

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 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32: 1-14

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

INTRODUCTION

Deacon Anne writes: During recent months our readings from the Hebrew scriptures describe the way the relationship between God and the people of God is being worked out: from Abraham and Sarah, their son, their grandsons... through to the people getting into strife as slaves in Egypt ... through to God using Moses to lead the people out of slavery and towards a new 'promised' land where they can live – hopefully in peace. BUT before they get to this new land there is a bit more work to do on this relationship between God and the people: the people have not yet learned to trust God – they complain - a lot – so God makes sure they have water and food. Then God gives them some rules to live by – to keep the peace, to guide their relationship with God and one another ... that's the familiar story of the ten commandments. And then we get to the events part of which are described in today's reading from the Book of Exodus. Aaron remembers the sort of things they used to do in Egypt: let's make a golden calf and use this for worship just like we did "in the old days". Now the people can focus their attention on something tangible ... something physical.

So ... is this story just from the past? Or is there a possibility that even today we too are tempted to give time and money and loyalty to 'golden calves', to false gods, to possessions, activities, instant satisfactions which distract us from placing our trust in God? Take a minute to think of the priorities in your life? What might be getting in the way of your following Jesus? In the way of your relationship with God?

Sentence

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Matthew 21:42

Collect

Living host,
call us together,
call us to eat and drink with you.
Grant that by your body and your blood
we may be drawn to each other and to you.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Notices

The Women's Coffee Group meets on **Thursday 15th October** at 2pm in the Eastgate Mall food court. All welcome. Contact Carole on 021 0504 811.

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

Lights and Lollies is a whānau fun event! This takes place on "Halloween": **Saturday 31 October 4pm-7pm** at the **Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street**. Come with your whānau between 4pm-7pm for fun, food, games, great vibes, and lollies! Free registration! Be quick to register as there will be a limited number of complimentary kids' meals provided by Empire Chicken. Free hot chocolates and soda water available. Register via

<https://events.humanitix.com/lights-and-lollies-at-the-cardboard-cathedral>

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

Next Week's Bible Readings — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 33: 12-23

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

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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.

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Deeper Whānau Fun Day—Sunday 8 November 1.30pm-8.30pm

at All Saints Church, Burwood 305 New Brighton Road. Deeper Whānau Fun Day is for families and intermediate-age kids to grow deeper in their relationships with each other and God. It is an afternoon full of activities and fun! There will be music, kid-friendly messages about going deeper with God and many fun activities. Registration: \$10 per person. This event runs from 1.30pm–8.30pm with Empire Chicken providing a meal between 5.30pm–6.30pm. If cost is an issue, please let us know and we can offer a discount for selected families. Register via

<https://events.humanitix.com/deeper-2026>