

*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 – Easter Day**

Acts 10: 34-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-18

The story we remember and celebrate together in worship today is the single most important reason we ever get together any Sunday of the year or any day of the week. It is the heartbeat of Christian community. It is the hope to which we cling and the promise upon which we stand. It is the very essence of Christian faith.

Easter tells us death is not the end. That there is more to life than simply flesh and blood, material pleasures and pain. That there is much much more. But if you are not sure exactly what that means, if you feel in the dark about that, you are in good company.

You see, as we heard in our Gospel reading Mary came to the tomb thinking that death was the end for Jesus. She was resigned to the finality of death. She was grieving. At first she did not even recognize new life right when it is in front of her. Only when the Risen Christ spoke her name, did she know.

Maybe you can relate to Mary? You see and hear violence, suffering and death. You see and hear the evil that occurs in our world. Where is the hope? Where is the new life?

Today we have fun with Easter bunnies and Easter eggs because they hint at, point the way to, the much bigger story. The truth that Jesus' death and resurrection changed human history for all time.

## Sentence

The Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!

*Luke 24:34*

## Collect

**Glorious Lord of Life,  
we praise you,  
that by the mighty resurrection of your Son,  
you have delivered us from sin and death  
and made your whole creation new;  
grant that we who celebrate with joy  
Christ's rising from the dead,  
may be raised from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever.  
Amen.**

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## **Notices**

**Formal Notice of upcoming AGM** - the Parish's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 19th April 2026 at 11.45am, in the Southward Hall at St Chad's Church Linwood, 1 Carnarvon Street, immediately after 10.00am service.

As nominations for vestry etc cannot be taken from the floor, it is necessary that all nominations for vestry, and treasurer be completed and handed to a warden or one of the clergy before Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

<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

**Next Week's Bible Readings — 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**(Low Sunday)**

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20: 19-31

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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.*

**Easter Day Greeting**

***The Lord is risen! Alleluia!***

***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***