

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

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 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

INTRODUCTION

From Ven. Mark Barlow, Vicar-General:

Today we continue our journey through Matthew's gospel, reaching Peter's confession in **Matthew 16:13-20**. This is a turning point in the disciple's journey, and in that of Jesus himself as he moves immediately to begin to prepare the disciples for his impending death. Our own confession that Jesus is the Christ is a great turning point in our lives and prepares us for an impending death, that of our old lives as we become new creations in Christ!

Notice

AAW Festival Service: Calling all Christian women in the Diocese of Christchurch to a Festival Service to be held by the Association of Anglican Women **at the Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street, Christchurch, on Sunday, 13 September at 2pm with choral accompaniment of the Grammar School Girl Choristers.**

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Anne Shave, Cathedral Curate;

Presider: The Reverend Jan Brodie, AAW Chaplain.

Sentence

Martha said, Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world. *John 11:27*

Collect

**Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified;
hear the prayer we offer
for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called us
we may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Notices

"For the first time in its history, the General Synod - Te Hīnota Whānui has convened as the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia's governing body, hosted by the Diocese of Polynesia in the Kingdom of Tonga." We look forward to hearing from our warden Billy about his experience there.

Heads up – we are holding a Spring Market, on Saturday 19th September 10 am to 2.00pm at St Chads site. Put the date in your diaries now.

Science for the Churches Seminar, 9am - 3pm on Saturday, 12th September at Theology House, 95 Tuam Street, Christchurch. Come for a mix of science and faith - where scientific curiosity meets ultimate faith concerns and climate urgency.

Topics that will be covered are: AI and faith, Climate change and Creation, God and the Big Bang in UK Churches, Young and old scientists speak of their experience, Science funding as a spiritual concern, and more!

A delicious morning tea will be provided. On the internet type in the link below to read more about the speakers and to register (cost \$15): <https://www.nzcis.org/the-convo/science-for-the-churches/>

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 to 12 Noon
	Handiscope	(A) 1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	(C) 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Games Afternoon	(C) 3 rd Tues of the month – Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	(C) 9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	(C) 10am
	Chair Yoga (cost \$5)	(C) 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Thursday	Elder Care Group	(A) 10am to 12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	(C) 9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	(A) 9.45am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	(A) 10am to 12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	(C) 11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	(C) 12 noon
Saturday	Messy Church	(A) 1st Saturday of the month — 3pm to 4.30pm
Sunday	Eucharist	(C) 10am
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</i>		
Days open	Wednesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

Next Week's Bible Readings — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 3: 1-15

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

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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.

Notices (con't)

Election 2026

The 2026 New Zealand general election on November 7th is fast approaching, with only a few months to hear what your local politicians' and candidates' commitments are to issues most important to you, to your whānau, and to your communities.

The Interchurch Bioethics Council (ICBC) have selected 7 election issues that are about ethics, about living well and about the vision for our shared future together. Go on the internet, type in the link below to see what they have to say about these issues and the questions they think could be asked. Type in:

<https://www.interchurchbioethics.org.nz/election2026/>