

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 – the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

Matthew 5: 13-20

INTRODUCTION

From Bishop Peter:

This coming **Sunday, 8 February 2026** is **Epiphany 5**. The Gospel reading is **Matthew 5:13-20**. There are at least three significant Sunday messages to be brought out of this passage: being salt of the earth; being light to the world; being righteous in the context of the Law of Moses and the teaching of Jesus as it reinterprets that Law.

Let's continue in prayer for the troubled places of the world, including Iran (which has gone somewhat quiet in the news, but great trouble continues there). The **Anglican Missions Board page** offers guidance on praying the **news about Iran**.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is two weeks away, Wednesday 18 February 2025. I commend ministry units organising ecumenical services for Ash Wednesday and look forward to joining in our annual Roman Catholic – Anglican cathedrals' ecumenical service which will be in **St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, Manchester Street, Christchurch at 5.30pm**. All welcome.

Sentence

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Collect

**We praise you, God,
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness
and is never overcome;
show us the way we must go to eternal day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

Theology House's Lenten study series, *In the Spirit of Lent*. The edition for Year A (2025-2026) again includes art by the Reverend **Sarah West** and text by **Gareth Bezett**, Director of Theology House. Orders can be made at **Theology House** and books will be posted to you as soon as possible. Copies are \$9 each.

Can you spare a couple of hours once a month? If so, we have a need for people to help with the washing up at the Community Lunch on a Friday? You only need to do 1 Friday a month if that is all you can do. You would be needed between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. Please contact Menna at the office or on the office phone.

Bishop Peter is planning a series of Quiet Days in four parts of the Diocese in March 2026. Each Quiet Day will consist of Bible study and prayer and take place on a Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm. He will then preach and preside in a local church the next day.

The weekends are, **7-8 March, at All Saints, Hokitika, Westland; 14-15 March at the Church of the Epiphany, Hanmer Springs; 21-22 March here in Christchurch (venues to be confirmed), and 28-29 March at St. Albans', Pleasant Point.** It would be a great encouragement to the Parishes of Westland, Hanmer Springs and Temuka-Te Ngawai if some members of the Diocese outside those localities, planned to participate in one of those three weekends. More details in the next few weeks.

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop		
Day	Activity	Time
(A) = St Ambrose site		(C) = St Chad's site
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	(A) 9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	(A) 10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	(A) 1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	(C) 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	(C) 9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	(C) 10am
	Parish Prayer Group	Temporarily in abeyance
Thursday	Elder Care Group	(A) 10am—12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	(C) 9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	(A) 9.45am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	(A) 10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	(C) 11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	(C) 12 noon
Saturday	Messy Church	(A) 1st Saturday of the month — 3pm to 4.30pm
Sunday	Eucharist	(C) 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 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Matthew 5: 21-37

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Humour

Q. - Who wrapped the first Christmas present?

A. - Mary – the baby Jesus.