

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 Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

INTRODUCTION

Hope refreshed

In the first Reading the prophet Isaiah offers hope with his prophecy to people who are suffering in exile. He tells them about God's chosen servant who will bring justice, light and freedom from captivity to the nations.

Today we explore the hope that God gave to all people in his Son, Jesus, whose baptism we mark today, and how we might share God's hope with those who are in desperate need of it.



Sentence

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3:17

Collect

**Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,
for us to see Jesus intercede for us;
may we be strengthened to share his cup
and ready to serve him for ever.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

The Men's Breakfast on Saturday 7th February 2026 at 8.30am.

Our speaker is the Rev Andre introducing himself to us, his life's steps through to his ordination as a Deacon. All the men of the Parish & their friends or relatives welcome. Please remember that we do ask for a Koha (suggested \$3). Any enquiries to Max 0274 345 781.

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

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)	Closed reopens 11/2/26
	Foot Clinic	(C)	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	(C)	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	(C)	Restarts 4/2/26
	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)	Restarts 1st Saturday in February 2026
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	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	Tuesday 10am to 4pm	

Next Week's Bible Readings — 2nd Sunday of the Epiphany

Isaiah 49: 1-7

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42

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***If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:
Name : Parish of Linwood — Aranui; No: 03-1700-0214522-00.***

Humour

We always refer to the man who baptised Jesus as “John the Baptist”.

I wonder, does that make him the first member of the Baptist Church?