

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 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

INTRODUCTION

This **Sunday, 22 February 2026** is **Lent 1**. The Gospel reading is **Matthew 4:1-11**. Testing times for Jesus through 40 days in the wilderness recall testing times for Israel through 40 years in the wilderness between Egypt and Israel's promised land. Jesus does more than resist the temptations Satan puts to him: he pushes back against Satan, invoking authority from astutely chosen Scriptures. When we face testing times, we can recall for our encouragement that Jesus has faced testing times (Hebrews 4:14-16) and we can use Scripture to defeat the subtle, manipulative temptations of Satan

The challenge of our Lenten journey is how do we as church enable each other to live good lives, disabled people included. What are the things that make life good for us? What does a good life feel like for us? How can we enable each other in living good lives?

Enabling Good Lives (EGL) is a movement within the disability community. Through this approach disabled people and their whanau are empowered to increase their choice and control they have in their lives and supports. This approach is based on eight principles: Self-determination; Beginning early; Person-centred; Ordinary life outcomes; Mainstream first; Mana enhancing; Easy to use; Relationship building. For more information: got to Supporting disabled people that offers greater choice and control over supports (<https://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/>) on the internet.

Sentence

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Collect

**God, you know better than we
the temptations that will bring us down.
Grant that our love for you may protect us
from all foolish and corrupt desire.
Praise to you our God; you answer prayer. Amen.**

Notices

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.

Lent, in the Christian church, is a period of spiritual preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and is a chance for the Church to reflect Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

We're changing up how we approach our work in 2026. This Lent we're asking for your financial support for one (or more) of our core work programmes. You can donate by credit card using the button on the Lenten Appeal 2026 page of the Anglican Missions Board website, or by a direct deposit using the following details (simply put the name of your desired programme ie. "water", "food", "climate" or "disasters") as the reference/code: our Bank Account details are: **Account: Anglican Missions Board**
Number: 02-0585-0001796-00

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 — 2nd Sunday in Lent		
Genesis 12: 1-4a	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17	John 3: 1-17

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If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:

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Humour

The best vitamin for a
Christian is ... B1.