

*Living out the love of Christ in our worship and service to all people.*

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## 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

## INTRODUCTION

Deacon Anne writes:

I think that in our life as Christians we speak so often and easily of Jesus's death and resurrection that we can forget what a shocking unexpected thing we are talking about. And today's Gospel reading helps us to get back in touch with that – with the surprise of it all – with the mystery of it all ... it helps us to take a few minutes to reflect on the enormity of what it means.

This is quite a well-known story ... the disciples on the road to Emmaus ... it has been used in many different ways, probably most often as a meditation for people reflecting on the ways that they might suddenly recognise the presence of Christ as they go about their daily life or journey. It has also been a source of inspiration for people experiencing a time of grief and loss ... a journey from a place of despair to a place of hope ... This story is a reminder of two things that help us get in touch with the presence of Christ: the word of Scripture and the companion who walks with us challenging our pre-conceptions or helping us interpret things in a different way .... there is much about the Gospel reading we could dwell on further today. I hope you might go home and open your bible at that page and read it over again for yourself.

## Sentence

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:38–39*

## Collect

**Jesus, we believe you;  
all we heard is true.  
You break the bread, we recognise you,  
you are the fire that burns within us;  
use us to light the world.  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.  
Amen.**

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## **Notices**

**The Parish AGM is today** – stay after the service for a cup of tea, the AGM will start at 11.45am, in the Southward Hall.

**There is now a Version 3 of the Cycle of Prayer** for the Christchurch Diocese which is available for downloading from the Diocese website. This annual print of the cycle of prayer that covers February 2026 to January 2027 has been updated and is available on the [Ministry Prayer Resources page](#) of our website for your use online.

### **Schedule for the 2026 Pre-Synod meetings.**

As we prepare for the 2026 Synod in September, you're invited to attend one of the Pre-Synod online meetings. These sessions are a key time to hear background on the Motions and Bills coming to Synod.

Pre-Synod **online meetings**:

Monday 10 August, 12pm – 2pm

Wednesday 12 August, 7pm – 9pm

These online meetings will help representatives arrive at Synod well-informed and ready to contribute and are of interest to everyone. Ask Carole or Billy for the Zoom link and password.

<b>Weekly activities at both Church sites &amp; bookshop</b>		
<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>(A) = St Ambrose site</b>		<b>(C) = St Chad's site</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>(A)</b> 9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	<b>(A)</b> 1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	<b>(C)</b> 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
<b>Wednesday</b>	Op Shop	<b>(C)</b> 9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<b>(C)</b> 10am
	Parish Prayer Group	Temporarily in abeyance
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Op Shop	<b>(C)</b> 9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<b>(A)</b> 9.45am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<b>(C)</b> 11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<b>(C)</b> 12 noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Messy Church	<b>(A)</b> 1st Saturday of the month — 3pm to 4.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist	<b>(C)</b> 10am
<b><i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</i></b>		
<b>Days open</b>	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	Tuesday 10am to 4pm

<b><u>Next Week's Bible Readings — 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</u></b>		
Isaiah 62: 6-12	Acts 15: 36-40	Mark 13: 9-13

**PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui**

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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**

**Church sign**

**Wash hands**

**Do not touch face**

**Hygenesis 24:7**