

WEEK OF 3RD-9TH MARCH 2022



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:	The Testing of Jesus
PREACHER:	Rev. Glen Ashworth
READINGS:	Romans 10:8-13 & Luke 4:1-13
SENTENCE:	"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." <i>Matthew 4:1</i>
COLLECT:	May God our Creator, walk with us during this season of Lent. May we enter more deeply into the passion of Jesus and come to depend more completely on his Spirit, that we may live a life that shines with the light of the resurrected Christ. <i>Amen.</i>



2022

LENTEN

Appeal

Empower women and improve children's health in Egypt

Bring hope to Ugandan children with special needs

Build more toilets for the Solomon Islands

EMPOWER THE VULNERABLE

Let this Lent be a moment to reflect on the privileges we have, uplifting those who are not as fortunate as us.

Visit angmissions.org.nz/appeals: donate online today.

LENTEN MISSIONS APPEAL

Anglican Missions have a special appeal for lent this year. This year they have chosen the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda, the Water and Sanitation Project in the Solomon Islands, and the Children's Health and Awareness initiative in Egypt.

You can give by


- a donation straight into the Anglican Missions bank account: 02-0585 0001796-00 with 'Lent 22' OR the name of the project as the reference
- or mark your church giving envelope as **missions**.

If you have any further questions about this particular cause you can contact Anglican missions at info@angmission.co.nz or, for account enquiries, accounts@angmissions.org.nz.

PRAYER FOCUS - EGYPT

This week the prayer focus is on Healthy, Sustainable Food (Egypt).

Lord, we pray for EpiscoCare's community centres in Egypt as they continue to serve nutritious meals to malnourished children. Sustain their efforts in treating children in Egypt of malnutrition, intestinal worms, and anaemia, allowing them to grow and thrive. Open our eyes and heart to these hungry Egyptian children, so we can better walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Amen.




Did you know that more than 70% of Ukrainians identify as Christian?

Join us in prayer for the people of Ukraine, asking for peace and an end to this brutal war.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the **foyer of the Nativity Centre**. A pen and paper are provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over.

Jane Sheat (578 9004) and **Rosemarie Nicholls** (578 1163) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS

AGM & PICNIC

AGM 11AM SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2022

Due to being in the red setting, our AGM this year will be held via Zoom. We are aware that a number of parishioners will not be familiar with using Zoom, and so we will be providing a couple of meeting spaces (VP and NVP) at Nativity for those who would prefer to gather together to participate.

At this meeting, we will be presenting the annual budget, electing our People's Warden and vestry representatives, and presenting reports, such as an update on the building redevelopment project. **If you have not already replied please let us know ASAP if you are joining us from one of the meeting spaces at church.**

PARISH PICNIC

The Nativity staff would also invite you to join them for a picnic at **Pollard Park after the AGM**. Please bring your own food, picnic blankets etc. for a time of fellowship (weather permitting).

SWAN PLANTS?



Our lovely Rose Francis is currently caring for monarch caterpillars and eggs to keep safe from paper wasps.

She has asked if anyone has any branches of swan plants for feeding them. Any donor can phone her on 5777-454 or email her at llamafarmer@xtra.co.nz.

NATIVITY GIVING

Just a reminder that if you give directly by cash you can still do this via the office or post through the slot in the door of the Nativity Centre - please note on the envelope who it is from if required for tax purposes and/or if it is a donation for a specific purpose.

NELSON DIOCESAN AAW FESTIVAL & AGM

This will be held on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March 2022 at St. Christopher's Anglican Church. See the noticeboard or contact Heather Wadsworth or the office for more information.

HEALING & BLESSING EVENING.

Kaylene Subritzky from Dove ministries, will be speaking at St Christopher's Church on **Tuesday 15th March @ 7pm.**

Come and hear Kaylene speak on healing and spiritual freedom. An opportunity for healing prayer will be offered. Dessert & Coffee to follow. A Vaccine Pass is required.

For info Ph Kevin 0212697954 or Sheryll 0210791981 (evenings).

Kaylene will also be speaking at an Order of St Luke meeting at St Christopher's on Wednesday at 1.15pm.

TAYLOR RIVER WALK

You are welcome to join this group when you are able. We walk for up to 45 mins on **Thursdays** starting at **8.30am** from the carpark by the Henry Street footbridge off Nelson Street. Contact Pam Woodward 5785347 or Pam Neal 5777442.

INTRODUCING... "SOLID ROCK"



Come along for an evening of dessert, bible study, music and games. For people in year 6 and up who would like to know more about God. When: **6.30 - 7.30pm on Fridays during term time @ 26 Lee Street, Blenheim starting Friday the 4th of March.** For further details, contact: Rebecca and Silas Silva on 02041939393

COMING UP IN MARCH:

Thursdays	Healing Horticulture 7pm Barnies (NVP)
Fridays	Link 1pm - Hall/lounge (NVP)
Sunday 6th	Nativity AGM via Zoom - various locations and picnic 12:30pm - Pollard Park (near playground)
Saturday 12th	Coffee Connections 9:30am - Raupō Café (VP)
Monday 14th & 28th	Care and Share 9:30am Hall (VP)
Wednesdays 9th & 23rd	Intercessory Prayer 4pm Barnies (NVP)
Sunday 20th	CMS prayer meeting 4pm Lounge (NVP)
Saturday 26th	Repair Café 9:30- 12noon Crossroads

NVP - No vaccine pass required (limit 25)
VP - Please show vaccination certificate

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar:	Rev. Glen Ashworth vicar@nativity.org.nz
Parish Nurse:	Sharon Thomas parishnurse@nativity.org.nz 022 104 0540 Tues - Friday 9-4:30pm
Receptionist:	Rosalind Mundy Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
Parish Administrator:	Kathy Taylor Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

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

CONTACT US



Monday - Friday **9am - 12noon**



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 9am

Livestream service via
website or YouTube

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Glen Ashworth

Luke 13

via prerecorded
or Livestream