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Humour

"Fasting" doesn't mean eating fast food!



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PEW NEWS

Sunday 18th February 2024

Living out the love of Christ in our worship and service to all people.

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone. We are glad you have joined us in this celebration of our life of faith in God. There is a special church area to help children feel at home here, and we hope you will join us for morning tea after the Service.

The Bible Readings for today - 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9: 8-17

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

INTRODUCTION

God's good news of a covenant

After the flood, God tells Noah that a covenant is to be made with all living creatures, that there will never be another event like the flood, in which God destroys everything and begins again. The rainbow is a sign and a reminder of this covenant.

We can see the rainbow as a sign of God's promise never to stop loving our whole planet and everything in and on it. Jesus' baptism shows Jesus tuned into God's steadfast love, able to hear God's voice, respond to God's Spirit. We are invited to relish God's love, to start afresh in our appointed role helping God to love and care for the planet.

Call to Worship

Leader: We come together to be God's people, to be ourselves.

All: We bring to God our joys and struggles, our hopes and fears.

Leader: Come let us worship the living God.

All: Thank you God, for drawing us together to be your people.

Leader: Give us faith to hear your words of love.

All: May your Holy Spirit guide and inspire us to recognise your presence in all we do. Amen.

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1:15*

Collect

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ
fasted forty days in the wilderness;
give us grace to direct our lives
in obedience to your Spirit;
and as you know our weakness
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Notices

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesday at 6pm at St Ambrose Church.

We are having another Repair Cafe on the Saturday 23rd March, from 10am - 12noon. But first our community worker Patty needs some idea of the people who would be willing to help? If you are prepared to offer a Skill or can make a cuppa, please write your name, phone number and skill (making a cuppa is a skill) on the sheet provided at the back of the church. If you have any enquiries please ring Patty at the office, ph 389 5833. Thank you.

Women are preparing for this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1. Local women's groups in more than 170 countries will use these resources to lead services and Bible studies in their communities. The World Day of Prayer is a global movement of Christian women who come together to celebrate in prayer and action on the first Friday in March. Begun in the USA and Canada in the nineteenth century, it became a global movement in 1927. The movement brings together women of many ages and ethnicities for prayer and action. National committees take turns at preparing the resources, building understanding and concern for women in many places. This year's theme is taken from Ephesians 4, "I beg you... bear with one another in love." Palestinian women share their stories and perspectives in these resources. Throughout the liturgy, the olive tree provides a powerful symbol of hope. A group of Palestinian Christian women spent four years crafting this year's materials – through the Covid pandemic but before the current hostilities. As one woman says in the video, our stories are sad, but their message is one of encouragement – no matter what happens, we need to bear with each other in love. ...

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Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time
<i>At St Chad's site</i>		
Wednesday	Op Shop	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	10am
Friday	Op Shop	9am to 12 noon
	Te Reo Service	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$4.00	12 noon
Sunday	Eucharist	10am
<i>At St Ambrose's site</i>		
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	1-3 pm
	Parish Prayer Group	6pm
Wednesday	Food Bank	10am—12 Noon
Thursday	Elder Care Group	10am—12.30pm
Friday	Food Bank and Cafe	10am—12 Noon
Sunday	All Sunday Services now at St Chads site	
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i>		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

Next Week's Bible Readings — 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

... The courage and strength of these women whose ancestors have lived in Palestine since the time of Jesus are a powerful source of hope. Please join us in prayerful action on March 1," says Pauline McKay, National Chairperson.