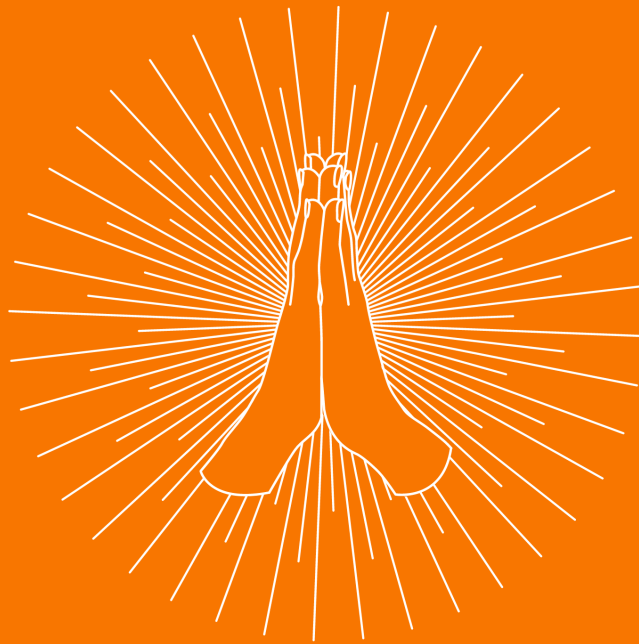


PRAYER

FOR ST BARNABAS



St Barnabas
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“Prayer is the Engine Room of the Church”

- Charles Spurgeon

Prayer is a vitally important part of the Christian life, and for the Church. Our Prayer Team will be praying through the names within this book on Sundays while they are in the prayer room at the end of the Services.

I encourage you this year to pray for the staff and ministry leaders of St Barnabas. Each person has written a little blurb about themselves and a few prayer points. Please pray for their prayer requests and feel free to add any extra prayers that you may feel prompted to pray.

My hope and prayer is that with your commitment to prayer the staff and ministry leaders at St Barnabas will feel supported, grow in their faith and ministry, and together create a healthy growing faith-filled, prayerful church.

Rev'd Jo Cotton

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Please Pray For Our Clergy & Staff



REVD JENNY WILKENS – Priest in charge

I've been ministering at St Barnabas since 2019 as Senior Associate Priest and as Priest in Charge since 2022.

I'd appreciate prayer for:

- Good health and self-care, with good life balance and time with family and friends.
- The wonderful clergy and staff team that we'd work well together and with our parishioners, and support one another well.
- The transitions over the next couple of years as clergy and staff retire or move to new roles, that we'd hear and trust the Spirit's leading and guiding.



REVD. DR ANDREW BUTCHER – Priest Assistant.

I joined St Barnabas in January 2023, working across the parish. I'm married to Yvette and we previously lived in Tauranga and Wellington.

Prayer requests: -

- completion of theology studies in 2024
- taking up new priest duties in 2024
- settling into Christchurch.



REVD. DR PAULINE STEWART I am the Priest Assistant at St Barnabas Church where I have assisted for about 10 years. I am also the Executive Officer and Founder of Family Drug Support, a nationwide organisation I founded 5 years ago to help family members impacted by the alcohol and other drug use of people they care about. I also have a private psychology practice.

Prayer would be appreciated for:

- support in my role as Priest Assistant including supporting other staff
- The continuing development of Family Drug Support to help the 10 to 12 people impacted by each person with alcohol and other drug challenges.
- Wisdom in my psychology work and pastoral care work.

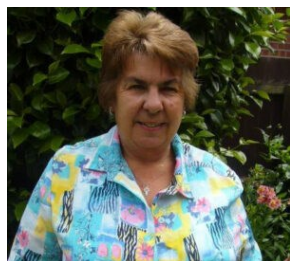


REVD JO COTTON – Deacon Assistant & Pastoral Care Coordinator.

I am married to Jeff, we have three adult children, two of whom still live with us, and two cats. I have been the Pastoral Care Coordinator at St Barnabas since July 2019.

Prayer points.

- That I continue to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus.
- For the three theological papers, I am studying this year. That I can give them quality time and grow in my learning, and can be clear in my assignments and study well for exams.
- To help me with all the ministries that I do here at St Barnabas
- Strength and encouragement and that I will be led and guided by the Holy Spirit in all I do.



