



# 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:** Why must the redeemer be truly God? (Advent 4)
- READINGS:** John 10:1-5 + 9-14 & Philippians 2:6-11
- PREACHER:** Rev. Miriam Taylor
- SENTENCE:** This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.  
*Luke 1:32-33*
- COLLECT:** God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Welcome

## SERMON NOTES

### KIDS CORNER

WHAT CANDLE  
WAS LIT IN THE  
SERVICE TODAY?

## LOVE

In this season of advent let us pray for LOVE and be reminded of the love that came down at Christmas in the form of a baby. Please pray for those that are missing those that they love and also those that are struggling to love one another. Perhaps we can ask God how to show love to others today?



## 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.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## PARISH LIBRARIES

Please come and visit during office hours to take a look at our resources - care cell resources, general library and the resource library from the Diocesan Children and Families enabler. These will all be great for keeping all ages occupied over the summer break. Extra viewing times can be arranged - just contact the office!



## FUN AND FUNDRAISING 2021

The Fun and Fundraising team have some dates to add to your calendar before it fills up!

- **Thursday 4th February** - 7pm Welcome and Commissioning service for Glen Ashworth and family
- **February 28th** 9am combined service • AGM • Parish Picnic shared lunch with BBQ. Gold coin donation box for sausages.
- **March 2021** Some type of fellowship /social gathering/entertainment - To be arranged- suggestions welcome
- **June 21st** Bamboo Garden- The Theme: Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner & Auction: \$40 per person
- **September/October** (proposed trip, date to be confirmed) Campbell Expedition: \$20 per person.

## THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

You can help Christian Broadcasting Association reach 250,000 listeners this Christmas! This Christmas, CBA will broadcast for 18 hours on Newstalk ZB reaching 250,000 listeners! CBA's programmes are designed to communicate the Christian faith to those outside the influence of the church. They have asked for your help to cover production costs. Please phone 0900 80 222 to make a \$20 donation (charged to your phone account). Visit [cba.org.nz/christmas](http://cba.org.nz/christmas) to find out more.

## CAROL SINGING

The congregation young and old are invited to participate in singing carols through the hospital as above and hospice led by hospital Chaplain Rev Chris Donaldson. A supper is shared afterwards in the hospital café.



## RIDLEY CERTIFICATE: WHO IS JESUS?

Ridely College has just released its latest course on the historical Jesus. With Dr John Dickson's help, you get to examine the core claims of Christianity, and evaluate what the evidence tells us about the Jesus of history: his teaching, miracles, death, and resurrection.

You can access this course as part of our Diocesan license which has been extended for 2021.

<https://nelsonanglicans.com/resourcesblog/reeridleycertificate>

## COMING UP:

### DECEMBER

Sunday 27th **First Sunday of Christmas  
Combined service**  
9am Nativity Church

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thursday 24th **Christmas Eve service**  
Nativity Church 10pm

Friday 25th **Christmas Day services**  
8 & 10am Nativity Church

### JANUARY START DATES

Friday 8th **LINK**  
Lounge

Wednesday 13th **Intercessory Prayer  
Group**  
Barnies

Tuesday 19th **Afternoon Care Cell**  
Lounge

Wednesday 27th **Choir**  
Church

## 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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### Nativity Bank Account

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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) - from 28th Jan.  
2021

The office will be  
closed from the  
23rd December  
to 18th of  
January

Normal office hours are  
**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.