

WEEK OF THE 6TH - 12TH AUGUST 2023



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's Call
- PREACHER:** John Neal
- READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 1:26 - 2:5, Mark 1: 14 - 22
- SENTENCE:** For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2 (NIV)
- COLLECT:** God of the hungry, make us hunger and thirst for the right, till our thirst for justice has been satisfied and hunger has gone from the earth. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. 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

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

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

Thursday 17th August at 11am. Come and join the team for our annual Pastoral Care meeting. Bring your concerns and new ideas to share. You will also be able to meet Bianca Shephard and hear about her role.

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 0273147265 or mrscaelwood@gmail.com



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 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**
2.30pm 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

**Glen Ashworth
Motivation
8 & 10am**

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

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