Anglican Church of Linwood and Aranui

PEW NEWS

Sunday 22nd November 2026

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

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 - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time & Feast of Christ the King

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1: 15-23

Matthew 25: 31-46

Introduction

Bishop Peter writes:

This coming **Sunday, 22 November 2026 is Ordinary 34** and **Christ the King Sunday and Aotearoa Sunday and the Sunday Before Advent (often known as "Stir Up" Sunday)**.

The Gospel is **Matthew 25:31-46**, the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. In the context of a sequence of parables about the return of Jesus and the importance of his disciples being ready for that return, this story of proactive care for fellow believers ("the least of these who are my family") in distress versus inactive, lack of care challenges us to consider how we are serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Active service is always the best way to be prepared for his return.

That we should actively care for all people among the last, least and lost of society may not be the precise point of this particular parable, but that obligation is taught in other parts of Scripture.

Sentence

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Psalm 100:1

Collect

Almighty God,
the Redeemer of all who trust in you;
give heed to the cry of your people,
deliver us from the bondage of sin
that we may serve you in perfect freedom
and rejoice in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Notices

Our lovely Christmas Market will be on Saturday 28th November, 10-2 pm at St Ambrose. Looking for Christmas items, small gifts or food to help build up some raffles. Will be greatly appreciated, thank you. Also, if anyone would like to help on the day, please let me know. A great festive time with people coming together. For more info, please contact Julie W 027 451 8796.

Heaven Touching Earth: An Exhibition of Contemporary Icons by Megan Herles-Mooar opens at 6.30pm, Thursday 26 November, 2026 in the Transitional Cathedral. All welcome. The Venerable Megan Herles-Mooar is the Vicar of Merivale-St Albans and Archdeacon of Christchurch.

The **NZ Church Missionary Society** has recently announced two important appointments. The Rev'd Dr **Carl Tinnion** is the new National Director for NZCMS, and began this appointment earlier this week. Mr **Anthony Hill** (Wellington) will be the new NZCMS Board Chair. Carl has been working part-time for NZCMS for the past two years as Mission Catalyst, while also working as a priest in the Diocese of Waiapu. Tony Hill is a Wellington barrister with a long career in leadership, governance and law. He is Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Wellington and Chancellor to Te Hui Amorangi o Te Upoko o Te Ika. Further details are available in the full announcement which is published below in this week's **e-Life**. Please pray for Carl and Tony respectively as they begin these new appointments.

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 to 12 Noon
	Handiscope	***(A)***	1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	***(C)***	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Games Afternoon	***(C)***	3rd Tues of the month – Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	***(C)***	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	***(C)***	10am
	Chair Yoga (cost $5)	***(C)***	1.30pm to 2.30pm
Thursday	Elder Care Group	***(A)***	10am to 12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	***(C)***	9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	***(A)***	9.45am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	***(A)***	10am to 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
At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.			
Days open	Wednesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)		10am to 4pm

Next Week's Bible Readings — 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64: 1–9 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

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Donations to the Parish may be made to our bank account which is: Name: Parish of Linwood — Aranui: No: 03-1700-0214522-00. Add your name and "donation" as references.

Humour

God didn't create anything without a purpose. But …

Mosquitoes come pretty close.