

*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 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 25: 19-34

Romans 8: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

## **INTRODUCTION**

From Bishop Peter: Dear Friends,

As we approach our **Matariki** holiday this Friday, we give thanks to God for ordering the heavens and the earth, including seasons on earth, and recall that God is sovereign over the course of history and of our lives within the unfolding story of humanity (Job 9:9; 38:1; Amos 5:8). May we all "seek the Lord and live" at this time (Amos 5:6).

This coming **Sunday, 12 July 2026 is Ordinary 15** and the Gospel is **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** (The Parable of the Sower and its Interpretation) but I would like to draw attention to the Epistle, **Romans 8:1-11** which reminds us that the power of God working within us, the Holy Spirit, is the power of the one and same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. May we have confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit to likewise transform us.

## **Sentence**

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

*John 6:63, 68*

## **Collect**

Praise to you, God,  
for all your work among us.  
Yours is the vigour in creation,  
yours is the impulse in our new discoveries.  
Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful  
in all we do.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## **Notices**

### **At 5.30pm-7.30pm on Wednesday, 15 July at the Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street, Christchurch.**

Join us for an engaging and practical training event designed to help you lead intercessory prayer with confidence and heart. Whether you're new to leading prayers or have been doing it for years, this session is for you!

We'll explore the purpose and power of intercessory prayer in worship and share simple, effective ways to create prayers that connect with your congregation. You'll also learn how to find and use resources to inspire your prayers, as well as tips for delivering them with clarity and warmth.

This event is perfect for anyone who wants to grow in their prayer leadership skills—whether you're a volunteer, a worship team member, or simply someone who loves to pray. Come along and be equipped to lead prayers that uplift, inspire, and draw others closer to God.

[Please register](#) if you are planning on coming so we can make sure we have enough booklets for everyone! You can register on line via the Theology House website or you can phone (03) 341 3399 and let them know you want to register for the "Let Us Pray" Session.

| Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                             |
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| Day                                                                                                                            | Activity                                                              | Time                                                        |
| <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 -<br>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<br>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<br>Firewood                                       | <b>(A)</b> 10am—12 Noon                                     |
|                                                                                                                                | Te Reo Service                                                        | <b>(C)</b> 11am                                             |
|                                                                                                                                | Community Lunch - cost<br>of meal \$5.00                              | <b>(C)</b> 12 noon                                          |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                                                                                                | Messy Church                                                          | <b>(A)</b> 1st Saturday of the<br>month — 3pm to<br>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>                                                                                                               | Wednesday through Saturday<br>inclusive (excludes Public<br>Holidays) | 10am to 4pm                                                 |

**Next Week's Bible Readings — 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Romans 8: 12-25

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

## **PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui**

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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.***

### **Humour**

In the Book of Revelation  
the Armies referred to there  
are riding on horses,  
that is because the diesel  
prices are so high!