Restoration Station Holiday Club



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.

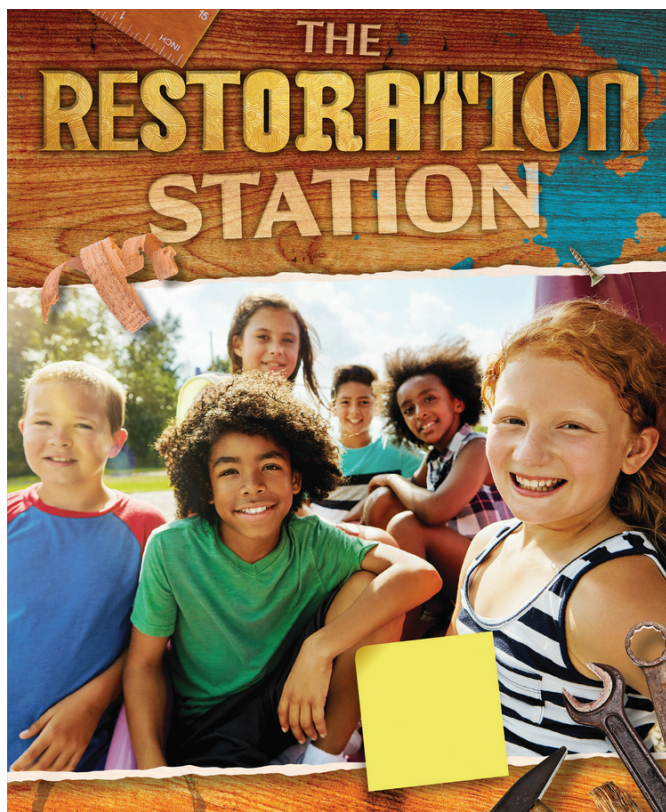
PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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 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! Please keep this in your prayers and tell any kids/families you know. If they would like physical sign up forms (rather than the online ones) just contact Rebecca: 02041939393



ADVENT AFTERNOON TEA

Get into the spirit of Christmas with this seasonally-inspired fully catered afternoon tea. Choose from a selection of delectable home-baked treats. Saturday, 2 December and Sunday 3 December from 1.30pm to 4.30pm Contact Nativity Church to book your table on 03 5783909 \$8 per person



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

This is a self guided tour of a selection of unique and beautiful homes in Marlborough that have been lovingly decorated to inspire and delight you this Christmas season.

Also included on the tour is a Christmas gift shop, wreath-making demonstration, afternoon tea and a special Christmas raffle. Proceeds will go to the Nativity Building fund. Saturday 2nd December 10am-4pm & Sunday 3rd December 1-4.30pm. You can do the tour over 2 days.

Tickets are now available for purchase. Earlybird special: Buy your tickets before November 15th and pay only \$40 per ticket! Tickets may be purchased via cash (at the office), or online via direct deposit or credit.

<https://nativityblenheim.breezechms.com/form/ChristmasTour23>

PARISH PICNIC



The parish picnic is scheduled for the **26th November** at Christine's Smith place, 609 New Renwick Road.

COMING UP:

NOVEMBER

Monday 6th & 20th	Care & Share 9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesday 1st & 15th	Intercessory prayer 4pm St Barnabas Chapel
Wednesdays	Solid Rock Contact Rebecca Silva
Wednesday 8th	Healing Horticulture 7-9.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	Tunes for Tots 9:30am Wesley Centre
	Link 1pm St Barnabas Chapel
Saturday 11th	Coffee Connections 9:30am Raupo Cafe
Saturday 25th	Repair Cafe 9am-noon Johns' Kitchen
Sunday 26th	Parish Picnic 609 New Renwick Road

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

Miriam Taylor
Lectio Divina
8 & 10am

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the office for an appointment for:

Vicar	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz Sun-Thurs
Families Leader	Rebecca Silva families@nativity.org.nz Wed-Fri, Sunday
Eldercare Coordinator:	Bianca Shepherd eldercare@nativity.org.nz

Please contact directly:

Receptionist:	Iemke Moore info@nativity.org.nz Mon, Wed, Thur 9am-3pm
Parish Administrator:	Kathy Taylor admin@nativity.org.nz Tues - Thurs 9am - 3:00pm
People's Warden:	Ruth Struthers frenchfields@xtra.co.nz (021) 145-2678