

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 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17: 1-7

Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Peter writes

Today Sunday, 27th September 2026 is Ordinary 26 and the Gospel is Matthew 21:23-32.

Sometimes Christians take a 'pick 'n' choose' approach to what parts of the gospel we take as coming directly 'from God' and what parts we treat as 'optional, up to each of us to do as we see fit in our own eyes'. The religious leaders with whom Jesus was in conversation had developed a response to God which suited them. When challenged by a prophetic figure such as John the Baptist they were momentarily unsettled (until Herod solved the situation in their favour).

Now Jesus continues the challenge. Is Jesus challenging us today about the way in which we respond to God? The church to which we belong: is it being shaped by us to suit ourselves more than allowing God to shape it for God's glory?

Sentence

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6:1a, 2b

Collect

Merciful God,
you gave your only Son
to be both a sacrifice for sin
and an example for godly life;
help us gladly to receive
all that has been done for us
and follow in his footsteps;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Notices

On Thursday 15th October, 6.30pm to 8.45pm, Sister Eveleen Retreat House is running a Quiz Night and Silent Auction fundraiser at the Brighton Beach House Café—organise a team now! Details at <https://www.anglicanlife.org.nz/event/quiz-night-and-silent-auction/>.

At 7pm on Wednesday 21st October, at Holy Trinity Avonside, Bishop Peter will ordain the Reverend Dr **André Muller** to the priesthood.

Find the latest issue 89 of our Diocesan print AnglicanLife magazine (with a VIP Tamariki pull-out featuring activities for children and their guardians/carers) – ask the welcomers or Martz for a copy.

As part of the Diocesan prayer cycle, this week, we are asked to pray for peace, for our clergy and ministry leaders, for our chaplains and students, for the Cathedral project, and for the regeneration of our Diocese. Also that we pray for the new parish of Mid Canterbury. Over the weekend of the 26th and 27th of September the parishes of Methven, Rakaia, and Mayfield-Mt. Somers will formally unite as the Parish of Mid Canterbury.

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)	3 rd 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
<u>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</u>			
Days open	Wednesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm	

<u>Next Week's Bible Readings — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Philippians 3: 4b-14
Matthew 21: 33-46	

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Name: Parish of Linwood — Aranui: No: 03-1700-0214522-00.

Add your name and "donation" as references.

Humour

Sign on church notice board

**WANTED: SINGERS
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