



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:** Transforming Work: Sharing faith in the workplace
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Philemon 1:6, John 1:35-51; Matt 16:13-17
- SENTENCE** “I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.”
Philemon 1:6
- COLLECT:** Merciful God, you gave your only Son to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example for godly life; help us gladly to receive all that has been done for us and follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Welcome

NOTES/ART

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

Prayer can bring dread.

Genesis 3:10. (Adam) said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid.

The first humans' conversation with God led to dread, because they had to admit that they had broken the only command God gave. Adam delivered his "prayer" with an equal mixture of blame and defiance rather than sorrow and repentance.

Job on the other hand lost everything, and wanted to know why. After allowing Job to complain at length, God replied. When Job heard what God had to say, he responded, "Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I will lay my hand upon my mouth." (Job 40:4-5) Job had a different perspective to Adam and Eve. He recognised the majesty and glory of God—and instead of being defiant, Job displayed humility and awe. That would have served Adam and Eve well. It would look good on you too.

Prayer:

Lord, may I be honest when I blow it. Help me never to blame others for my choice to disobey. And when I read a response from Your Word, help me to accept it with humility and awe. May prayer be a key part of my relationship with 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

HUT BUILDING AT WHITE'S BAY

Bring picnic food to share and come and join us for some family fun at Whites Bay on the **8th of October** (1pm). This is a slightly belated commemoration of the festival of the shelters (see Leviticus 23:33-43, John 7: 10-31). We will be building huts and reflecting on how God provided for his people when they lived in tents in the desert. This is also a good opportunity to reflect with our families about how God has looked after us. A sausage sizzle will be available for a dollar a sausage. Please RSVP Rebecca Silva (020 4193 9393) if you're planning to attend.

LOVE OFFERING FOR THE KEIGHLEY FAMILY

You will be aware that Rev. Joe Keighley and family are facing a major operation in Wellington in the next few weeks for young Reuben. A give-a-little page has now been set up.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/1reuben1>

Alternatively, you can pop an envelope with "Love Offering" written on it in the offertory bags.

COUNSELLING

Thank you for your donations to our counselling services. We still have a shortfall so consider if you are able to give to this important ministry.

TOILETS

Over the next few weeks, the men's and women's toilets will be undergoing renovation. The **new accessible toilet** will be available for use until the new toilet renovations are complete.

THANK YOU



This week we would like to thank our team of volunteers who are involved with the monthly Repair Cafe's.

REPAIR CAFE



Saturday 14th October

9am- 12noon

Johns' Kitchen
2 Redwood St, Blenheim

The repair cafe is on this **Saturday 14th October** due to the 4th Sunday being a public holiday .

CITY 2 CITY CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

Following on from the Season of Discernment, the Diocese is now entering a Revitalisation process. This involves a church consultancy group called City to City taking each parish through a review process which will include collecting data, reporting findings and giving recommendations.

Below is a link to a church-wide survey which is designed to 'take the pulse' as one of the data points for analysis of our parish. We encourage every member of our parish to complete this survey in order to help us gain a better picture of our church.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nativity_church

COMING UP:

OCTOBER

- Monday 16th **Care & Share**
9.30 am St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesday 18th **Intercessory prayer**
4pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Wednesdays
11th, 18th, 25th **Solid Rock**
Contact Rebecca Silva
- Healing Horticulture**
7-9.30pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Fridays 13th,
20th, 27th **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am Wesley Centre
- Link**
1pm St Barnabas Chapel
- Saturday 14th **Coffee Connections**
9:30am Raupo Cafe
- Repair Cafe**
9am-noon Johns' Kitchen
- Sunday 8th **Hut building family outing**
1pm White's Bay

SAVE THE DATE

- Saturday 9th
December Seniors' lunch

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

Glen Ashworth
**Tackling workplace
issues with biblical
principles**
8 & 10am

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