

WEEK OF 22ND - 28TH OCTOBER 2020



# 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:** Luke, the Beloved Physician

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

**SENTENCE:** You shall love the Lord your 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

### KIDS CORNER

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**



## 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.

ASSOCIATION OF  
ANGLICAN WOMEN



Congratulations on 50 years of membership and service to:

Shirley Dean  
Anne Dillon  
Betsy Frizzell  
Vivienne James  
Ngairé Newman  
Wendy Noble

## 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 **Prayer Chain Coordinators**. Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

## OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge  
Assistant Priests

Administrator  
Receptionist  
Counselling  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Oversight to Care Cells  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden  
Prayer Facilitators  
Prayer Chain

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

## CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm  
Thursday - Friday 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*  
*(Barnies)*

## OFFICE HOURS

The office will not be open on the public holidays **Monday 26th October** and **2nd of November**

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.