

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 2nd Sunday of the Epiphany

Isaiah 49: 1-7

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42

INTRODUCTION

In the Gospel Reading Jesus asks his disciples: What do you want or What are you looking for? It is a simple question, but profound. Maybe even life-changing. The Son of God looks at his first would-be followers, and asks them to consider what it is that they are really looking for. It is, when you stop and think about it, one of the most important questions that we can ever ask ourselves. And it is, I believe, the question that Jesus asks of all his would-be followers. What are you looking for?

We often don't stop and ask ourselves this question. We rush through life, meeting the day's needs, dealing with the thousand things this world throws at us, and rarely slow down enough to consider this question. And when we don't stop and ask ourselves this question, we run the risk of being like the person who spent a whole life climbing the proverbial ladder, only to discover that the ladder was leaning against the wrong wall. What are we looking for? Is our ladder on the right wall?

Sentence

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Collect

Almighty God,
give us such a vision of your purpose
and such an assurance of your love and power,
that we may ever hold fast the hope
which is in 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.

| Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop | | | |
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| 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 — 3rd Sunday of the Epiphany

Isaiah 9: 1-4 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23

PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui

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St Chad's Church is at the corner of Carnarvon Street and Buckleys Road

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| <u>Office – at St Chad's:</u> | Hours 9-noon Wed, Fri | 389 5833 |
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St Ambrose Church is at 309 Breezes Road, just off Pages Road

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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

I've always wondered how we get Holy Water – is there a special tap or what?

Apparently you take some water and then boil the hell out of it.