REV JILL KEIR—Assistant

I taught for many years. Ordained in 2004 and was non-stipendiary priest until 2013, when I became Vicar of Avonside. I retired from there at the end of 2022. My late husband and I had 3 children and I now have 6 grandchildren.

Prayer Points:

- Adjustment to retirement
- Continued good health for Jill and her family
- A sense of God's purpose in her life



MARION COOK—Parish Administrator

I've been working at St Barnabas since December 1997.

I'd appreciate prayer for:

Continuing to be a welcoming face to everyone who comes into the office, to always be helpful, efficient, confidential and trustworthy.

Good health, good life balance of work and time with family and friends.

Working with and supporting other staff members.

Always accepting change and new developments.



LYNETTE ENSOR (CRESTANI) - Works in the office on a Wednesday attends Lifestreams, and is on the Pastoral Care MAT Team

I am a Mum to 4 children Natalia 22, Brad 19, Tyson 18 & Dominica 15. I work part time and am on a number of Governance Boards (Tai Poutini Whanau Po Kita Ata, Christchurch Community House, Chair of Volunteering Canterbury). I enjoy walking, playing tennis, biking to places.

Prayers

- God's guidance, strength, patience & calmness while going through the separation process.
- My children for guidance and health.
- A new direction – job or role in the community/teaching



GREG BROWN – Verger and Caretaker

Greg is married to Angela, they have five adult children, one of whom still lives with them at home. They enjoy spending time with their Grandchildren.

Things to pray for:

- Health and safety in the work place.
- Energy



BRADEN RAMSELL—Tech Support Officer

I have been overseeing St Barnabas' IT and AV for almost 7 years, and recently improving energy efficiency and building services. I also help other parishes with technical, electrical and mechanical needs in addition to my full time job as an IT systems engineer.

My prayer points looking ahead into 2024 would be:

- To remind myself that allocating time to connect with God throughout my week is important to remain spiritually refreshed
- To seek value in taking breaks and spending more time amongst nature.
- Strength in terms of family, as more family members have recently developed health issues. We do need courage and reassurance going into 2024.



DENIS GUYAN, Organist & Choirmaster

I've been at St Barnabas for many years as organist and Choirmaster.

Prayer points.

- Securing deputy organists/choir directors for when I'm away.
- Continued good health



ANDY DICKSON- Young Adults Worker. I am a husband and father, a writer and poet, a musician, and a podcaster. Primarily that means looking after St Barnabas's Antioch community who meet on Sunday evenings.

Prayer points:

- I am looking to make some changes about how things run in the young adult space, so prayer that those changes would be beneficial to the community and navigated well by all would be wonderful. Especially as some in the group find change difficult.
- Pray for the deepening of the faith of those who come to Antioch, and a growing ability to see their faith as relevant in all aspects of their lives
- Pray for more young adults who are looking for a place of belonging to become aware of Antioch and find it a place they can call home
- Pray for wisdom for me as I navigate some very high needs within the community, which can cause some stresses and strains at times.



NATHAN MUIRHEAD – Youth Minister. Nathan is married to Claire and enjoys the outdoors, DIY and being active. Given the opportunity, he will be out on his bike or participating in group fitness.

Nathan was a primary school teacher teaching in Taumarunui, Auckland and Christchurch. He also spent time teaching in Thailand.

In 2023, Nathan began leading the youth and intermediates of the St Barnabas Youth Group (SBYG). He is excited to work alongside volunteers who desire to see our youth grow in maturity, develop strong connections with each other, and fall in love with Jesus.

The youth group has four developing statements

We are a group that desires to **connect** with God, new people, regular attendees, and leaders.

We seek to **love** each other in what we say and do.

We are invited into an **apprenticeship** to grow in our faith and what God has planned for us.

We want to **honour** God with our lives.

Please pray for:

- Youth to develop a relationship with Jesus that changes their lives
- Youth to grow into their God-given potential
- Leaders who have a genuine, dynamic relationship with God that is visible in their lives and decisions.

Please Pray For the Children's Ministry



BARBARA NEVILLE—Children and Family Pastor

I have been doing Family and Children's Ministry for over 30 years. These last two years I have been the Family and Children's Pastor of St Barnabas in Fendalton.

