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PEW NEWS
Sunday 23rd March 2025

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 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55: 1-9 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9

INTRODUCTION

The **Isaiah** reading is the beginning of a larger section about the Lord's call to salvation and covenant blessing. In this passage the exiles are summoned to return and to be restored. They are invited to 'come', 'buy', 'listen', 'eat what is good', 'seek', and 'live'. Why? Because the Lord's ways and thoughts are different from our unrighteous ways and thoughts.

In **1 Corinthians** Paul, speaking to those in Corinth, reminds them that their ancestors were delivered from Egypt. He warns the Corinthians that they are not to become idolaters, engage in sexual immorality, put Christ to the test, or complain. This passage concludes with the words: 'God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength'.

Luke 13:1-9 is all about repenting or perishing, as illustrated by the parable of the fig tree. Jesus has been ministering in Judea (Lk. 9:51-13:21) and his teachings may be noted in Luke 11:1-13:21. So, Luke 13:1-9 focuses on the people's need to repent or perish (Lk. 13:3), illustrated by Jesus' telling of 'the parable of the fig tree' (Lk 13:6-9). At the time when fig trees are to give fruit, the owner of the vineyard comes and finds none, after waiting for three years. It was then that the man orders the gardener to cut it down. The gardener pleaded for one more year in which to work more closely with the tree. He promised to 'dig around it and put manure on it' (Lk. 13:8). Is this Jesus speaking of himself and the people of God? What they have been lacking has been the attention of a *gardener* that loves them. Jesus offers them this love. He also offers them new and powerful insights into God's teachings. He offers them forgiveness of sin and a new and fruitful life.

Humour



Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
 All: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after...
 All: **To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life and to behold the beauty of the Lord.**

Sentence

“... as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,” says the Lord
Isaiah 55:9

Collect

**God of grace and goodness,
 you know that by reason of our frailty
 we cannot but fail;
 keep us always under your protection
 and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Lector's Meeting today at St Chad's, after the Sunday Eucharist and morning tea.

March 12th (started)—Lenten Studies—see parish website or noticeboards around the parish in for more details.

Reminder to those who need to file reports to the AGM for groups they lead/work with. The reports need to be sent/delivered to the office by today **Sunday 23rd March** to allow for compiling into a booklet.

Messy Church returns on Saturday 5th April at St Ambrose Church 3-4.30 pm. A special time for families to include young children as together we get to know more about Jesus through story, song and activities. Refreshments are shared too. For information, please contact Deacon Anne 0274366828.

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time	
<i>(A) = St Ambrose site</i>		<i>(C) = St Chad's site</i>	
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i>	9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	<i>(A)</i>	1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	<i>(C)</i>	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Parish Prayer Group	<i>(A)</i>	Ceased until further notice
Wednesday	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i>	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i>	10am
Thursday	Elder Care Group	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i>	9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i>	9.45 am
	Food Bank , Café and Fire-wood	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<i>(C)</i>	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<i>(C)</i>	12 noon
Saturday	Messy Church	<i>(A)</i>	1st Saturday of the month—but not in March
Sunday	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i>	10am
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</i>			
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)		Tuesday 10am to 4pm

Next Week's Bible Readings — 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5: 9-12 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32