

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 - Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

INTRODUCTION

From Bishop Peter:

Dear Friends, it is good to be back in the Diocese and at work again after two months of **study leave**.

This coming **Sunday, 23 November 2025** is **Ordinary 34** but celebrated by many churches as "Christ the King" or "The Reign of Christ Sunday". It is the Sunday before Advent begins and a traditional collect, "Stir up, O Lord..." gives the Sunday yet another name, "Stir Up Sunday". It may also be celebrated as "Aotearoa Sunday".

The Gospel reading is **Luke 23:33-43** which may seem odd, since it is a passage taken from the story of the crucifixion of Jesus, but in this passage, Jesus is declared by his executioners to be "The King of the Jews". Through other New Testament passages (including our epistle for the day, Colossians 1:11-20) we are invited to think of Jesus being exalted as king of the whole world. On the cross, King Jesus dies. Through Advent, we seek the return of our king.

FOODBANK offerings. For this Sunday and next week we welcome any foodbank offerings, especially of a Christmas nature for our Christmas parcels. Maybe a sweet delight, personal items, jellies. Just a wee treat.

Sentence

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

Collect

**Living Christ,
you are risen from the dead.
Love reigns!
You are stronger than death;
raise our eyes to see you
as the new day dawns;
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Notices

Twelve Days of Christmas Cathedral Visits for the City Mission

12 dates from 1 to 16 December, 100 Cathedral Square (meet at Chalice)
You are warmly invited behind the fences and inside the Cathedral to see the Christchurch City Mission Christmas Tree again this year. Christ Church Cathedral is opening bookings to the people of Christchurch to come inside – where they will see the 10-metre-tall City Mission Christmas Tree. The *Twelve Days of Christmas* event will offer a chance to go inside the Cathedral weekdays from December 1 - 16 for up to 50 visitors at a time.

There is no cost of entry to the tour, but we welcome koha for the City Mission, we suggest a \$25 donation per person with all proceeds to the City Mission at Christmas. Erecting and lighting the tree has been achieved at no cost to Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Limited (CCRL), or the City Mission, thanks to the generous support of Naylor Love.

If you can't make a visit, gifts and non-perishable donations can be dropped to the Transitional Cathedral (234 Hereford Street) anytime between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. The tree is a symbol of a city which cares for all its people by helping the City Mission at Christmas when it needs it most.

**FLASH morning tea 7th December (bring a plate) for
Goldie's - St Chad's - 100th birthday morning tea!**

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

Next Week's Bible Readings — 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

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.
Add your name and “donation” as references.***

Notices (con't):

Christmas Market; Being held at St Ambrose on **Saturday 29th November** 10am - 2pm. I would like a few volunteers please on a couple of stalls and with setting up. If your able to assist for a short time it would be appreciated. We have a lovely range of stall holders attending, Salvation Army band are attending for a short time, and we have Claire singing after. Contact Julie 027 4518796 to know more.

On Saturday 29th November 10.30am at the Transitional Cathedral, **Wanjiru (Ciru) Muriuki, André Muller** and **Bruce White** will be ordained deacons. (Andre is of course our new curate.) All are welcome.