Prayers

- Please pray that the health of my youngest child would continue to improve.
- Please pray that I can have more time to focus on the ministry and bring fresh ideas and inspiration into our families' lives.
- Please pray that our ministry would be effective to help children grow into a faith they can own for themselves.
- As we as parents walk with God, may our children also be guided and comforted as they walk through life. Help our children to cope and learn in a positive way God's love and care. Help those that are neurodiverse to also be comforted and strengthened by God's love, and to find supportive Christian community.



LIZ YEOH – Lifestreams Band Leader & Mainly Music Leader.

Hi, I'm Elizabeth Yeoh, though most know me here as Liz. I'm a mum to three young girls - Emilene, Phoebe and Josephine. I enjoy all things music and creative, gardening and walks. Having had most of my schooling years growing up in Invercargill, I have lived in Christchurch since 2013 after completing an honours music

degree at Otago, where I met my husband, Nigel, who is from here. I am involved with overseeing, organising and coordinating the Lifestreams Band, who lead music each Sunday at our Lifestreams service. I also coordinate and lead our mainly music team at St Barnabas every Friday morning.

Prayer points:

- 1. That the music we sing and lead in our services is inviting and encouraging for all to sing. Pray that this contributes to our church growth!
- 2. May God be present in everything that we do - singing, playing, worshipping, dancing, practising and in leading mainly music too.
- 3. That mainly music families will thrive and feel open to coming to our services here at St B.
- 4. That we can find another upfront session leader who can alternate with me at mainly music, to give variety, fresh ideas and relief for sickness etc.



HELEN WAKEFIELD – Play Group Leader & Launchpad Team Leader. I have been married to Steve for almost 39 years and we have 3 grown up sons. We have been worshipping at St Barnabas since 1996. I am a trained primary school teacher. I am team leader for Launchpad (was known as Bible in Schools) at both Isleworth School & Fendalton School. I lead Playgroup on Wednesday mornings in the hall at St Barnabas – and have been since 2011.

Prayer points:

For Launchpad:

- pray for the programme to be continued in both these schools
- pray for the Principals and Board of Trustees at these schools
- pray for the children to remember to come along to the lesson each week
- pray for the health of the team

For Playgroup:

- pray for the children & families who attend
- pray for the children & families to deepen their faith
- pray for energy and health of the team
- May we continue to offer a nurturing place at Playgroup for all parents, male or female. Help the preschoolers to learn social skills and to positively experience the love of God in a Christian community.



ANGELA BROWN – Messy Church Minister. After years of paid ministry for outreach areas including Playgroup, Fridayzone, Kidzone and Messy Church, my role now is voluntary in leading the Messy Church team to deliver 6 Messy Churches a year at St Barnabas. I am also on the National Messy Church team and am the Canterbury Regional Messy Church Encourager. The national role includes being a presenter on the Messy Church Masterclass Zoom training meetings and planning a Messy Church Roadshow 2024.

Prayer Points

- Health and peace of mind, body and soul for myself, planning team of Alison, Christine, Florence, Helen and their families .
- Growth in love of Jesus in all who come to Messy Church, especially when half of those attend are community folk.
- Keep reaching the last, lost and lonely in this community with God's love.
- Financial giving to this ministry so it can grow.

Please Pray For Our Ministry Leaders



MADELEINE PRICE - AAW Daytime Group Leader

I have now been leader of the Daytime AAW group for 8 years. I accepted the position shortly after my retirement in 2015. My husband had died 12 years previously. I have 2 children; Phillip lives in Perth, WA, and Sarah lives in Auckland.

We enjoy meeting in prayer and fellowship. Our speakers are drawn from within the parish. Members enjoy the informal meeting structure.

Membership has since steadily increased. We have welcomed members new to the parish and members from In-betweens who no longer choose to drive at night.

This year we trialled a shared roster for meeting duties, this has worked very well. We plan to continue with the roster. Members enjoy being involved.

Prayer Points. **Pray** for the leader as she continues to provide a welcoming environment for current and new members at our meetings.

Pray for **all** members to continue to support and participate in our shared duties roster.



JUDY DODWELL - Leader of the St Barnabas In Betweens Group. She is married to Tony and they have three adult children. Two sons live in the Middle East and a daughter lives in the United States of America. The In Betweens is a group of women who have graduated from being Young Wives to embarking on a more senior role within the church family. Their lives are enriched by their experiences and memories of their past so they all have very interesting stories to tell. Evening meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and guest speakers provide a wealth of information on a variety of topics. Supper afterwards is a time for fellowship and companionship among our many members.

