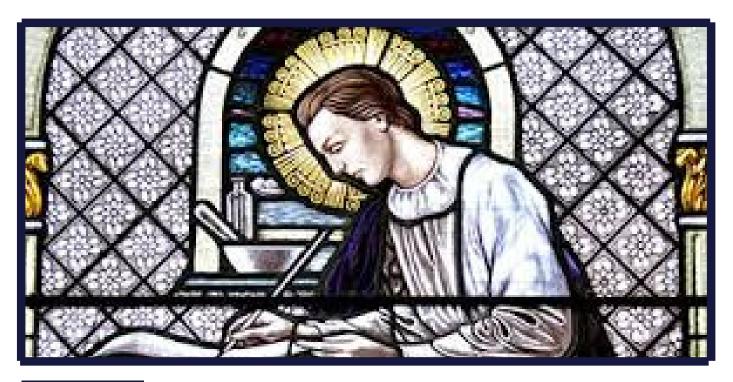


THE CHURCH OF place in the son! THE NATIVITY

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



Luke, the Beloved Physician THEME:

Acts 1: 1 - 9 & Luke 1: 1 - 4 **READINGS:**

SENTENCE: You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, and

> with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

COLLECT: God of love, your Son teaches us the heart of the law.

Open our minds, souls and hearts to discern what you ask of us. Empower us to love you with our whole being, to love our neighbour as ourselves and thus fulfil your law. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever. **Amen**

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

WHAT IS IDOLATRY?

A PRAYER FROM ST FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life

Amen



NEWS AND EVENTS

SPRING PARISH PICNIC



Thank you to all that were involved in organising the Parish Picnic held last week. Special thanks to **Rod and Jenny Tyney** for hosting us. The food purchased on the day raised \$353 towards new chairs for the lounge.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



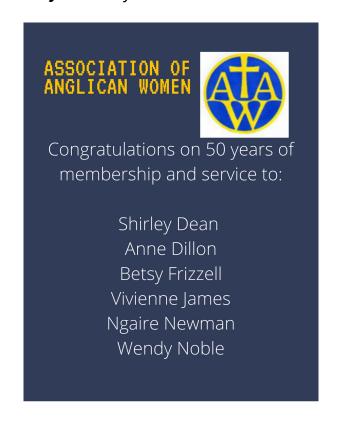
We were thrilled to be able to announce the appointment of the Rev. Glen Ashworth to the position of Vicar of Blenheim (Nativity) at our combined service last Sunday.

Glen, aged 43 years, is presently the Vicar of St. Aidan's Remuera where he has been since arriving there as a Deacon in 2015 and 'progressing through the ranks'. Glen is married to Sarah and they have three children; Lily 11, Finn 9, and Daisy 6. Glen will take up his appointment on **February 1st 2021.**

We are looking forward to this new season of ministry at Nativity with anticipation and excitement after what has been a long parish interregnum and are profoundly thankful to God for the many people who have assisted us through this period, who have sustained ministry and helped us prepare for this new season. Let us uphold Glen, Sarah and the children in our prayers as they prepare to leave Auckland and settle in Marlborough.

HONOURING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Last week we were able to honour two of our teenagers moving on to tertiary education next year, as well as the following ladies for their commitment and service to AAW at Nativity over 50 years.



TREES FOR REMEMBRANCE

This year we intend to have 1 or 2 trees set up in the foyer to be decorated to remember those that have passed away or are unable to be with us for other reasons this Christmas. If you have an Christmas tree at least 5ft in height that you would be willing to lend for the month of December for this purpose, please contact the office.

CARE CELLS

There are a number of care cells associated with Nativity that meeting regularly. If you are not involved in one and would like to be please contact the office or our care cell overseers.

COMING UP:

OCTOBER

Fridays **Link**

1pm - Lounge

Tunes for Tots

9:30am - Hall and Lounge

NOVEMBER

Saturday 14th Coffee Connections

St Christophers' Market

Saturday 28th Christmas Luncheon

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please do remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the foyer. A pen and paper is provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over.

Raewyn Parkes (578 2511) or 022-0786902 and Jane Sheat (578-9004) are our are our **Prayer Chain Coordinators.** Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

CONTACT US



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am

Sung Eucharist Service

Church

Sundays 10am

Family Communion

Church

Thursday 10am

Eucharist Service

St Barnabas Chapel

(Barnies)

OFFICE HOURS

The office will not be open on the public holidays **Monday 26th October** and

2nd of November

OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge Assistant Priests Sue Howarth & Joe Keighley

Kaye Dyer John Neal

Miriam Taylor Kevin Thompson

Kathy Taylor Rosalind Mundy

Kathy Hammond

Alison Brice

Jo Danks/Sue Howarth

Stephen Sheat

Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes

The office will be open on

Mondays - Wednesdays from 9am -1pm and on Thursdays and Fridays from 9am - 12:00pm.

Outside these hours please leave a note or message via phone or e-mail and we will get back to you.

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Vicar's Warden
People's Warden
Prayer Facilitators
Prayer Chain