Prayers

- Pray for respective AAW leaders for support in their leadership roles.
- Pray for guidance regarding the future pathway of In Betweens considering such things as increasing age, decreasing mobility, varying health issues, and general tiredness of members.
- Pray that someone with computer skills will come forward to join the committee to support a secretarial role.



OLIVE LAWSON – English Language Class Coordinator

Kia ora, in spite of the fact I retired from full time teaching over a decade ago, I still regard myself as a teacher and love my weekly class at St Barnabas. My teaching career spans both primary and secondary schools in Aotearoa New Zealand, Thailand, and Niue. At this time with the borders open and a high demand for migrant workers, many new arrivals come to our class wanting to improve their fluency in English as they look for accommodation, suitable work, fellowship and friendship.

Prayer

- That all students will feel welcomed by our church community
- That through our Christian hospitality they will know God's love
- That we will provide a safe haven where all migrants will thrive, not only with their language acquisition, but also through feeling safe and not judged

Please Pray For Our Bishop

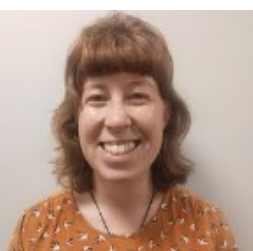


BISHOP PETER CARRELL has been Bishop of Christchurch for nearly five years, married to Teresa Kundycki-Carrell (Lay Chaplain at The Cathedral Grammar School, Interim Chaplain at St. Mark's School, Opawa).

There are many challenges I face as bishop and prayer would be appreciated for:

- Supply of interim and permanent ministers for parish vacancies
- Supply of potential ordinands
- Wisdom in dealing with a range of issues and questions of the day
- Regular refreshment of spirit, soul, mind and body

Please Pray For the Canterbury University Chaplains



REV'D DR JOHN FOX & CASSANDRA BURTON-WOOD
University of Canterbury Chaplains.

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty." (Zech 4:6) These are words we have been living by. We seek to follow the work of the ministering God.

Please join us in prayer for:

- Protection from discrimination for students and staff of faith
- A good outcome for a new "home base" for Chaplaincy operations on campus
- For volunteers to help with the Wednesday Community lunch.
- For the students who have engaged with Chaplaincy last year to reengage in 2024.
- For attendance at the midday chapel prayer services, and for students and staff to know the presence of God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MAORI MISSION IN OTAUTAHU AND TE WAI POUNAMU,



especially Archdeacon Mere Wallace, and daughter Susan Wallace, manahautū (manager) of the Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu following the recent sudden death of Pihopa Richard Wallace—may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pray for God's comfort and love to be with Mere and Susan and their whanau, and all the members of the Hui Amorangi as they grieve, and as they begin to look to the future in faith and trust in God's leading and guiding.

Please Pray For THE VESTRY

THE VESTRY, with Wardens Marcus Read & Wendy Kington, Secretary & Synod Rep (and City Missioner) Corinne Haines, Treasurer Alistair Sheard, Synod Rep Steve Wakefield.
Vestry Members: Hanan Fokkens, Jenny Glasson, Michael Malthus, Don Rowlands, Selwyn Paynter, Becca Sewell, Nigel Yeoh.

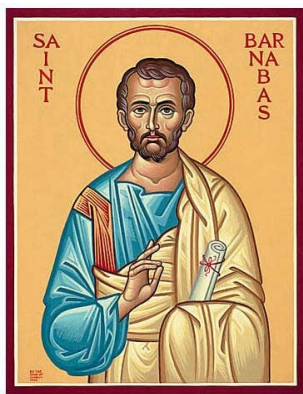
Prayer points

- For good decision making and that they will hear and be led by the Holy Spirit.
- They keep Jesus and his mission at the centre of all that is done at St Barnabas.
- That we are an outward facing church where everyone is made to feel welcome.
- Help us to promote and protect: justice. respect and partnership with Maori.

PRAYERS FOR ST BARNABAS

Please pray that individually and as a church we will be like Saint Barnabas

- Encouraging
- Supportive
- Unselfish
- Loyal
- Mature
- Humble
- Bold
- Pray that we will all grow in the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus.



LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH PRAYER

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

